

Appendix 2 (A) - Minutes of Meeting with Governing Body and Staff Members of Hirwaun Primary School

Date	26 October 2023
Time	15:30
Venue	Hirwaun Primary School, Hirwaun

Attendance		
Name	Initials	Title
Catrin Edwards	CE	Head of Service Transformation, Data Systems, Admissions and Governors
Nicola Goodman	NG	Lead for Strategic Planning and MIM
Kylie Lewis	KL	21 st Century Schools Officer
Bethan Davies	BD	Human Resources Manager
Bethan Hill	BH	Headteacher of Hirwaun Primary School
N/A	N/A	Governing Body and Staff Members of Hirwaun Primary School

1. Welcome and Introductions

CE welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting. Introductions were made.

2. Consultation Overview

CE provided the meeting with an overview of the proposal being made and the consultation process to be followed, as set out in the Consultation Document.

3. Staff and Governor Questions

The Governing Body and staff members of Hirwaun Primary School were invited to ask questions. The questions raised from the Governing Body and staff members and the responses provided are summarised in the table that follows.

Number	Question/Comment	Response
1.	BH noted that Hirwaun Primary staff have been through this process previously with the changes to Penderyn Primary School. BH stated Hirwaun Primary School staff are neutral in this process; should Rhigos Primary School close and pupils transfer to Hirwaun Primary School, staff will endeavour to work hard to welcome pupils and ensure pupils settle quickly.	Noted.
2.	If Rhigos Primary School were to close, how would this impact on pupil numbers at Hirwaun Primary School?	BH explained Hirwaun Primary School has the capacity for future growth and could accommodate additional pupils in the future.

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3.	If pupils from Rhigos Primary School moved to Hirwaun Primary School, what impact would this have on class sizes?	BH explained this would depend on how many pupils transferred to Hirwaun Primary School should the proposal proceed, and in which year group they join. It is difficult to predict at this stage.
4.	Would Hirwaun Primary School receive funding for any additional pupils?	Yes. CE duly explained that following the consultation process, if it is agreed that the proposal is to proceed to close Rhigos Primary School, and if pupil numbers increase in Hirwaun Primary School, the school would receive additional funding.
5.	What would the impact be on lunchtimes, in terms of numbers of lunchtime staff etc?	CE duly explained if it is agreed that the proposal is to proceed to close Rhigos Primary School, and if pupil numbers increase in Hirwaun Primary School, the school would receive additional funding for additional lunchtime staff.
6.	Would only current Rhigos Primary School pupils be entitled to school transport to Hirwaun Primary School, or future pupils also?	CE explained any current, and future pupils from Rhigos, who live a specified distance from Hirwaun Primary School, or for whom there is no safe available walking route, would be entitled to free school transport as per the Welsh Government's Learner Travel Policy.
7.	Would pupils from Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary School still be at Hirwaun Primary in September 2024?	NG explained that pupils from Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary School are temporarily sited at Hirwaun Primary School whilst works are ongoing at their school. Those works are progressing well as such that pupils will return to Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary School by September 2024.
8.	Would staff from Rhigos Primary School be guaranteed employment elsewhere?	<p>BD informed the meeting that should the decision be made to close Rhigos Primary School, those staff members would be under a notice of redundancy. Under the Management of Change Policy, staff would be eligible to seek redeployment. Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (RCTCBC) works hard to secure the redeployment of staff and has positive previous experiences of this happening.</p> <p>BH stated that staff from other schools have previously been redeployed to Hirwaun Primary School.</p> <p>BD explained RCTCBC would consult with Trade Unions and all staff of Rhigos</p>

