

Appendix 7 Abertillery Learning Community – reduction of primary phase places Consultation analysis via Survey

Comments from respondents that do not support the proposal:

- I do not support it being shut down!
- There should be plans to upgrade and expand educational facilities in the area, not decrease. added pressure to other campuses will no doubt adversely affect children's education.
- *Pupil numbers at Roseheyworth Road School would be higher if some parents supported the school closest to their home. Learners from Roseheyworth Estate, Arael View and other addresses close to Blaenau Gwent Baptist Church with siblings having gained a place at Tillery Street or Six Bells Campus which has facilitated low numbers at their closest school for many years. *Arael View / Roseheyworth area is already a remote and isolated community. Roseheyworth Rd School is the centre of the whole community. *Roseheyworth Road School learners have access to the Sports Fields at County Grounds next door which is a marvellous facility for Physical Education. Neither Six Bells Campus nor Tillery Street have a lovely real grass field on their doorstep. *Roseheyworth Road School has calm green views for the pupils and staff from the school. Such landscapes being beneficial for mental and physical wellbeing. *The road to Tillery Street Campus is very congested. The street already has residents parking outside their homes which makes it tricky for 2 cars to pass. Drop off and pick up times are difficult for all motorists who venture up Tillery Street. The streets leading to Tillery Street Campus are very congested. *Car parking facilities are inadequate at Tillery Street and Six Bells for carers dropping off learners. Insufficient parking at Tillery Street Campus and Six Bells Campus without further additions. *Dog fouling over many pavements. Everyone's shoes and prams pick up the excrement. Health and Safety issue in the removal of excrement from shoes and pram wheels. *Parents with children of varying ages of children would find life tough to walk to Six Bells Campus or Tillery Street Campus from Arael View or Roseheyworth especially if they have toddlers in pushchairs. Should school transport be laid on for the pupils from these locations for pupils only, there would end up being a huge disconnect for parents and the class teacher and very possibly their child's school. *Retaining a school building that has no upstairs would seem sensible for learners and staff with mobility difficulties, especially as Tillery Street Campus lift regularly breaks down and is sometimes not repaired for many months due to difficulties sourcing and fitting parts for the specialist company that deals with the maintenance of the lift. *Powell Street, Gray Street, Evelyn Street and Newall Street and are already double parked with resident cars. School drop-off and pick-up times for Tillery Street Campus exacerbate the parking problems faced by residents and other motorists who need access to these streets for reasons that are not school related. *Maintenance at Roseheyworth Road School is categorised according to urgency. The maintenance schedule can be worked through at a slower pace as the building is a modern building (26 years old) and appears to provide a more than satisfactory venue for Roseheyworth Road Campus Learners. Many primary schools in the Caerphilly area are still used date from Victorian era or just post Victorian area. These older buildings still cater for the children in their community and provide enriching learning experiences for their community's children. These older Caerphilly Schools must surely have a maintenance list in order of urgency that needs dealing with; there is no published proposals to reduce capacity at these schools that I have read about in the press even though one would assume that there are huge maintenance schedules with these buildings. It may even be the case that the classrooms possibly don't meet modern expectations but Caerphilly B. C. are still supporting and utilising these buildings, many of which have lasted for over 100 years. The focus should be on the learning experiences provided for learners and not the list of maintenance issues that need addressing. These can obviously be sorted within a different time frame. * Online Forums against the proposal to reduce capacity at Roseheyworth Road Campus have highlighted the huge management structure that ALC supports. Whilst career advancement for teaching staff and correct remuneration for experienced teachers is correct, ALC still requires Significant Improvement according to the latest Estyn Report (May 2025). Working with other agencies such as health and social care would appear to be a direction that needs strengthening rather than closing Roseheyworth Road Campus.

- 1. Assurances are needed that any money saved goes into the ALC budget directly and not into general education budgets. 2. There are currently two classrooms - one at Roseheyworth and one on Tillery ST that are being used as alternative provision for ALN children. I know that Gail Watkins is reviewing provision for ALN learners across the authority. However how can these children be housed in ALN provision physically in Tillery St or Six bells if closing Roseheyworth means the classroom space they currently use is needed for full mainstream classes?
- A full financial breakdown required on the maintenance cost of all four campuses. why are there so many empty capacity spaces at Six Bells since it opened in 2019? how many local children attend the local Welsh School in Blaina.
- A full impact assessment is required for such a proposal. The integrated impact assessment attached seems to show no negative impacts at all and no mitigating actions. This is alarming given the school serves one of the most deprived areas in Wales/ pupils will be affected- many have gone through the covid years and anxiety is a real concern/the knock on impact to the other schools is not fully explored nor is the loss of a school in an area with no other real community hub. The suggestion that this somehow 'enhances educational quality' and provides 'Stronger community and pupil experience' as outlined in the report has made parents very angry as they feel the council are telling them what is best for their child without providing any relevant evidence (and i agree with them). The phrases 'consistent teaching methods', 'shared practices' and 'cross campus collaboration' also cause me huge concern - Roseheyworth has been part of the 3-16 model since it started - why is this not already happening? and as such, how can anyone have any faith that the 3-16 model works? A detailed breakdown of the true costs are also required (redundancies/ pensions / what happens with the 26yr old building etc). why now? What evidence do we have that your modelling for future pupil numbers work? where does it leave the Roseheyworth area - no-one with children will want to live there if there is no nearby school (no guarantee they will go to Tillery street) - how does this fit in with the blueprint for growth? Fundamentally, any decision to close a school is huge and the public deserve a full and frank document that addresses all concerns - the documentation provided raises more questions than it answers. Perhaps should consider being honest about this just being down to finances??
- A great Loss for families and our children's future
- A poor excuse about the ageing building! Millennium School, just over 26 years old! Thats not old in my book! Most unfair to move these children into classes that will then be overflowing. You should not penalise all the affected childrens education by penny pinching on such an important issue. What about the health and safety issues involved? These children deserve better Abertillery is the poor relations of Blaenau Gwent as it is. It's always us that suffer! Try penny pinching in Ebbw Vale for a change.
- A school is a place for learning and growing friendships, young children must not be moved around just to suit the powers that be, I believe this is just a money saving idea. Is it perhaps to do with having another 36 extra Senedd members to claim vulgar amounts in salaries and expenses and councils having to reduce the education and welfare budgets I shouldn't wonder
- A school that is only 26 years old should not need to be closed because it costs the most to repair. Based on the numbers shown about capacity in each year group across all ALC then it is clear that around 90% of students will be forced to move to Six Bells campus. How can you expect people to then travel an additional 2 hours and for the people without a vehicle to add the additional costs. Not to mention the school closure will have on house prices in the area due to no longer having a school within walking distance.
- Abertillery campus is already full, as is Six Bells campus! How can Roseheyworth campus close and the children be "squeezed" in already bursting classes, they will not get the education they deserve. Also, expecting the children to walk to and from school, unbelievable!!!
- Abertillery dont have alot to offer children growing up, ie Nowhere after school No social events No children club events Now to be no infant school, why not make place here for the better for our children in Abertillery
- Abertillery is a deprived area of Wales. By reducing the campuses you will dilute teachers time per pupil. Thus impacting pupils education and further pressuring teachers to spread themselves thinner. Access at both sixbells and abertillery is diabolical. Why sixbells opened i do not know. It is dangerous as the access is so poor. Closing roseheyworth will put pressure on families for transport reasons, pupils with less time with their teachers. And teachers by spreading themselves

thinner. "Saving money" is not a valid reason. BGCB have one of the highest paying tax brackets, yet severely underfunded areas. Hitting education will impact the future of Abertillery further.

