

23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to provide our latest update as work continues across Abertillery Learning Community (ALC) to prepare for our transition to two lower school campuses with effect from 5th July 2027.

First, we would like to sincerely thank all parents and carers who have made contact with the school following the individual letters sent out on Wednesday 14th October regarding proposed campus allocations. Throughout this past week, individual follow-up conversations and meetings have been held in response to the specific queries submitted by families.

We have a meeting scheduled for today to thoroughly review how these initial discussions have gone and to determine whether any further follow-up is required as we move past the upcoming half-term break.

The school has also been made aware of a number of parents and carers who have raised queries regarding transport arrangements. We would like to clarify that responsibility for home-to-school transport sits with the Local Authority. Therefore, we advise that any specific queries or questions related to transport options and eligibility be directed to the Local Authority accordingly.

As previously communicated on three separate occasions, the official date for our whole-school transition is 5th July 2027.

We would like to reiterate once again the significant benefits of completing this move two weeks before the summer break:

- **Whole-School Involvement:** Every pupil across ALC (from Nursery to Year 10) will move to their new September arrangements together, ensuring consistent support across the entire community.
- **Settling In & Relationship Building:** Pupils have two dedicated weeks to adapt to new routines, site layouts, and campus environments while connecting with their new class teachers and peers.
- **Alleviating Summer Anxiety:** Completing the transition prior to the holidays removes uncertainty, allowing children to go into their summer break confident in knowing where they are going in September.
- **Head Start:** Secondary-phase pupils can begin their new courses early, while staff can address any early class or timetable adjustments well in advance.

However, we wish to fully reassure families that there will be no expectation for pupils to have a new uniform for the July transition.

Whether your child is transitioning from Year 6 to Year 7 or is a Roseheyworth pupil moving across to either Six Bells or Tillery Street, their existing school uniform will be absolutely fine to wear during this period.

Any potential change to uniform following wider consultation in the new year will only apply ahead of September, so please do not feel under any pressure to source new items for July.

Finally, there was reference to an opportunity to meet with parents/carers to discuss the way forward in the letter to families dated 16th October. As a follow on from this, I can confirm that this meeting will be scheduled for:

Wednesday 11th November, 15.30-16.30 at Roseheyworth Road campus

This is an opportunity to table collective queries or concerns so that we can work to discuss and resolve these together rather than a space to talk about individual circumstances.

If you do have anything you wish to discuss from your own personal perspective, again, can I ask that you reach out so we can respond to these on an individual basis.

Additionally, if the date and timing of this meeting is problematic, please let us know as we are open to scheduling a further meeting opportunity and can support either face to face or online meets to respond to demand and preference.

We remain committed to keeping you updated every step of the way. Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and engagement.

Yours sincerely,

Senior Leadership Team at Abertillery Learning Community