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		<p>Primary School to achieve the desired outcome.</p> <p>CE stated redundancy packages would be available for those staff who may choose that option.</p> <p>Staff and governors present acknowledged this is an emotional time for everyone at the school, and the whole community of Rhigos.</p>
9.	<p>What have the residents of Rhigos said about the proposals?</p>	<p>CE explained that as part of the consultation process, drop-in sessions have been arranged at both schools for members of the public to talk to RCTCBC Officers and voice their opinions. For those who are not able to join in person, they could participate in the consultation process by completing the online survey.</p>
10.	<p>Staff and governors stated if Rhigos Primary School were to close and pupils transferred to Hirwaun Primary School, it would have an impact on current Hirwaun Primary School pupils; therefore, parents should be kept informed of discussions.</p>	<p>BH explained it is difficult to plan anything at present until we know the outcome of the proposals.</p> <p>CE reiterated that the proposal to close Rhigos Primary School has not been decided upon at this stage, however, if the decision at the end of the process is to close Rhigos Primary School, RCTCBC would support with the transition of pupils.</p>
11.	<p>If it is decided that Rhigos Primary School will close, will RCTCBC Officers return to Hirwaun Primary School to explain the next steps of the process?</p>	<p>CE confirmed that if required, RCTCBC could arrange further meetings to discuss the next steps.</p>
12.	<p>Would there be a change to the Governing Body of Hirwaun Primary School?</p>	<p>CE explained should the number of pupils in Hirwaun Primary School increase, the composition of the Governing Body would need to be looked at to see if any changes needed to be made. This could be reviewed at a later date.</p>

4. Closing Remarks

The Governing Body and staff members were informed that they will be offered the opportunity over the coming weeks to reflect on the questions and responses provided and submit additional questions where required.

The Governing Body and staff members were encouraged to participate in engaging in the consultation process through completing the online survey or putting comments in writing to schoolplanning@rctcbc.gov.uk.

All attendees were thanked for participating in the meeting.

Meeting closed at 16:30.

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Appendix 2(B) - Minutes of Meetings with Governing Body and Staff Members of Rhigos Primary School

Date	26 October 2023
Time	15:30
Venue	Rhigos Primary School, Rhigos

Attendance		
Name	Initials	Title
Gaynor Davies	GD	Director of Education and Inclusion Services
Andrea Richards	AR	Service Director 21 st Century Schools and Transformation
Lisa Howell	LH	21 st Century Schools Business and School Organisation Manager
Tim Britton	TB	Head of Achievement RCT (Primary Sector)
Anneli Hunt	AH	Governor Support Officer
Sarah Nicholls	SN	21st Century Schools Assistant Project Officer
Ellen Williams	EW	Human Resources Manager
Mrs J Mundy	JM	Headteacher of Rhigos Primary School
N/A	N/A	Governing Body and Staff Members of Rhigos Primary School

1. Welcome and Introductions

GD welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting. Introductions were made.

2. Consultation Overview

GD provided the meeting with an overview of the proposal being made and the consultation process to be followed, as set out in the Consultation Document.

3. Staff and Governor Questions

The Governing Body and staff members of Rhigos Primary School were invited to ask questions. The questions from the Governing Body and staff members and the responses provided are summarised in the table that follows.

Number	Question	Response
1.	Can you explain why the Consultation Document used information from surveys carried out in 2019?	The information from the 2019 condition surveys is the most current data available and is valid in line with industry standards.
2.	Why was the backlog maintenance not addressed by Rhondda Cynon Taf Cuntly Borough Council (RCTCBC)?	The condition surveys represent a point in time and help to establish if the buildings are safe, watertight and warm. Some repairs and improvement works have been carried out at Rhigos Primary School by RCTCBC.
3.	RCTCBC have a duty to maintain the building.	The maintenance of the school building must work on a partnership approach with the Governing Body as they have a responsibility under Local Management of schools to undertake repairs and maintenance.
4.	The Early Years building was constructed in 1950, why did RCTCBC not address the issue when it came to its 'end of life' (after 20 years)?	The 2019 condition survey outlines the condition of the building and suggests that the school building has reached the end of its life. The building is not worth further investment from RCTCBC due to the age, condition and type of structure. There are 115 schools in Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT) and RCTCBC is currently working through its School Modernisation Programme of investment. It is a challenge to prioritise invest in all schools in RCT and RCTCBC must prioritise schools that cause the most concern. Though the Early Years building is safe, it would not benefit from further investment.
5.	Too much investment is being put into schools that are not full. Money was recently invested into Rhigos Primary School by the community, not by RCTCBC.	Noted. The Council has invested in the school and also undertaken repairs and maintenance with the co-support of the Government Body, due to the costs of the work.
6.	Consultation Document is not accurate. The details of the building are not correct.	Details of the building were drawn from the 2019 condition survey, which is the most current information available.