- Abertillery is a deprived town and the children here are already at a disadvantage. Putting up barriers to their education such as making them travel further to school and their attendance will drop. I am disgusted that you are trying to save money by taking a school away and I believe you are trying to make savings to pay for extra Senedd members. Also, the traffic in Six Bells in the morning and pick up time is dangerous. Tillery Street is congested at these times and no one seems to be thinking of the safety of the children at that school and the older children walking to and from Abertillery comprehensive. In Six Bells there are parked cars everywhere as the car park wasn't designed well and it's virtually impossible to drive past the school at those times. A very bad decision to close Roseheyworth and I do not agree with it.
- Absolutely disgusting
- Absolutely ludicrous to close a school only 26 yrs old. A much better idea would be close the Comprehensive and redistribute those children. The building is the oldest and needs a large amount of work doing to it. It's not fit for purpose any more. Send them to that new school in Ebbw Vale that the council have spent over 4 million on just recently! Close that school instead, get rid of all those expensive leadership staff, cost a fortune they do. Abertillery won't miss that school. Terrible reputation!
- Absolutely NOT! There isn't enough room in the other schools and that's one of the many reasons!
- Absolutely not... there are already people struggling with educational systems and this is going to push that even further. Isolating children and then allowing others to be taught in an already over run, unsafe settings which will only cause more issues in the long run for Blaenau Gwent. They know all too well the implications this will cause though the whole of Abertillery, people need to stop paying council tax maybe you'll stop giving our money to the lazy bastards at the top then who come out with disastrous ideas!
- Absolutely absurd, when the other two schools are full already, the infrastructure at said school can't cope with the footfall as it is. Whoever signed off on an American style school drop off in the UK need their heads checked for lunacy. You go around wasting money on other crap that's not as important as the children's education and well being, you need to take a rethink about where you can save money, maybe a restructure is needed because you clearly don't have Abertillery's best interests at heart.
- Adding to the already overloaded schools with already lack of resources. More chaos caused for residential streets nearby which is one big safety issue that has never been addressed correctly!
- After the open meeting on Monday I am disappointed to see the lack of thought put into this change. The impacts this is likely to have on our children is very detrimental to them. Some children have a hard enough time attending school without being moved and changed. Cost saving why not start with disbanding the 3-16 branding this will allow you to remove many SLT members which could save over 400k before pay rises. I think if you speak to most parents they will agree that it still feels very much like four separate schools having this umbrella term has still not changed the way the school thought of all it does every year is allow staff to be moved freely I don't see any positive impacts as a parent. The idea that catchment areas will be changing and you have not thought what will happen to the children already attending a school where their catchment has changed is absolutely absurd. Moving a child from a school to a new school away from friends staff that they have come to know and love is very worrying! You have not thought how this will impact anyone. Why not phase out the school over a number of years so there is not as much impact if it really is not a viable solution to keep the school. Have a 4 year plan where you can keep part of the school open don't take on new children. To do this over a year is a dreadful decision.
- ALC primary schools are overrun as it is. Children will not benefit from learning properly as they should in overcrowded classrooms!
- All other schools are crowded.
- All three of my children have/are attending Roseheyworth school. My youngest attends the nursery and has attended the provisional childcare setting also attached within the school and will be starting reception in September. She has settled well as has my son and I have concerns uprooting them and unsettling them. My concern regarding there being adequate room at the other schools is also a major concern as I'm aware they are already at maximum capacity. Drop offs and pick ups are also already an issue.

- Allowing another council building to sit vacant & fall to ruin for the purpose of centralising learning does not bode well for the community or learners. Individual experience for learners should trump numbers - there's a reason parents choose to send their children to specific schools. Money saving by increasing capacity in one school completely disregards learning experience & a "one size fits all" approach should never be considered in terms of education. Do better.
- Although my children have not attended roseheyworth school as out of catchment, my twin daughters attend mini me's and have done for a while. This setting being attached to the school has allowed them to fully understand the school process with them being taken from Ystruth to there to allow me to work. Mini mes is an integral part of our lives and despite discussions of relocation, how will this affect my children - another new environment to get used to, possible staff changes due to transport links, mini mes have also spent a lot of money in maintaining the grounds they use with regular flowers, vegetable patches, amongst other things. These are all things that us parents have contributed to as well as grants for our children to have a safe and thriving environment. I recall the school being built. It's barely an age in comparison to other local schools. Moving the pupils to out of their home school catchment will have a financial drain on other parents, have parents who are unable to collect their child from school due to grandparents walking to collect or having their older child dropped home on the school bus whilst they wait with a younger child. Parents chose this school as their number 1 and yet again parents are not being listened to. I hope they come together and fight to keep this school.
- Am extremely concerned about the proposal to close this school. The impact on the children's education, wellbeing and stability will be significant. Many pupils have built strong relationships with staff and peers, and moving them to a new environment will cause unnecessary disruption and emotional distress. For children who struggle with change, routine is essential. Uprooting them risks setbacks in both learning and mental wellbeing. The transition process can be particularly difficult for vulnerable pupils and those with additional needs, who rely heavily on familiar surroundings and trusted adults. I am also worried about the practical impact on families, including longer travel times, increased costs, and the pressure this will place on working parents. This school is an important part of the local community and its closure would be a great loss. I strongly urge the Council to reconsider this decision and fully assess the long-term impact it will have on children and families.
- An increase in pupil numbers on remaining or receiving sites will result in larger class sizes. The consultation states "larger pupil groups improves social interaction and peer learning". However, this presents several risks including increased pressure on teaching staff. Larger classes can make behaviour management more challenging, particularly where there is a mix of pupils with varying needs and backgrounds. This may lead to a less conducive learning environment, with more frequent disruptions and reduced opportunities for high-quality teaching and targeted support. For pupils who already require additional support to remain engaged, this change could negatively affect both their progress and their overall school experience.
- As a concerned resident I can't not support the closure of roseheyworth primary school. I understand that difficult decisions must be made, and financial considerations are often at the forefront. However, I implore you to look beyond the balance sheets and see the profound human cost of this proposal. What is the true price of uprooting children from a deprived area many of which their family's don't drive and will have to walk an extra twenty minutes in all-weather to the nearest school, uprooting them from their familiar learning environment, forcing them into already overcrowded schools and severing their ties to a place where they feel a sense of belonging? What is the cost of eroding the already fragile foundations of a community striving for better.
- As a former parent & now a grandparent of pupils at the school also I worked in the kitchen i cannot believe they are even thinking of closing the school it's such a foolish idea and not only effects the children but parents also my grandchildren been there right from the start of mini mes for my daughter to be able to work it's really sad the children are not the importance in this idea
- As a former pupil (the first to attend) now a parent to two (was three) children to attend roseheyworth school I strongly do not support this incompetent proposal! There are many factors why. The school maintenance is down to the council! Why should the children have to pay a price for the last of maintenance? And after visiting th school recently with the fire service to undertake a fire safety event I spoke to a few teachers who said it just needs a lick of paint and new carpets! Parking? The parking at roseheyworth is probably the best in abertillery for school pick up and drop off times, I've been to Tillery street and six bells and it's and absolute mess, adding more children

and will just add more congestion to the roads and for safety measures that's not good for the children or community! Numbers, upon my visit to the school the numbers seemed more than what the council are saying. Every class was full except for year 5 who had pupils attend a Local sports event at the time of my visit. Siblings, can the council logically move sibling to the same school if needed as it would a mess of one had to be picked up at tillery street then six bells? Plus most of roseheyworth will probably want there child to be moved to tillery street due to sibling attending the comprehensive school for pick up and travel home. A small minority will choose six bells this adding more pressure on tillery street and the local authorities. Mental health, some kids are probably already anxious and nervous about what's ahead. For example maybe anxious of going to the comprehensive school in a year or two years time moving them out of there comfort zone now will only add to there mental health and wellbeing! Covid affected a lot of children especially mine this will just add to it for a lot of children, let's act like responsible adults as I assume you all are and do what's best for them and there futures mentally and physically. I'm begging you to reconsider other options I was one of the first at this school when it opened 26 years ago and it was the best time of my life! All my kids enjoy this school it's one of the best school in gwent. This school made me and many others who we are today, this school is still young and it's no one's fault bar the council for the lack of maintenance at this premises. You built a recycling centre right next to it? Why not get extra funds to help the school when you did? But most importantly I think you need to listen to the children too! It's there future your messing with, youve had your generation don't ruin there's.

