

2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to follow up on our previous communication regarding the forthcoming closure of the Roseheyworth campus and the associated transition arrangements.

First and foremost, we recognise that our previous letter caused upset to parents and carers due to its reference to proposed campus allocations and we unreservedly apologise for any distress this has caused.

To provide context, our previous communication was sent without understanding that during the consultation phase, parents and carers had been informed that families could select whether their child would transfer to Tillery Street or Six Bells campus.

We would like to clarify how campus allocations operate across Abertillery Learning Community (ALC).

While ALC's overall catchment area is determined by the Local Authority, internal campus allocation has always been, and remains, a decision determined by the school, adhering to our internal campus catchment parameters.

This has always been standard operating practice, as the school is best placed to utilise school information regarding the proximity of home addresses, sibling connections, resource allocation, teacher distribution, the number of classes per campus, and class sizes within each year group.

However, we want to work with families whilst we navigate this transition and remain committed to always engaging in dialogue with families as we move forward together through this process.

Our original intention was to allocate all Roseheyworth pupils to the Tillery Street campus to keep the Roseheyworth cohort together. Furthermore, informal feedback we received indicated that most families preferred Tillery Street, so allocating the majority of pupils there was intended to fulfil that preference.

However, following a comprehensive review of pupil numbers and internal catchment areas, together with the fact that certain year groups at Tillery Street are already at capacity, a very small number of pupils who live either outside of ALC school catchment or closer to the Six Bells campus have been allocated to Six Bells.

For those families allocated to Six Bells, if there are specific issues or challenges with this proposed placement, please be assured that the school remains fully open to engaging in dialogue with you to work together and agree a way forward.

Moving forward, our plan remains to formally write to the parents and carers of each individual Roseheyworth pupil by October half-term to confirm specific campus allocations. Once these proposed allocations are sent out, dedicated space and time will be provided for any further discussion required.

Local Authority and School Responsibilities

To ensure complete clarity regarding roles and responsibilities during this transition process, we wish to distinguish between decisions made by the Local Authority and those managed by the school.

Following the decision to close Roseheyworth campus, the school will take a lead with the following operational areas:

- Staff relocation decisions
- Pupil campus allocations
- Educational resource redistribution
- Transition activities and support
- End-of-year celebrations for Roseheyworth pupils, families and staff
- Supporting full implementation with effect from 5th July 2027

Although the school will be consulted and will be engaged in relevant discussion, all other strategic decisions rest with the Local Authority.

If there are any questions or queries now, or as we move forward, with regards to the operational areas listed above, these can be directed either to your head of campus or the headteacher via the following direct email contact:

Headteacher (Tracey Jarvis)

Head of campus Six Bells (Alison Lyndon-Jones)

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If there are any questions or queries outside of these operational areas, these can be directed to the Local Authority.

Warm regards,

Senior Leadership Team at Abertillery Learning Community