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7.	Why is Rhigos Primary School not a rural school?	Rural schools are a Welsh Government classification. RCTCBC do not have the power to designate schools as rural schools.
8.	Why are there no rural schools in RCT?	This is a Welsh Government designation. All rural schools are listed in the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code (2 nd Edition) (011 / 2018).
9.	The school building must be safe as pupils are still being allowed to use it. Where do the pupil figures and pupil projections come from? The nursery figures are not accurate.	The buildings are 'safe, watertight and warm' and perfectly safe due to planned maintenance works identified. Pupil projections come from live birth data from school catchment areas. There is a trend of declining data. Pupil projection figures are not guaranteed, however, that is the data that is available currently.
10.	How can we believe that the pupil numbers are correct?	RCTCBC must look at predictions and trends based on the data that is available. RCTCBC has to make efficient use of resources to make difficult decisions based on the data.
11.	The Hirwaun Primary School pupil numbers in the report are incorrect.	We must work with the data given to us and look at the Local Development Plan to take into account housing in the catchment areas. The numbers are correct, the data used is the most accurate taken from the PLASC data sets. The projections and future capacity include information from the Local Development Plan to take into account of housing in the catchment area.
12.	What happens if pupils from Rhigos Primary School go to Hirwaun Primary School, as well as pupils who will come from the new houses?	There is currently enough space for both. RCTCBC is currently drafting the new Local Development Plan, which is a plan for 10 years. If there are more housing developments allocated, and there is not enough capacity at Hirwaun Primary School, then the Local Development Plan will reflect this demand.

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13.	When did RCTCBC start to write the Consultation Document?	The decision to write the Consultation Report was recent. No definitive date can be given, however, work on the report began late in the last academic year.
14.	Why did RCTCBC allow two permanent members of staff to be taken on at Rhigos Primary School if the consultation was a recent decision? No support given to staff.	Proposals are highly confidential and cannot be shared with stakeholders before they have been shared with elected Members and the wider community. HR do provide support to our employees during management of change process. Occupational Health have offered and will continue to offer support to staff. RCTCBC cannot assume that the proposal would be agreed, and so must go through the consultation process.
15.	RCTCBC could have looked at a school restructure – there are no contingencies.	This was a confidential proposal; no information could have been shared widely. These proposals are highly emotive and RCTCBC has been successful in the past at supporting staff who need to find new roles.
16.	Concerns over pupils when moving schools	The process of change is managed and pupils will receive supported transition if the proposal goes ahead.
17.	Concerns over wellbeing of pupils and staff had no time to process the news. Staff should have had training and support when dealing with pupils after the Consultation Document came out.	Noted.
18.	Don't believe staff will be supported.	Noted.
19.	How can RCTCBC say that Rhigos Primary School can't deliver the New Curriculum for Wales? The statements in the Consultation document are open to challenge. While RCTCBC does recognise that Rhigos Primary School is a good school, some of the statements made are hurtful.	The Consultation Document states that a bigger school will assist with the delivery of the new Curriculum for Wales. The information in the report is factual. Comments can be fed back to RCTCBC as part of the consultation.