- As a former pupil of Roseheyworth Millennium Primary School, I believe that Roseheyworth should not be closed. It provided me with and continues to provide a supportive and nurturing environment for children in that part of Abertillery. It may be smaller than the other primary schools in the ALC, but I believe that's one of the school's strengths as it ensures a close community in which every child is seen and heard. With Roseheyworth closing, the surrounding schools would receive even more children meaning that more go unseen in larger classes. Roseheyworth is incredibly special, and I urge that the proposal be reconsidered.
- As a grandmother and had the pleasure of taking the to school. Schools are a pillar of the community, at the end of the day, it's about these children's education.
- As a local resident living near Tillery street school Concerns around traffic on Tillery Street Concerns for pressure on other two schools Concerns of birth rate increases not enough spaces A new school from 2000 being claimed as too much money which has great facilities Families in that area of Abertillery being isolated with no school in walking distance
- As a member of staff with 2 roles, 1 at Roseheyworth School and 1 at TS the proposed closure would have a devastating impact on my life and the stability of our community. Like many of my colleagues, I face the possibility of losing my job or being forced to relocate or accept redeployment elsewhere, which would seriously affect my livelihood as I do not drive. The majority of us working in these roles are women who depend on the school being close to home so we can balance work with childcare and caring responsibilities. If the school closes, finding suitable part-time work locally would be extremely difficult, and travelling further simply isn't realistic for many of us. This would not only affect our families but could deepen the deprivation already felt in the area, removing stable employment from a community that relies on it.
- As a member of the Abertillery community I would like to express my opposition to the closure of Roseheyworth School. This decision does not just affect the families of children attend the school, it also affects all of us who live, work, and travel in this area. I am also concerned about the significant increase in traffic this proposal would create around Six Bells and Tillery Street. These areas already struggle with congestion, parking issues, and road safety challenges during school drop off and pick up times. Adding hundreds more children to these sites will make an already difficult situation dangerous. Local roads simply cannot cope with the increased volume of cars, buses, and pedestrians, putting children, parents, and residents at real and unnecessary risk. Closing Roseheyworth School would not only remove a valuable community asset but would also create avoidable safety hazards and place huge pressure on other schools in the town. Abertillery deserves solutions that protect children's education and safeguard our community, not decisions that put both at risk.
- As a parent and ptfa member of six bells school, I am extremely concerned with the plans for the closure of Roseheyworth school. I walk from by roseheyworth to six bells every day and it takes us 40 minutes with my 11 year old, let alone how difficult it will be with a buggy or smaller children. They will be exhausted before the day begins. It also has a significant impact because children

from other schools come home at the same time and parents can't be in two places at once. Before it would be a five minute school run so you could be back in time to meet your other child but now it would be a much longer wait. The class sizes will be large, the schools are struggling to accommodate the amount of Sen children then have already, how on earth is that going to work with the merger. How is each teacher going to meet the educational needs of each child? Will you extend the other schools? Will the money you save from closing Roseheyworth go directly into our children's education in ALC? The parking in six bells is already inadequate parents are having to arrive over half an hour early to get a Disabled space or even spaces on the car park. On the journey in there is a bridge with traffic lights we have already been stuck there for around 20 mins due to the sheer amount of traffic trying to get through during school times. We mainly walk to school, the pavements are narrow and on the road leading up to the school the pavement is made up of slabs that are broken and cracked. My child can't run as I'm afraid they will trip, there is also constant recycling bins left out, which also makes it difficult to walk, not to mention constant dog mess. Roseheyworth is a lovely school a useful building with easy access. I would feel saddened at its closure and another empty building in Abertillery. I care passionately about our town and the opportunities it has for our children. We love Roseheyworth school it is an asset to the community, its teachers and staff are outstanding and the children who attend are happy. Your proposal will cause disruption to the children's education, if you spilt them between two schools you are splitting up friends, and familiar faces across the board. Let alone the children that are already struggling to settle in school this will have a detrimental impact on them. I know this for a fact because my child was in queen st when that merger happened, she is autistic and it caused her significant emotional stress at the time. I understand money issues but as a deprived area surely we should have more money spent on education more money spent on each child to give each child an opportunity to achieve their full potential with the school, staff, and resources each classroom needs to encourage each child to grow and in the long run change Abertillery. If you pour the money it to education and giving these children the best who knows what they can accomplish. Smaller schools, more resources and a better brighter future. Thank you.

- As a parent i dont drive and cant get them to another school
- As a parent of 2 children in Sixbells campus I can categorically say that if you were to go ahead with the closure of Rosehayworth school it will be a huge mistake. The parking facilities or lack of at Sixbells campus prove an absolute nightmare on a daily basis at drop off and pick up, with the possibility of adding countless more pupils which in turn with bring more vehicles it will cause carnage. However the main issue will be these children, children whose parents don't drive, are unable to walk their children all the way to Sixbells, children with additional needs who need routine. You will be causing an enormous amount of stress for parents and children if you were to go ahead.
- As a parent of a child currently attending Six Bells Campus, Year 1, I do not think this school is fit for purpose as it is, let alone adding additional children to it. The classrooms are tiny, yes they have a learning street but to add additional children into a class which already has 30 children will no only affect the education these children already have but stretch resources even further. Having a class of children 35+ is ridiculous, your education/exam levels at the end of all this will take a hit in years to come. Also with the reputation of Abertillery Learning Community Comprehensive you're just setting these poor children up for failure. Illnesses spread so quickly around schools nowadays, adding more children to a school which seems pretty full as it is is only going to further affect attendance and again, the poor children's education. The hall is small, having another 2 full classrooms of children will put a stretch on the canteen facility's along with assemblies. Are they all meant to be squashed in like sardines? Or are you going to segregate the school between primary/junior? Although we walk to school, this can be a nightmare with the awful parking/driving standards around the school as it is. Adding additional pupils from a school which is a 40+ minute walk away will only take a further hit on the congestion, pollution/emissions and danger for children who walk to and from school.
- As a parent of a child that is a carer for my mam that lives in roseheywoth it is detrimental for my child to stay in roseheywoth school so for the wellbeing of all the children and families that is in the same situation the school should remain open.
- As a part-time member of staff at Roseheyworth School and also a relief mid-day supervisor, the proposed closure would have a devastating impact on my life and the stability of our community. Like many of my colleagues, I face the possibility of losing my job or being forced to relocate or

accept redeployment elsewhere, which would seriously affect my livelihood due to my caring role to my mother. The majority of us working in these roles are women who depend on the school being close to home so we can balance work with childcare and caring responsibilities. If the school closes, finding suitable part-time work locally would be extremely difficult, and travelling further simply isn't realistic for many of us. This would not only affect our families but could deepen the deprivation already felt in the area, removing stable employment from a community that relies on it.

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- As a resident I do not support this proposal, too much traffic on Tillery street. Accident waiting to happen.
- As a wider resident of Six Bells, this will cause even more traffic than there is at present plus parking is horrendous around the school. I believe this will cause more accidents in the area, we have to think of the safety of the kids and the general public.
- As both a teacher and a parent, I am concerned about the impact the proposed closure of the Roseheyworth Road campus will have on class sizes and educational quality. Staff and resources are already stretched. Absorbing additional pupils into the remaining campuses risks increasing class sizes, reducing individual attention, and placing further pressure on teachers and support staff. This will negatively affect pupil progress, wellbeing, and behaviour — particularly for younger children and those needing additional support.
- As I parent who has had a child that went to Roseheyworth. The support he was given was amazing. I believe to close it will be detrimental to not only the current children but all the children in the future. Please reconsider your decision
- As somebody that works with ALN children in the area, including in Roseheyworth ALC, I cannot see how this is fair to a cohort of children who require sensitive consideration to their care. Travel - many of the families I work with do not drive and cannot access public transport easily due to their child's ALN. To travel from the Roseheyworth area to the other two schools will be difficult for families who do not have access to their own transport. Classroom sizes - I have visited both Tillery Street and Six Bells ALC and class sizes are large already. Many of the children I work with access a smaller, Nest provision which they require due to needing a high level of adult supervision to keep safe, adapted sensory curriculums and to avoid sensory overload from busy classroom. Merging ALN provision will increase classroom sizes again.
- Because I don't want to lose my 2 jobs at this school
- Because of the children's education!
- Being one of the first pupils to ever attend this school after construction finished. It saddens me to see the councils proposal to close this perfectly fine school with the excuse of it's beyond repair. Without having Children myself, i can most certainly understand, this will not only cause stress and disruption to many parents within this local area but also the children who currently attend this school. They would have grown confidence, life skills and character within these walls, and now face uncertain times at a such young impressionable age. If i can understand this, i find it difficulty that the people making this decision, cant understand it. Or maybe, it's a case of, they do but simply, do not care. As a local council, you should be supporting your residence and finding solutions to eliminate circumstances such as this. Heaven forbid, we pay enough council tax for you to do so. For once, put your community first and fight for what is right. I'm sure you would be respected a lot more for it.
- Bethany Baptist Church is adjacent to Six Bells Campus. The roads around Six Bells campus are extremely congested at school drop off and collection times. Cars park either side of the road, making it very difficult to drive past if you meet an oncoming vehicle. Parking in the carpark is always at a premium as the carpark is used by teaching staff, parents, visitors to Ty Ebbw Fach and users of the church. This congestion will inevitably get worse with an influx of new pupils

travelling from the other side of town to be dropped off. Car parking pressures will also increase with additional teaching staff, as well as at drop off times.

