

11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the decision to close the Roseheyworth Road campus at Abertillery Learning Community, we are writing to update you on the next steps as we begin planning for a smooth and supportive transition.

Key members of our senior leadership team will meet every week to map out and discuss the timeline of actions required to support an effective transition.

In addition to these weekly meetings at school, leaders will also be working closely with the local authority and will hold dedicated progress meetings every four weeks.

And, importantly, to keep our school community fully informed, we will issue a weekly update to parents, carers, staff, and pupils so everyone is kept up to date with developments as they happen, with the aim of moving forward very much with an 'open door' policy.

We fully understand that families, pupils, and staff may have many questions and feel anxious about the changes ahead. Please be assured that our priority is to support our pupils and community every step of the way.

One question that has already been raised concerns requests for campus transfers before the formal implementation of the Roseheyworth Road campus closure. To provide clarity and consistency, the following arrangements will apply throughout the transition period.

Scenario 1: Existing Roseheyworth Road pupils

All pupils currently attending the Roseheyworth Road campus will remain on that campus until the formal implementation date of the closure.

Requests to transfer to another Abertillery Learning Community campus before this date will not be approved.

Rationale:

This approach ensures stability and continuity for pupils during what may already be an uncertain period. It allows children to remain with their established friendship groups, class teachers, and support networks, while also enabling the school to plan staffing, class organisation, and transition arrangements effectively and fairly for all pupils.

Scenario 2: New admissions to Abertillery Learning Community

The Roseheyworth Road campus will not accept any new admissions during the 2026-2027 academic year.

All newly enrolling pupils to ALC, including January and April 2027 Nursery intakes, will be allocated to either the Tillery Street or Six Bells campus based on their home address and in accordance with the school's internally determined catchment arrangements.

Where the relevant year group at the nearest campus is full, a place will be offered at the alternative campus.

Rationale:

As the Roseheyworth Road campus is scheduled to close, it would not be appropriate to admit new pupils who would then be required to move campuses shortly afterwards. Allocating new pupils directly to either Tillery Street or Six Bells provides greater certainty for families and minimises disruption to children's education and wellbeing.

Scenario 3: Changes of address during the academic year

Where a pupil changes their home address during the academic year, standard admission and placement procedures will continue to apply.

Pupils will be allocated to the campus closest to their new residence, either Six Bells or Tillery Street. Should the relevant year group at that campus be at full capacity, a place will be offered at the alternative campus.

Rationale:

This ensures that campus allocations remain fair, consistent, and aligned with established admission practices. It also helps maintain balanced pupil numbers across campuses, enabling the school to make the most effective use of staffing and resources.

We are committed to working in open partnership with you, our staff, and our young people so that we can navigate and manage this transition successfully together.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Warm regards,

Senior Leadership Team at Abertillery Learning Community