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20.	Is RCTCBC promoting failure? Good schools are not receiving investment while other schools are. If we were a failing school, would we have had investment?	It is good that Rhigos Primary School has done well, and Estyn will also feed into the consultation. Any comments can be fed back to RCTCBC as part of the consultation and the transition process.
21.	Is the decision already made?	No it has not. RCTCBC's Cabinet will see all comments that are submitted as part of the consultation process and the meetings taking place.
22.	If we waited, would Rhigos get a new school?	RCTCBC must look at the cost of investment against pupil numbers and demonstrate value for money. The Consultation Document is looking at all points and aspects that form part of this case.
23.	You are using Rhigos Primary School as a plaster for Hirwaun Primary School.	Noted.
24.	Rhigos Primary School currently get EP visits, as does Hirwaun Primary School. These visits would be lost if pupils go to Hirwaun Primary School.	The number of sessions for each school is taken into account, and applications for further visits can be made if necessary. No EP visits will be lost.
25.	There will be more additional learning needs demand on the staff of Hirwaun Primary School.	It is likely that there will be more capacity for resources to provide for ALN pupils at Hirwaun Primary School as it is a bigger school. All Hirwaun Primary School staff have a duty to ensure that the needs of pupils are met and provision made.
26.	How will pupils access breakfast club in Hirwaun Primary School? Pupils of Rhigos Primary School currently walk to breakfast club.	Yes, there is a breakfast club at Hirwaun Primary School. There may be some flexibility with the timing of breakfast club at Hirwaun Primary School, and in our experience, there could be capacity to access breakfast club in time at Hirwaun Primary School (before the school day begins) from using school transport.
27.	Will there be any transport for after school clubs?	There will be no extra transport for after school clubs. The management of after

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		school clubs are decisions of the Governing Body.
28.	No transport for after school clubs will reduce the number of extra-curricular activities for pupils of Rhigos Primary School. Currently, around 70.0% of Rhigos Primary School pupils attend extra-curricular activities and opportunities.	Noted.
29.	What if pupils don't go to Hirwaun Primary School?	RCTCBC cannot regulate where parents send their children to school. This is a matter of parental choice out of the available schools.
30.	How much would a bus cost to transport pupils to Hirwaun Primary School?	This would depend on the number of pupils that would require transportation.
31.	It is chaos at Hirwaun Primary School during pick-up time, there were cameras there last week to look at traffic congestion.	Concerns can be put down as part of your response to the consultation.
32.	Is this already a 'done deal' or not?	The decision has not been made yet – this is a proposal. Any parents who don't want to send their children to Hirwaun Primary School would have to make arrangements to apply to other available schools if the proposal to close is approved.
33.	Applications to RCTCBC to admit pupils to Rhigos Primary School are already being directed to Hirwaun Primary School.	This is not the case.
34.	This process undermines parents. There is an obligation to parents, pupils and staff – the process should reassure parents that it is only a proposal currently.	The community will have an opportunity to voice concerns at the drop-in sessions arranged.
35.	Parents are happy with the mixed classes at the school, and RCTCBC should respect that.	The wider school community will have an opportunity to voice concerns at the drop-in sessions arranged.

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36.	What is happening to parents who are looking into applying for a school place at Rhigos Primary School but are being directed to Hirwaun Primary School?	This shouldn't be happening. Parents can apply for a place in both schools.
37.	How will parents be reassured that this is only a proposal?	The Council recognises that this is a complex process and that there is a lot of information to go through that form part of the consultation. Assurances were given than this is a proposal.
38.	The image of Rhigos Primary School in the Consultation Document is not representative of the school and gives a bad impression. There are no internal images of the school used (like there are with Hirwaun Primary School) – this makes Rhigos Primary School look bad when next to the images of the new school at Hirwaun.	Noted.
39.	When will the report be published and when will the decision be made?	The report will go to RCTCBC's Cabinet in December or January. The decision will be made to move on with the process and start the statutory notice period. All dates and information will be shared as soon as it is available to all stakeholders. Any comments to the consultation can be used as an objection if the individual wishes.
40.	How will pupils of Rhigos Primary School learn about the community of Rhigos, instead of learning about Hirwaun? Concerns over the loss of heritage.	The schools are not that far away from each other. Please make any comments known as part of the consultation process.