- Both my children are in this campus and I don't feel there is enough room in the other campus. They are both happy and settled and I think unsettling the children and moving them will impact their education and happiness. It is a lovely school with lots of happy children and good teachers. Please don't shut the school
- Both my two children went to this school it would be very sad to see it empty and not in use, such a lovely school.
- of my children have attended this school. It would be detrimental to children in the area who would not be able to travel to other schools. Not to mention the increase in class numbers having an impact on the childrens capability to learn.
- Both of my children have been barricaded or sent out of classrooms due to aggressive behaviour within their classes on more than one occasion I am concerned how staff with cope with extra children. As a resident I am concerned about the influx of traffic on the street most people will not walk the distance from Rosehyworth and will be bringing cars only last week a parent waiting for their child needed to move for me because they were blocking the road. I am also concerned about the disruptiveness this change will cause the children especially as my son will be in year 6 in September.
- Both other schools already have large classes and trying to merge additional children into schools already at capacity is only detrimental to all children.
- Both tillery street and six bells are at full capacity there is no more room in the classrooms not only that children with additional needs are not being support enough as it is, also the traffic and parking is horrendous
- Cars at tillery campus terrible if roseheyworth pupils are transferred to tillery campus it will be atrocious
- Children education will suffer.
- Children from Arael View/The Avenues etc will have an awful long way to go to get to school especially in the bad weather. We live in one of the most deprived areas and some people can hardly afford to feed their children and keep the light in let alone afford bus fares to school and still have a soaking because neither Tillery St Campus or Six Bells Campus is on the bus route! Classes will also be so overcrowded, with children clamouring for attention.
- Children have had enough disruption in recent years (Covid). It is absolutely abhorrent to want to close a school that has only been open for 26 years, using the maintenance cost as an excuse is downright pathetic. I believe the council are not being truthful with the genuine reasons behind the closure. Not only will the closure cause unnecessary disruption to all pupils, where is the consideration for children who are classified as ALN or SEN and the impact that these changes will have on them? Logistically, it will be a nightmare. Class room dimensions can't magically change to accommodate extra children. Also, how are parents who do not drive and live too far from campuses get their children to school safely? Parking is very limited at both Tillery Street and Six Bells as it is.
- Children in arreal view and Roseheyworth need this school as the other schools are too far and are full to the brim as it is.
- Children of Roseheyworth should not have to walk all the way to Tillery Street to go to school.
- Children should come before money, also mental health is so important for the children and the teaching staff you have not thought of any of these factors.
- Children that attend this school need to be thought of first clearly have no care of the impact its going to have on them!
- Childrens education is going to suffer immensely, buses going into the schools are a danger. There are all ready busses going to these schools
- Class sizes at the two other schools will be too big. How will the parents of roseheyworth children get the children to six bells/Abertillery campuses? These campuses already have terrible access. What will happen to mini me's? I have relied on them when my daughter was young.
- Class sizes need to be maintained at a level which supports education as a priority, my understanding is that the class sizes at the other sites are at capacity already and adding more children to the mix will be harmful.
- Classes already full in the other campus'

- Classes are full now without adding other children
- Classes at tillery campus are already too big. My daughter already has to take her lessons in the corridor. I do not see how adding extra children to the campus will benefit.
- Classes in Abertillery are already overcrowded.
- Classes too big. Education will suffer badly. Why so much debt?
- Closing a lovely primary school and merging it with two others is a bad idea because it can have a deeply negative impact on both pupils and staff. Young children thrive in familiar, nurturing environments where they feel safe, known, and valued; removing them from a close-knit school community can cause anxiety, disrupt friendships, and affect their confidence and learning. Larger, merged schools often mean bigger class sizes and less individual attention, making it harder to meet each child's needs. For staff, the uncertainty surrounding redundancies, role changes, and longer commutes can damage morale and wellbeing. Teachers and support staff who have built strong relationships with families may feel their dedication and hard work are being disregarded. Overall, closing a successful primary school risks weakening the sense of community, stability, and personal care that is so vital for children's development and for a committed, motivated staff team
- Closing a primary school that is only 26 years old is difficult to justify, as it represents a significant and relatively recent public investment that should continue to be used rather than wasted. The building is likely to meet modern safety, accessibility, and educational standards better than many older schools, making its closure inefficient. Beyond the physical structure, the school plays a vital role as a community hub, supporting local families and fostering a sense of belonging, which would be lost if it were shut down. The impact on young children would be considerable, as longer travel times, disruption to friendships, and changes in learning environments can negatively affect their wellbeing and development. In addition, closing the school would likely put pressure on nearby schools, leading to overcrowding and reduced quality of education. It could also increase traffic and environmental harm as more children would need to travel further distances. Furthermore, future population growth could quickly make the closure short-sighted, as reopening a school is far more costly and complex than keeping one running. The loss of experienced staff and the school's established culture would further undermine educational continuity, while reducing parental choice in the area. Given that alternative solutions such as resource sharing or leadership restructuring may exist, closure should be seen as a last resort rather than a necessary step.
- Closing the school due to financial pressures and falling pupil numbers ignores the long-term value it provides to students and the community. This school offers a supportive environment that many students rely on. Closing it would disrupt education and place unnecessary stress on families. Rather than closing the school, we urge authorities to work with the community to find sustainable solutions.
- Closing the school would be a bad decision.
- Closing the school would create significant practical and safety concerns for students, parents, and staff. The roads and parking around Tillery Street and the Six Bells campus are already extremely congested during morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. Adding 120 or more additional pupils would only make an already difficult situation worse. Increased traffic would raise safety risks for children, parents, and local residents. Beyond traffic concerns, fitting over 120 extra pupils into two existing schools would put considerable pressure on space and resources. Classrooms, halls, canteen facilities, and parking areas are already in regular use. It is important to consider whether both buildings realistically have the capacity to accommodate such an increase without compromising daily operations. There are also concerns about the quality of education and supervision. Would all pupils continue to receive the same standard of education? Are there enough qualified staff to properly support and supervise the increased number of children? Overcrowded classrooms can affect learning outcomes and reduce the level of attention each child receives. In addition, many families would face longer journeys. For children in Roseheyworth, what was once a short two minute walk to school could become a ten minute car journey, assuming parents or guardians have access to transport. Not all families do. This change could create unnecessary stress and logistical challenges for many households. For these reasons, closing the school does not appear to be in the best interests of the children, families, or the wider community.
- closing the school would have a negative effect on every child
- Closing this school will have a massive impact on our community my family members went to this school and its so important that it stays open

