

16th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to provide our latest update regarding the planned closure of Roseheyworth campus and the ongoing transition arrangements across Abertillery Learning Community (ALC).

All parents and carers should have now received individual emails stating the proposed campus allocation for their child, with effect from 5th July 2027. As communicated on Monday 12th October via Dojo, letters emailed will also be sent in the post too.

We would like to reiterate that these proposed allocations were based on the school's internal catchment areas. These established internal catchment parameters have been used to determine pupil allocations to campuses within the school since ALC was established.

However, although using internal catchment areas is standard operating practice at the school and directly drove the process of proposed allocations ahead of next July, the school remains completely open to any follow-up individual meetings and conversations with families who wish to discuss the proposed allocation received.

If you wish to discuss your child's proposed allocation, please make contact directly with our acting head of campus / deputy headteacher, Mrs Locke, via email by 23:59 on Sunday 18th October so that follow-up meetings can be scheduled during the week beginning Monday 19th October.

As a reminder, Mrs Locke's contact email is:

LockeK25@bgcbcschools.wales

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) is also actively working through a high-level operational timeline to manage this process as smoothly as possible.

This is still very much a 'work in progress' so there will be more detail to follow, but to ensure that the school is ready for implementation with effect from July 5th, SLT has begun mapping out some key details around things such as:

- The need for staff to have time to meet in May and June 2027 to plan for the July implementation date
- In addition to this, enhanced transition and support plans for pupils with identified ALN to take place in the spring term
- Planning and communication ahead of the month of June where we want to deliver a suite of transition opportunities for all pupils to include open evenings, campus visits, an opportunity to meet key staff, pupil immersion opportunities and new class familiarisation

Furthermore, we wish to clarify again that 5th July 2027 does not only mark the transition for Roseheyworth pupils to their new campus; **all pupils in all year groups across all campuses**

within Abertillery Learning Community will move to their new September arrangements on this date.

This means that every pupil across the school, from nursery up to Year Ten, will transition to their new classes and year groups on Monday 5th July.

As outlined in our previous communications, we strongly believe that an early two-week transition ahead of the summer break offers significant emotional, social, and academic benefits:

- **Whole-School Involvement:** All year groups across ALC will transition to their new classes at this point. This is not simply a Roseheyworth pupil move; it ensures every pupil across the entire school community has the opportunity to engage with their new September 2027 arrangements early.
- **Settling in & relationship building:** Pupils can adapt to new routines, site layouts, and campus environments while fully supported by staff, building friendships and connecting with their new teachers.
- **Alleviating summer anxiety:** Completing the transition before the summer holidays eliminates long-term worry and uncertainty, allowing children to go into their break knowing exactly where they are going in September.
- **Head start:** Secondary-phase pupils can begin studying their new courses early, and staff can address any early challenges or timetable issues well in advance.

Additionally, I wanted to address two areas of concern that I've received feedback on:

- **Uniform** - at this time, there have been no discussions or plans considered around any change in uniform. However, this will be a focus for discussion after the Christmas break.

How we move forward with uniform when operating with two lower school campuses rather than three is a decision that will be made collectively through an open and transparent consultation process involving families, staff, pupils and governors so more detail to follow on this in due course.

Regardless of the outcome to a uniform consultation, any change that might be agreed on will be gradual and there is also full appreciation of the costs associated with uniform so I want to reassure everyone that we remain committed to supporting families with this as we move forward.

- **Breakfast club** - to reassure parents / carers breakfast club is staffed based on the numbers that need it and it would be our intention to support any family who would need to access this provision.
- **Siblings** - to state categorically, there is no intention to split siblings. Please alleviate yourself of this concern if the potential of this happening was causing any worry or anxiety. Such an approach would not make sense for families and the school is clear in that there will be no splitting of siblings.
- **Parent/carers meeting** - following any individual meetings scheduled to take place next week I would like to schedule an opportunity for parents / carers to meet with me and SLT. This was always the plan, but we wanted to hold on this until we arrived at the point of

campus allocations and the resolution of any issues that may have arisen from this process. We also wanted to wait until we were in a position to share more detail around the proposed timeline that we are working on and, hopefully, we will be in a position to do this after half term, during the fortnight beginning 02/11 - exact date/time tbc.

The school remains fully committed to supporting all families throughout this period of change and, as such, we will continue to maintain regular weekly communications throughout the process via ParentMail to keep you updated on all developments, with all previous weekly correspondence and updates relating to the Roseheyworth Road Campus transition also accessible via the school website at <https://www.abertillery3-16.co.uk/communications>

Please be reassured that SLT remains fully open to any individual queries or questions parents or carers may have and as such and, as shared previously, these can be directed either to your head of campus or the headteacher via the following direct email contact:

Headteacher (Tracey Jarvis)

JarvisT23@bgcbcschools.wales

Head of campus Six Bells (Alison Lyndon-Jones)

Lynd-JoneA@bgcbcschools.wales

Acting head of campus Roseheyworth (Kimberly Locke)

LockeK25@bgcbcschools.wales

Acting head of campus Tillery Street (Sarah Hulme)

HulmeS@bgcbcschools.wales

We understand that the period of change ahead will be challenging for some, but the school will work closely alongside families and pupils to ensure a smooth, positive transition and will make sure all updates and developments are shared regularly.

Yours sincerely,

Senior Leadership Team at Abertillery Learning Community