4. Closing Remarks

The Governing Body and staff members were informed that they will be offered the opportunity over the coming weeks to reflect on the questions and responses provided and submit additional questions where required.

The Governing Body and staff members were encouraged to participate in engaging in the consultation process through completing the online survey or putting comments in writing to schoolplanning@rctcbc.gov.uk.

All attendees were thanked for participating in the meeting.

Meeting closed at 17:00.

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Appendix 3 (A) - Minutes of Meetings with School Council of Hirwaun Primary School

Date	Tuesday 7 th November 2023
Time	13:50
Mode	Face to Face

Attendance		
Name	Initials	Title
Andrea Richards	AR	Service Director 21 st Century Schools and Transformation
Gaynor Davies	GD	Director of Education and Inclusion Services
Grace Zecca-Hanagan	GZH	21 st Century Schools Project Officer
Lisa Howell	LH	21 st Century Schools Business and School Organisation Manager
Tim Britton	TBC	Head of Achievement (Primary Sector)
Mrs Bethan Hill	JM	Headteacher at Hirwaun Primary School
N/A	N/A	School Council of Hirwaun Primary School

1. Welcome and Introductions

Officers in attendance introduced themselves to the School Council and thanked them for attending the meeting. The School Council introduced themselves.

2. Consultation Overview

GD provided the School Council with an overview of the proposal being made and the consultation process to be followed, as set out in the Consultation Document. It was also confirmed that the pupils had all received a hard copy of the children's version of the Consultation Document.

3. School Council Questions

The School Council of Hirwaun Primary School were invited to ask questions and makes comments. The questions and comments made are summarised in the table that follows along with their response, where necessary.

Number	Question	Response
1.	I think we should go ahead with the proposal but the children from Rhigos Primary School may want to stay with their friends.	Hirwaun Primary School will try to keep friendship groups together.
2.	It would be good to make more friends.	Noted.
4.	It is nice for children from Rhigos Primary School to have more space.	Noted.
5.	It would be a pleasure to have the children from Rhigos Primary School with us at Hirwaun Primary School.	Noted.
6.	It is nice for the children at Rhigos Primary School to experience some of the facilities	Noted.

Number	Question	Response
	that we have here at Hirwaun Primary School.	
7.	What would happen to the teachers at Rhigos Primary School.	It is too early to say what changes may happen as the proposal is yet to be decided.
8.	<p>The children talked about some of the clubs that take place at Hirwaun Primary School including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir. • Football. • Gardening. • Rugby. • Netball. • Fitness. • Coding. • French. • Art and craft. • Beat ball. <p>Year three children also take part in swimming lessons.</p>	Noted.
9.	The children at Hirwaun Primary School talked about their vision. They explained that this is revisited periodically.	Noted.
10.	The children at Hirwaun Primary School talked about enquiry based learning and the benefits that this has on their learning.	Noted.
11.	<p>The children at Hirwaun Primary School commented that they would welcome the children of Rhigos Primary School visiting.</p> <p>The children at Hirwaun Primary School commented that they would show the children of Rhigos Primary School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chrome books. • Learning tools. • How kind the school community is. • Where all the toys are. • The after school clubs. • The art pieces that they have worked on. • The sports facilities. • The school layout and how the school day operates. • The multi-use games area. <p>The children commented that a good transition event would include:</p>	Noted.