- Closure of Roseheyworth Road School *Local parents should be allocated the local school to their home. If this were the case, pupil numbers at Roseheyworth Road School would be higher. *New families could move to the area with more children. *Arael View / Roseheyworth area is already an isolated community. Bus hire a huge expense, plus taxis where applicable. Roseheyworth Rd School is the hub of the whole community. *As a former School Governor, I witnessed the sports opportunities at Roseheyworth Road School for these our local children as they have access to the Sports Fields at County Grounds next door. Six Bells Campus does not have access to a designated school sports pitch. Green fields and surrounding nature being impactful for mental and physical health. *Nestled in the valley, Roseheyworth Road School has calm green vistas for the pupils and staff from the school. This is surely a jewel in the crown of ALC Campuses. *The road to Tillery Street Campus is not conducive to vehicular access. The street already has residents parking outside their homes which makes it difficult for 2 cars to pass. Morning school opening times and end of school day are very exasperating for all motorists who venture up Tillery Street. The streets leading to Tillery Street Campus are very congested and have numerous potholes. *Car parking facilities are inadequate at Tillery Street and Six Bells for carers dropping off learners. Insufficient parking at Tillery Street Campus and Six Bells Campus without further additions. *Dog fouling everywhere. Everyone's shoes and prams pick up the excrement. Huge danger to eyesight in removing the dog excrement from shoes and prams etc. *Parents with children of various ages along with babies in prams would have difficulty walking pupils to the Six Bells or Tillery Street Campus from Arael View Estate or Roseheyworth Estate. Should school transport be laid on for the pupils from these locations for pupils only, there would end up being a huge disconnect for parents and the class teacher and very possibly their child's school. *Abertillery Learning Community needs to retain at least one primary school within its portfolio which is one storey to facilitate those with mobility issues. The lift at Tillery Street Campus enabling the Key Stage 2 Learning to happen on the 1st floor regularly breaks down which would inevitably make wheelchair access impossible as the stairs and external steps are then the only route to the upper floor classrooms.
- Complete waste of money!!!
- Concerned that there will be too many children to a class, may not receive the education they deserve
- Concerned with future increased class sizes impacting the quality of learning for pupils. Overall impact in pupil learning outcomes.
- Concerns for the provision of the Nest class which supports my child with ASD with no roseheyworth school he has no support setting to be able to attend school safely.
- Concerns for the provision of the rest class which supports my grandson with autism within Roseheyworth school he has no support setting to be able to attend school safely.
- Considering closing a SEN/ALN school that's less than 30 years old is very bizarre, when surely the older primary school sites are more costly to maintain etc and the potential that sibling groups could be sent to separate schools is something, I think needs to be thoroughly refined to prevent before anything else especially if the decision goes ahead regardless of what these surveys show the public's opinion be it against or for.
- Dear Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, I am writing as a member of the wider Abertillery community and also a grandparent of children who attend ALC to express my strong opposition to the proposed closure of Roseheyworth School. This decision does not only affect the families whose children attend the school; it affects all of us who live, work, and travel in this area. Moving an entire school's worth of children into Six Bells and Tillery Street, both of which are already close to capacity, will inevitably result in overcrowded classrooms and overstretched staff. This is not the kind of learning environment our town's children deserve, and it risks lowering the quality of education across Abertillery as a whole. I am also extremely concerned about the significant increase in traffic this proposal would create around Six Bells and Tillery Street. These areas already struggle with congestion, parking issues, and road safety challenges during school drop off and pick up times. Adding more children to these sites will make an already difficult situation dangerous. Local roads simply cannot cope with the increased volume of cars, buses, and pedestrians, putting children, parents, and residents at real and unnecessary risk. For these reasons, I strongly urge the council to reconsider. Closing Roseheyworth School would not only remove a valuable community asset but would also create avoidable safety hazards and place

huge pressure on other schools in the town. Abertillery deserves solutions that protect our children's education and safeguard our community, not decisions that put both at risk.

- Disgusting to do this. Have they thought about working parents having to travel further to take their children to school? Have they thought about the traffic congestion its going to cause? Its bad enough at Tillery school campus now. Not only that the school hasnt been there that long, what a waste of money.
- Disgusting, the classes are already way too big, that's with 3 primary school campuses, worry for my child's learning, shocking decision this
- Disliked the sneaky way it was disclosed.
- Disturbing children with disabilities when they are settled in to this school to move them to a over crowded class room will set them back considerably
- Do not agree with bigger classes in the other schools meaning more pressure on staff and a worse learning experience for pupils. Especially those with additional needs. The distance to the other schools for parents living near roseheyworth school would be large. Especially for those having to walk with no car/driving licence. Small community schools were the driving force of villages, and these crammed super schools are going to have detrimental effects on all involved.
- Do not agree with closing Roseheyworth school
- Do not agree with the closure
- Do not close
- Do not support proposal
- Doesn't seem necessary to close this school. Too many cons compared to pros.
- Don't Agree with School Closing
- Don't close down the school
- Don't agree with school closure. Will disrupt children and all staff.
- Don't close Roseheyworth School
- dont like it keep roseheyworth
- Dont support closure of school
- Dont support closure of school
- Don't think it should shut it's a necessity for the children of Roseheyworth.
- Education in the valley can be very poor. To hear classrooms are already operating at full capacity with expectations to add more pupils into the classrooms is beyond belief.
- Education is most important, don't shut roseheyworth school
- Every time I go past this school in the mornings the vast majority of parents walk their child here from the surrounding area now if this school was here how do you suppose these poor children walk to a school far away from home, you would simply be adding more danger that isn't necessary as I've lived in this area of Abertillery all my like I also went to this school as my parent don't drive and it was very close to us I know how dangerous the walk towards town is due to irresponsible drivers and I still see it now when I'm at the bus stop taking my son to his school, you have completely disregard the children and parents doing this matter and I hope each and every single one fight back and show that you are making extreme and silly decisions, I'd also like to add the 2 schools you would cram those children in have enough issues going on with overcrowding as it is so I propose you look into that first.
- Fears for overcrowding at alternative sites. Unsettling the young people at the current site leading to a detrimental impact on learning. Increased distance to travel to alternative sites leading to more using a car causing an increased volume in congestion around the alternative sites.
- Financial issues- it's a problem with too many staff at the top. Staff structure needs looking at. Primary is being punished for 3-16 nightmare.
- Firstly & most importantly i am a parent of two children at Roseheyworth. My youngest child is in year 1. She has had a rough start to life suffering from hip dysplacia & spending 18 months in a full body cast from her chest down to her feet. She trusts & has built fantastic relationships with her current teachers at Roseheyworth & feels safe in her environment. To uproot her from her safe place i believe would be detrimental to her mental health & wellbeing. She struggles in busy environments & even the thought of her class size being any bigger than it is scares us & her. She has thrived since nursery & has even become one of Roseheyworths MAT students. It makes my daughter, myself & my husband feel incredibly anxious about the prospect of her moving schools. The worry of regression in our child is incomprehensible at the moment. Our

other child is currently in year 4. Again, he relies heavily on the trust & relationships he has built with the staff & the safety he feels within the building at Roseheyworth. His class size is one of the smallest at Roseheyworth. Currently 17 children. He thrives in this class as do his friends. He is 9 & his reading is currently at comprehensive level. Putting him into a much larger class size would 100% effect his education. His teacher is currently in the position to be able to provide plenty of targeted learning which has benefited our child greatly. Ive asked my son how he would feel in a larger class & a larger school. He feels very anxious at the prospect & im not surprised given that he is only 9. If school closure goes ahead our son will be moved at the final year of primary school. I cant tell you how upsetting this is for us. Uprooted at a detrimental time within his primary education. Upheaval at a time when he should feel most settled before his transition to comprehensive school. Both of our children also use breakfast club provision. This is something that we cannot live without as we are both full time working parents. We know that 60 children currently use our breakfast club provision at roseheyworth. It concerns us that there may be a waiting list or no spaces at the other campuses. We also wonder where food & fun will be held during half terms? As currently pupils from all 3 primary campuses attend Roseheyworth for this. We also worry as parents about the safety aspects at the other two campuses. We know that the congestion at Tillery Street & Six Bells is horrendous at drop off & pick up times & with Roseheyworth parents cars added this increases the chance of accidents with traffic & pedestrians. Parking situations would be horrendous at Tillery Street & Six Bells with extra traffic & would no doubt put extra unnecessary pressure on pur emergency services too. Walking routes from Roseheyworth to the other two campuses are not safe, with bus routes & the main A467 being the only routes for some children. There are also parents at roseheyworth who do not drive, they have children at mini mes & at school. How will they possibly manage? I also chair the PTFA at Roseheyworth. We have been tirelessly fund raising over the past few years. We subsidise all school trips & we fully fund trips that classes are not able to afford. We've been raising money & have recently been quoted for new playground surfaces & equipment. We provide big events that the whole community come together & enjoy. The school is the heart of Roseheyworth & the loss of it & the PTFA would be devastating to the local community. As a PTFA member & a parent i have built great trusting relationships with teachers & staff at roseheyworth. I worry about the pressure that teachers will be under with larger class sizes & upheaval from a school that some have worked at for 25 years. We have lots of ALN children at Roseheyworth. The upheaval of these children would be devastating. The effect on their mental health & wellbeing, their education with a massive chance of regression & their attendance would all no doubt be at risk. Moving these children into larger class sizes, away from their safe place & removing their bonds with their current teachers would be catastrophic to their health & their education. I have no doubt about that, especially spending so much time with them since becoming chair of the PTFA. We have a number of young carers at Roseheyworth. One in particular has the person they care for living directly opposite the school gate. It is imperative that these children remain in education at Roseheyworth so that they can stay accessible to the people they care for. The amount of stress that upheaval would add to these childrens lives is totally unacceptable. There are also children that have moved to the other primary campuses because of bullying issues. I know that there are a number of very worried parents & students over this issue. I urge you to stand by your new Marmot council mission statement - Listen to your communities and take bold action to make our lives fairer & healthier. We are asking you to make the right decision, listen to us. Dont close our very precious school.

