

25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing this as our third update to you regarding the ongoing planning and discussions taking place across Abertillery Learning Community (ALC) as we prepare for the forthcoming closure of the Roseheyworth campus.

We appreciate that changes of this nature bring questions, and we want to reassure you that the well-being, happiness, and academic continuity of all our pupils remain our highest priorities. We are committed to working closely alongside our families throughout this process, ensuring you are fully supported and informed every step of the way.

Following detailed discussions across our leadership team, the proposed date for transition to the next academic year for all pupils, 3-16 is

Monday 5th July 2027

We strongly believe that transitioning pupils two weeks before the summer break offers significant emotional, social, and academic benefits:

- **Settling in Early:** Learners have the opportunity to adapt to new routines, site layouts, and campus environments while fully supported by our staff team.
- **Building Relationships:** Pupils spend two full weeks getting to know their new classmates, building friendships, and connecting with their new teachers ahead of the summer.
- **Avoiding Summer Anxieties:** Completing the move before the end of the academic year, and for this to be the same for all pupils at ALC will mean children go into their summer holidays knowing exactly where they are going in September, eliminating long-term worry or uncertainty.
- **Head Start on GCSEs:** Older secondary-phase pupils can begin studying their new GCSE courses early, providing a valuable head start on their key stage pathways.
- **Timetable and 'trouble-shooting':** All staff (and pupils) will have the opportunity over this two-week transition period to raise any concerns regarding class allocation, timetables and address early challenges that might emerge so that these can be resolved ahead of returning to school in September.

Proposed Campus Allocations for Lower School Pupils

Most pupils at our Roseheyworth campus will transition to our Tillery Street campus.

However, a very few pupils, whose home addresses are outside of the ALC school catchment area, or who currently live within our internal Six Bells campus catchment area, will transition to our Six Bells campus.

All Roseheyworth families will be contacted individually regarding their child's proposed new campus before October half term and if there are any concerns or issues regarding what is being proposed, the school will welcome the opportunity to discuss these with those families.

Transition Support Activities and Next Steps

Prior to the transition date on 5th July 2027, we will run a dedicated series of transition support activities involving staff, parents and pupils over the course of the month of June 2027.

These sessions are designed so that all Roseheyworth pupils feel fully supported, confident, and excited about taking this next step in their ALC journey.

To ensure everyone has time to review these plans and share feedback:

1. **Three-Week Query Period:** We are opening a three-week period starting today (25/09-16/10) for parents and carers (and staff) to raise any questions or concerns regarding the proposed allocation of Roseheyworth pupils or the proposed implementation date for transition of 5th July 2027.
2. **Head of Campus Contacts:** If you have specific queries or questions in the first instance, please reach out directly to your Head of Campus.
3. **Weekly Updates & Website Access:** We will maintain weekly communication moving forward to keep you fully updated and all communication is now also published on our school website for reference

We look forward to continuing our work together to ensure a smooth, positive, and exciting transition for every pupil and thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Warm regards,

Senior Leadership Team at Abertillery Learning Community