Number	Question	Response
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making craft activities and posters to welcome the children of Rhigos Primary School. • Friendly activities to get to know each other. • Different work stations. • Circle time. • Playtimes, at Hirwaun Primary School there is one playtime and a lunch time. 	
12.	<p>The headteacher explained that Hirwaun Primary School is open to the local community at certain times of year celebrate with the community, such as Harvest and Christmas.</p> <p>The children at Hirwaun Primary School also go out to the community and they commented that they would be exited to extend this to the community of Rhigos.</p>	Noted.
13.	The children at Hirwaun Primary School also commented that they have a book fayre every year. Year six pupils are given the opportunity to help work at the book fayre.	Noted.
14.	The children at Hirwaun Primary School said that they have fun events like school discos.	Noted.
15.	<p>There are lots of committees at Hirwaun Primary School such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council. • Rights Respecting Schools Committee. • Eco Committee. • Sports Leaders. • Criw Cymraeg. <p>These are appointed to every September, so if the proposal goes ahead the children of Rhigos Primary School would be welcome to participate.</p>	Noted.
16.	What do the children at Rhigos Primary think about moving schools?	They are a bit worried about change. The children at Rhigos Primary School love their school and don't want it to close. However, we are listening to all of your views, and they will form part of any decision made.
17.	We will be opening a clothes sale as part of the Eco Club.	This is a great idea to be renewable.
18.	What colour school uniform do the children at Rhigos Primary School wear?	The children at Rhigos Primary School wear burgundy jumpers.

Number	Question	Response
19.	How long have you all worked at the Council for?	All of the officers gave an outline of how long they work at the Council for and what job they do.
20.	<p>The children at Hirwaun Primary School talked about their school trips that they have been on including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pantomime. • Heatherton. • Caerphilly Castle. • Santa's Toy Mine. • Cantref Farm. • Gruffalo Trail. • Dare Valley Country Park. • Teddy Bears Picnic. <p>Visitors also come into the school including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animated dinosaurs. • World War Two exhibition. 	Noted.

4. Closing Remarks

The School Council were informed that they will be offered the opportunity over the coming weeks to reflect on the questions and responses provided and submit additional questions where required.

The School Council were encouraged to participate in engaging in the consultation process through completing the online survey or putting comments in writing to schoolplanning@rctcbc.gov.uk.

All attendees were thanked for participating in the meeting.

Meeting closed at 14:45.

Appendix 3 (B) - Minutes of Meetings with School Council of Rhigos Primary School

Date	Monday 6 th November 2023
Time	13:45
Mode	Face to Face

Attendance		
Name	Initials	Title
Andrea Richards	AR	Service Director 21 st Century Schools and Transformation
Gaynor Davies	GD	Director of Education and Inclusion Services
Grace Zecca-Hanagan	GZH	21 st Century Schools Project Officer
Lisa Howell	LH	21 st Century Schools Business and School Organisation Manager
Sarah Corcoran	SC	Head of Achievement and Wellbeing
Mrs Janine Mundy	JM	Headteacher at Rhigos Primary School
Mrs Rebecca Murphy	RM	Deputy Headteacher and School Council Lead at Rhigos Primary School
N/A	N/A	School Council of Rhigos Primary School

1. Welcome and Introductions

Officers in attendance introduced themselves to the School Council and thanked them for attending the meeting. The School Council introduced themselves.

2. Consultation Overview

The children presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled 'Save our School'. The pupils were thanked and officers confirmed that this would be shared with the Council's Cabinet.

GD provided the School Council with an overview of the proposal being made and the consultation process to be followed, as set out in the Consultation Document. It was also confirmed that the pupils had all received a hard copy of the children's version of the Consultation Document.

3. School Council Questions

The School Council of Rhigos Primary School were invited to ask questions and make comments. The questions and comments made are summarised in the table that follows along with their response, where necessary.