- Firstly classes in six bells campus are already being split into two separate classes, for example year 4 and year 4-5, this is limiting some pupils and now allowing them to try and better their self, second the parking situation in six bells campus is horrendous, there is 3 disabled bays in the school (which are always full) the other disabled bays in the guardian carpark are always full, the car park becomes overfull at the end of school and becomes a hazard to the children leaving school, the parking outside the school up the road is terrible also, if you come down towards the school at around 3pm and happen to meet a car coming the other way this causes a standstill blockage where nobody can move until one inconsiderate person moves their parked car from a dangerous place or from double parked, if you think adding additional pupils to six bells campus, therefore increased car activity (if you attend roseheyworth it's because you live close, it is not a suitable walking distance from there to six bells campus), it will be an even worse situation at the end of day/start of the day, you speak to the head teacher in regards to these problems and she

passes the blame onto the council (saying it's a council owned carpark) and you speak to the council and they pass the blame onto the school saying its the schools carpark it's a terrible idea to cram loads of children into the other schools, when they were designed and built I'm sure they were built within the measurements for the expected children/people that was due to attend once it was completed, I think putting additional children in is a health and safety measure that Bleanau Gwent will just ignore and pass the blame onto the headteachers when it all goes wrong!

- Firstly the process around this proposal has been absolutely abysmal. I work for the NHS as a senior manager, and I was appalled to find out that staff, parents and children found out from Social media. No prior heads up via LA or Governing Body. Secondly, With the way Snr Management is across the full ALC. You could literally save £500,000 just on Senior Staff. Why do you need an Executive Head, Two Deputy Heads overseeing the ALC. Then a head teacher and deputy across all campuses and that's without the 5 assistant head teachers of the comprehensive school. I think the structure needs to be addressed before closing schools. Throwing money away like confetti. Also, if the school is over £900,000 debt, who is accountable for letting this get to that point? The school employs a finance manager? If they are accountable that's another 30-40k you can save. Put a qualified business manager in to oversee all the school and to make the necessary cutbacks. Why do you need to have 4 canteens? Why can't you centralise the catering by and transport to other campuses? Again saving staff. Outside of the school hours, why can't the buildings be used for community activities? Renting halls out, Renting Classrooms, Offering Adult lessons and Bringing in third party companies to rent the facilities. So many opportunities, but unfortunately BGCBC are too lazy to explore opportunities. Unfortunately, by closing this school you are punishing the most vulnerable and under privileged families without means or ways of getting to the other campuses. I think it's a knee jerk decision, rather than looking at the opportunities. I compare you to the WRU taking the easy way out rather than working hard and putting things right.
- Firstly, communication around this proposal to parents has been diabolical, first issued via social media with very little information which as you can imagine has not landed the messaging in the way it was probably intended. The proposal should have not been submitted without gathering views as a first port of call as from the social media response, it is clear this is not supported from the majority of those affected. Parking/drop off/pick up at other campuses will be massively impacted with residents in those areas also affected. How is this going to be addressed? It is already impassible on Tillery Street or Six Bells during school drop off and collection times. Can we please have more information around the repairs required at Roseheyworth in detail with quotes for said repairs if possible, what funding is available already and what funds are required? Has any thought been given into working as a community to resolve any repairs required such as utilising small local businesses who specialise in this and would possibly offer a discount to any work required as it benefits their community and with many having children attending the school. Alternatively, if there are smaller repairs required, Roseheyworth has a fantastic PTFA group who could arrange for volunteers to support with projects/fundraising, etc. What is the proposal for use of the site if closure is agreed? Quality of learning - you mention there is capacity at the other campuses however this is not the feedback/response from families who have children attending those campuses. They are equally concerned about overcrowding in classrooms which would directly impact the quality of education each child receives and impact their future. How is the decision going to be made in terms of the responses received - if the majority do not support the proposal, what are the next steps and who makes the final decision - names and positions of individuals with authority to decide.
- Foolish proposal that will affect each of the campuses negatively. Staff, children and residents will be poorly affected if this goes ahead
- For many years the education of children in BG have suffered the Abertillery area. They have had many disruptions over the years. The 3-16 super school has been a problem since it opened with a number of principles come and go same with deputies and heads of campus the structure is top heavy and i feel this needs addressing, to save money not closing a school that is only 26 years old. 127 children where are you planning on putting them? Tillery st the parking in tillery st and newall st are very bad in morning and afternoon. Im not sure about the six bells campus but as alot of parents in roseheyworth don't drive is there going to be transport? All this is about money nothing to do with whats best for the children well change the top-heavy structure you would save loads of money keep the school that is considered a new building compared with queen st

bryngwyn that were over 100 years old. 3-16 needs sorting my daughter was 10 when this all started, she is now 23 and nothing good has come from it.

- From working at the school for a number of years, I was able to see how well loved and meaningful the school is. Yes the classrooms may be lower in numbers than other schools, at the moment, however this helps many children thrive. To shut the school would be crazy, long walks to the next school, we have more wet weather than dry. It is so not fair on the children. We expect them to be settled and feel safe. Not to be in overcrowded classrooms that would bring more stress to both children and teachers. Illnesses would rise impacting children's learning as well as increased noise and distraction. These children do not deserve this!!
- Full breakdown of costs need to be provided these seem to be inflated. How do you plan on providing transport? How do you plan to provide enough staff and create savings at the same time
- funding towards brand new uniforms not present, children settlement and mental health affected, children won't receive adequate learning teaching capacity limited.
- Grandparent who is unable to get grandchild further away! Too many in the class. BGCBC paying too many top people!
- Has a parent of two children who goes to this school one who is autistic and as additional learning needs the closing of the school will be detrimental to her health and well being. Which ever school they have to go to will be a lengthy walk along busy roads which has not been assessed. I believe this is more than just a school but a community hub for the area. The Tillery Street campus already has severe traffic congestion with people picking up and dropping off their children I have witnessed children having to walk on the road around cars parked on pavement I believe it to be an accident waiting to happen.
- Has anybody thought this through, so many knock on from this from job losses to children's welfare. Do they not matter.
- Have you stopped to think about the knock on result of such a stupid idea. Loss of jobs and confused children.
- Having known one of the mums who has two little girls at the school for several years now, I can see that the idea of the school closing is a distressful one for both her and her children. They are happy, settled and thriving where they are and the school is local to my friend and fitting in with her working schedule, budget for travelling to school and she is most upset that her girls will be emotionally upheaved if they have to move.
- Having lived by and attended Tillery Street campus they are already at maximum capacity and I believe it would be detrimental to children's education
- His closure will seriously impact children and their families, I work full time for Blaenau Gwent council and this school is on my doorstep. My daughter is currently thriving at this school and it would seriously impact her academically, socially and mentally if she were to be moved to an already over crowded school.
- How can you expect children from Roseheyworth to commute to Tillery Street or Six Bells. There is not much capacity in Tillery Street or Six Bells so where are they going to go. You should encourage people to go to their catchment schools as some travel from Roseheyworth to other sites.
- How can you expect to accommodate pupils in the other schools. My grandson year 1 class in Six Bells already has 30 children in it. We should be ensuring that class sizes are kept small as possible to allow teachers to give them their full attention and give pupils the best opportunity to thrive and learn.
- How much of the overspending is directly linked to Roseheyworth Road? Will the savings actually remain in education or be used elsewhere in the council budget? • Will specialist support of ALN/SEN be maintained. The nest is situated in the only available classroom in Tillery Street, what would happen to the children using this facility? What about the traffic and road safety? The campuses struggle now on three sides for parking, is there any thought gone into this when reduced to two campuses? What will the class sizes be at Tillery Street and Six Bells after the move, and will it mean an increase in mixed class ages? Could pupil numbers rise again, and if so will capacity be lost permanently, because there's no additional room once Roseheyworth is closed?
- I absolutely do not support the proposal to shut Roseheyworth Campus, closing will have a detrimental effect not just on pupils but the community as a whole. As a TA within the Blaenau Gwent area, I see first hand how stretched staff and resources are in schools and if this closure

goes ahead it will just add to the struggles. The amount of children that need extra specialised provision is rising and there are waiting lists for the correct schools that can cater for their needs. It makes absolute no sense whatsoever to close a school that is only 26 years old. I know the current intake is 127 children and this is lower than the other campuses but this does not warrant closure. Quite frankly the children of Blaenau Gwent deserve better!

- I am an elderly lady and the traffic at school run times is concerning people park on pavements it is dangerous I fear for my life. Having more children attending six bells school will make this scary situation even worse.
- I am appalled at this proposal and how it was brought forward to the parents and teachers by a facebook link of a leaked email. This is terrible of any council, having no thought for any young families living in their community and the staff. My grandchildren attend Roseheyworth school and have done so since they were 2, having attended mini me's. They have thrived and loved school life. My youngest granddaughter has shown signs of anxiety since this has come about. Shame on you. We don't have the answers she needs to hear because of your incompetence and no plan of action being shared should the closure go ahead. Both of my grandchildren have made close friendship groups that now face being torn apart between the other 2 schools. You say they will thrive in larger classes.... how well do you know the children!? Because this will not always be the case and the children face massive changes which in my opinion will result in loss of confidence and becoming withdrawn. My daughter and son in law viewed local schools when it was time to apply for nursery, there are reasons they chose roseheyworth and I'm so glad they did. The teachers there are outstanding at what they do, the PTA are wonderful, the pupils always happy, which speaks volumes and all staff are friendly and welcoming. How you would even think of closing such a lovely school is beyond me. If the council is losing so much money, then I get closures will happen, but surely a school should never be considered as a very very last resort! Where is all this money being lost to have had to even consider this proposal. There are so many things you need to explain. Is there adequate parking at each school!? Both campuses have already expressed how drop off and pick up times are crazy with cars parked on double yellows and having to give way on the entrances to six bells, with some people arriving to collect their children an hour early to guarantee they can park. This sounds dangerous to me. If your answer is for more parents to walk to school, have you considered working parents!? Disabled children/parents/siblings etc. I am a blue badge holder and pick my grandchildren up often. There is only a handful of disabled parking spaces at roseheyworth but I am always able to get one. The car park is often full, but cars parked in spaces and on the roundabout in the carpark, not causing any harm and certainly not as dangerous as Tillery Street and Six Bells Sound. There is no safe route for my grandchildren to walk to either of the other schools, I'm assuming you will be working on making safer routes, zebra crossing, street lighting etc. Safety reflectors for the children etc. I am also concerned that if this closure goes ahead, how will you transfer them to the other schools, surely they will need visits, which will be disruptive to their education and my eldest granddaughter will be in year 6 next year, how will this fare for her. Surely she will not move mid year!? I'm so against this if so, they either need to be moved at the beginning of the year to have the whole year there before comp or left at roseheyworth until they go to comp to minimise the disruption this will cause and emotional stress it will bring. I am not happy at all with the proposal of closing roseheyworth campus. I think if you do, this will be a huge mistake.
- I am completely against the school closing. I have felt so saddened at the thought of this going ahead since your leaked proposal. I have 2 daughters in roseheyworth and have big worries with regards to how you think transitioning pupils into two different already busy/full schools is going to affect them. The children have settled in their surroundings and have already formed good friendship groups which face being torn apart. This in itself will be detrimental to their happiness and wellbeing. Also children in other schools will have already formed friendships and this poses new social challenges for our children and I worry that my youngest especially will become withdrawn as she is already shy and struggles with change. During the Easter break, we went for a walk around both of the other schools and felt really sad at the lack of outdoor space and facilities I could see there. I was appalled at the parking situation there, especially at six bells. It's so narrow there and I could see vehicles need to give way to oncoming traffic into the one way system. The spaces were cramped and I think the chaos of school pick up times will be an accident waiting to happen there. Are you going to extend this car park to make it easier to manoeuvre around safely!? Add more spaces etc. This definitely needs forward planning and

should the proposal go ahead, needs to be a factor that i would expect to see improved upon. Roseheyworth has a spacious car park with adequate spaces and the flow of traffic is easy with the roundabout in the carpark with the wider road.... the roundabout at six bells is tiny... with narrow roads, that being busy, with so many school children as well? Im afraid for health and safety reasons that there will be an accident. We, at roseheyworth, have spacious, wonderful outdoor spaces with lots of greenery/banking. My children have both enjoyed planting and looking after the plants and have spacious play yards to run around in. There is a forrest garden there and access to the playing fields which is so beneficial to the children. The summer scheme "food and fun" always run from roseheyworth as it is the best for outdoor space and spacious classrooms. Both of my children have attended this scheme as me and their dad are working parents. For this reason, we use breakfast club as well. Will their be breakfast club available for our children to attend!? There is so many positive reasons to keep roseheyworth open, i am struggling to see the positives to your proposal and can only see your reasonings boiling down to money. If money is more important to you than our childrens welbeing and best interests, then i am worried. Me and my husband decided to move to the area as blaenau gwent council always seemed to support working parents and their families, living in a deprived area, this is important to us. Im beginning to think that other local councils may have been a better choice as money is clearly more important. The absolute last resort should be to close a wonderful school, disrupting settled and happy children who have wonderful teachers and support staff, but this proposal, which was leaked, appears to be an easy option for you. Shame on you.

- I am completely against this proposal. I am a parent of an Autistic little boy who currently attends Tillery Street Campus within the Nest Provision. If the school were to take on the extra pupils from Roseheyworth, this provision would have to end as the classroom would be required. My son will not cope within a mainstream class of 30+ pupils. It is a massive fight to get specialist provision as the spaces are limited. The school will not be meeting his needs, or the needs of many other children with ALN. Roseheyworth school is only 26 years old. How can the cost to upkeep repairs be so high. How will families who don't drive be supported to transport their children to Tillery St and Sixbells? Parking around the schools is already dangerous without added traffic and cars. The streets surrounding the schools are side streets which are not made for heavy traffic flow. This also has an implication for residents. How will the staff be supported? Will their jobs be secure? There are so many unanswered questions.
- I am Concerned about children safety with regards to walking. Are there any safe routes? Buses? wont that cost money? if building stays in education - you wont save money anyway as building works still need to be completed
- I am concerned about the capacity at Tillery Street school. If BG council were more strict with their boundaries, this would not be an issue. Whilst I understand an element of choice - ALC is now a leaning community, children should be placed in the closest school possible. This would eradicate capacity issues and spread the load across the 3 campuses. My son regularly complained about having to rush his dinner because of all the classes that needed to have food, he never had enough time to eat all his food. Classes are already extremely large with 2 classes per year group. To stop people having to travel further the boundaries should be tightened. Not closing a school that is less than 30 years old.
- I am concerned regarding the closing of Roseheyworth school and moving children to Six Bells. The traffic in the mornings and afternoons is dangerous we cannot have any more parents cars added to this daily problem.
- I am disgusted that you want to close a primary school and send young children to other schools further away from where they live. People complain about kids not walking to school anymore and how they are unfit and how they go everywhere by car and this proves the point. What if the parents don't drive? Also, I am a resident of Six Bells and I walk to the Guardian every day and from 2.15 until 3.30 the traffic down under the bridge, around Arael street and up the hill to Warm Turn is manic and dangerous; you can't even drive up there. The car park in Six Bells school is too small and I'm surprised someone hasn't been seriously hurt. I feel it's only a matter of time. I oppose the closure of Roseheyworth school.
- I am fully againts this proposal as I believe the childrens best interests have not been taking into consideration, neither has the Safety aspects of adding further stress and pressure onto the other campuses. This proposal will severely effect many childrens well being and mental health, causing unessesary stress, and could completely change the way some children will progress with

their learning. Will there be a full breakdown of the running costs of the Roseheyworth campus?, this should be fully transparent of where exactly the figures presented are actually being spent. How does the council plan to provide transport to children who don't have the means to get to the other campuses? How does the council plan to safely deal with the extra traffic and pupils at drop off times which are already being reported as dangerous. How do the council/campuses plan to deal with the extra pupils who are already at capacity in most year groups. How can the council claim that there will be adequate teaching support for the proposed class numbers? When class numbers could go into the 50s.