Number	Question	Response
1.	What if your parents don't drive and you miss the school bus?	If you miss the bus, you will have to arrange your own transport. We would hope that you wouldn't miss the bus, as most parents are very organised and would help you catch the school bus on time.
2.	What will you do with Rhigos Primary School if it closes?	If the proposal goes ahead, we will work with the community of Rhigos to see if the school building could be used within the community.
3.	Will there be buses for breakfast and after school clubs?	There will be one bus for the school at the start and end of the school day, depending on the time of breakfast club and the home to school transport, you may be able to attend breakfast club.
4.	I have moved school lots and it is not nice. Some schools don't have as many play times as we do at Rhigos Primary School, and they have classes that are bigger.	Most schools have three play times, but we will check how many play times they have at Hirwaun Primary School.
5.	Why do you want to close Rhigos Primary School?	We clarified the points already discussed in the children's version of the Consultation Document
6.	What about our siblings?	Parents will have the option about what primary school they would like their child to attend. If you have siblings, there will be plenty of space for them to attend Hirwaun Primary School.
7.	Would we all be able to go on the yard at play time at the same time, like at Rhigos Primary School?	We will check how play times at Hirwaun Primary School operate.
8.	When Penderyn Primary School became a Welsh medium primary school, I had to leave and attend Rhigos Primary School, an English medium school. If Rhigos Primary School closes, that would mean I will have to change schools again.	We are sorry to hear this.
9.	When will we find out if Rhigos Primary School will close.	The consultation timeline was provided, and it was explained that if the proposal is approved it would go ahead by September 2024.

Number	Question	Response
10.	Will you set up days when we can visit Hirwaun Primary School.	Absolutely, this is an incredibly good idea, and we will make arrangements for all pupils of Rhigos Primary School to visit Hirwaun Primary School if they wish.
11.	Will a year six pupil have to move to Rhigos Primary School before starting comprehensive school?	No, if agreed these proposals is approved it would go ahead by September 2024. By this date, pupils who are currently in year six would become year seven pupils and would be in secondary school.
12.	If we make a friend and they don't live in Rhigos, could they play in our park.	I'm sure these arrangements could be made with your parents.
13.	It would be nice to go to a newer school.	It is often the people that make a place, and we understand how important Rhigos Primary School is to you all.
14.	Why are you taking the proposal further if we are saying that we do not want Rhigos Primary School to close.	This is part of the process. We clarified the points already discussed in the children's version of the Consultation Document.
15.	Rhigos Primary School is still in quite good condition.	We can see that you have made a wonderful environment.
16.	Will we still get to learn through the enquiries that we have picked?	The new Curriculum for Wales started last year, in many schools its taught through an enquiry based approach. We will check what approach is used at Hirwaun Primary School.
17.	If Rhigos Primary School closes, will we have to change our school uniform?	Hirwaun Primary School has established its school uniform. We cannot confirm that the school uniform at Hirwaun Primary School would be changed immediately, however, this may happen in time.
18.	How will you help us fit into a different school's vision.	Any school's vision is about ensuring the best teaching and learning for children, and we would hope that Hirwaun Primary School is an inclusive school that will help you fit in. In addition, transition events will be arranged for you to visit Hirwaun Primary School.
19.	If we move schools, will we be able to have school discos and assemblies?	We are sure that these will be offered at Hirwaun Primary School.
20.	Will all our teachers and friends be able to come with us?	It is too early to say what changes may happen as the proposal is yet to be approved.
21.	Are you going to bring the oldest lady in Rhigos to Hirwaun Primary School?	Potentially, Hirwaun Primary School is a community school, and they would welcome members of the community visiting.

Number	Question	Response
22.	Will the School Council change?	Hirwaun Primary School has many clubs, offering lots of opportunities for those who wish to take part.
23.	Why did you pick Hirwaun Primary School?	We looked at many things, including pupil numbers, how close Rhigos Primary School is to another school. Hirwaun Primary School has lots of space and is close to Rhigos Primary School. Change can be very worrying; however, it can be positive as it gives you lots of opportunities.
24.	Will there be a football team at Hirwaun Primary School?	We will check with the school but we do know they participate in lots of sports and activities.
25.	Are there breakfast clubs at Hirwaun Primary School?	Yes, Hirwaun Primary School has a breakfast club.
26.	My headteacher is the best headteacher.	We are all pleased that you feel happy with your headteacher.
27.	I don't want to change schools because we think Rhigos Primary School is the best school.	We are all pleased that you feel happy with your school.

4. Closing Remarks

The School Council were informed that they will be offered the opportunity over the coming weeks to reflect on the questions and responses provided and submit additional questions where required.

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