- I am right behind keeping the school open.
- I am shocked at this proposal and am strongly against it. The school provides a wonderful learning centre for our children, there is no room in the other schools and the travelling that the children from Roesheyworth, Bournville and biana is not acceptable. The school is not old, it is first class.
- I am so shocked at this proposal to close Roseheyworth School. It's location is absolutely ideal and safe for children to be dropped off and picked up safely with plenty of parking without causing chaos to local traffic. The road is much wider than most access roads in the locality. Tillery St/Newall St is a nightmare to negotiate already, as well as Six Bells Campus and adjoining access road. It's sad that maintenance has not been addressed when needed at Roseheyworth. Please reconsider carefully. I hope that the parents/guardians views of the affected children have been carefully considered. Kind regards. A concerned local citizen.
- I am the grandmother of two of the pupils one of which is ALN. The proposal to close the school will severely affect his learning and could split him and his brother from each other.
- I am totally against closing the school as the effect the children education and well being.
- I am worried about the implications of increased traffic at both Tyleri Street campus and at Six Bells campus. As you are aware traffic during pick up and drop off times heavily effect the area and it's a nightmare for anyone to be able to access their homes. If there was an emergency, services would find it difficult to attend and assist if there was an incident. Extra pupils and vehicles would only exacerbate this issue. Also merging the classes would increase the ratio of students to teachers. Studies show that larger class numbers directly effect learning outcomes.
- I am worried about the volume of traffic getting to work and my son walking home from Comp
- I am worried sick about my son he attends the nest classroom in Roseheyworth school he is autistic and I'm worried where he will go if the support will still continue and I believe moving him it could very well unsettle him he's content in his little classroom now also my daughter is a year 1 pupil she's made friends and been with them since mini mes I strongly disagree with the school closing.
- I am worried that there will be too many children to each class which will affect their education.
- I am writing as a member of the Abertillery community to oppose the closure of Roseheyworth School. This decision affects the whole town; not just the families directly linked to the school. Moving all pupils to Six Bells and Tillery Street; both already near capacity; will create overcrowded classrooms and place unnecessary pressure on staff. We are also worried about the extra traffic this would bring. These areas already struggle with congestion and safety issues during drop-off and pick-up times; adding more pupils will make the situation worse for children, parents, and residents. Closing Roseheyworth School would also lead to job losses; including roles such as lunchtime supervisors and support staff. This disruption would impact local families and create avoidable instability in our community. For these reasons; we urge the council to reconsider. Abertillery needs decisions that support safe; high-quality education and protect our community—not ones that put it under strain.
- I am writing as a member of the wider Abertillery community to express strong opposition to the proposed closure of Roseheyworth School. This decision does not only affect the families whose children attend the school; it affects all of us who live, work, and travel in this area. Moving an entire school's worth of children into Six Bells and Tillery Street, both of which are already close to capacity, will inevitably result in overcrowded classrooms and overstretched staff. This is not the kind of learning environment our town's children deserve, and it risks lowering the quality of education across Abertillery as a whole. We are also extremely concerned about the significant increase in traffic this proposal would create around Six Bells and Tillery Street. These areas already struggle with congestion, parking issues, and road safety challenges during school drop off and pick up times. Adding hundreds more children to these sites will make an already difficult situation dangerous. Local roads simply cannot cope with the increased volume of cars, buses,

and pedestrians, putting children, parents, and residents at real and unnecessary risk. For these reasons, we strongly urge the council to reconsider. Closing Roseheyworth School would not only remove a valuable community asset but would also create avoidable safety hazards and place huge pressure on other schools in the town. Abertillery deserves solutions that protect our children's education and safeguard our community, not decisions that put both at risk.

- I am writing as a parent with a child at Tillery Street to express my concern about the proposal to close Roseheyworth School. If all those pupils are moved to Tillery Street and Six Bells, class sizes here will increase significantly, and I worry about the impact this will have on my child's learning and the support teachers are able to provide. I am also very concerned about the extra traffic this would bring to Tillery Street. The roads are already busy and difficult to navigate during drop-off and pick-up times. Adding even more cars and pedestrians will make the situation unsafe for children, parents, and residents. For these reasons, I strongly urge the council to rethink this proposal. Our children deserve safe roads and manageable class sizes, not added pressure and risk.
- I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposal to close the nearby school open I am worried about the current capacity of the classrooms and the impact that additional students and staff may have on the learning environment. From what I understand, many of the classrooms are already quite full. Increasing the number of pupil without addressing the physical limitations of the building may lead to overcrowding and reduced space for students to learn effectively. Classroom size plays an important role in maintaining a productive, safe, and comfortable educational environment. I am also concerned that bringing in new teachers without sufficient classroom space or resources may place unnecessary strain on both staff and students. Rather than improving the situation, it could make it more difficult for teachers to manage their classes and for students to receive the attention they need. For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you carefully review the situation and consider the option of closing the school or making alternative arrangements that ensure appropriate class sizes and facilities for students and staff.
- I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed closure of the nearby school Roseheyworth Campus , and the subsequent transfer of additional pupils to my son's school. While I understand that accommodating displaced students is necessary, I am extremely concerned about the impact this will have on traffic and overall safety in the surrounding area. Traffic during drop-off and pick-up times is already a significant problem. Congestion is frequent, parking is limited, and the roads around the school become overcrowded and, at times, dangerous for both children and parents. With the addition of more pupils, I fear that these existing issues will worsen considerably. Increased vehicle numbers are likely to lead to further congestion, unsafe parking, and heightened risks to pedestrians—particularly young children navigating busy roads. I
- I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to close Rosehayworth School and relocate its pupils to Six Bells Primary School or Tillery Street Primary School. Closing Rosehayworth School would have a significant and deeply negative impact on the children, families, and wider community it serves. The school is more than just a building — it is a supportive, familiar environment where children feel safe, valued, and understood. Disrupting that stability could have serious consequences for their emotional wellbeing, confidence, and academic progress. In addition, moving these pupils to other local schools would inevitably place added pressure on those settings. Increased class sizes, stretched resources, reduced access to staff support, and overcrowded facilities would affect not only the incoming children but also those already attending Six Bells and Tillery Street. Teachers and support staff are already working hard to meet pupils' needs, and further strain risks lowering the quality of education and care for everyone. There are also practical concerns, including increased travel for families, traffic congestion, and the loss of a vital community hub. Decisions of this scale must prioritise children's wellbeing, educational standards, and the long-term strength of the community. For these reasons, I do not support the proposal and urge decision-makers to reconsider the closure and explore alternative solutions that protect both the pupils of Rosehayworth and the wider local school community.
- I am writing to formally express deep concern regarding the proposed closure of Roseheyworth School, a decision that would have serious and lasting consequences for the community of Abertillery and the wider area of Blaenau Gwent. For twenty six years this school has been a cornerstone of stability, opportunity and support for families living in one of the most deprived areas of the town. It is far more than a building; it is a lifeline. Its closure would not only remove a

vital educational institution but would also deepen inequality, strain local services and diminish the future prospects of many children. Roseheyworth School is situated in a community where many families face significant economic challenges. For these families the school provides routine, familiarity and a safe and supportive environment for children who may not have such security elsewhere. Closing the school and redistributing pupils to Tillery Street and Six Bells would require parents to manage longer travel times, disrupted work schedules and increased transport costs. These additional burdens would fall heaviest on vulnerable households that are already struggling. In communities like this a school acts as an anchor. Removing it risks further marginalising those who are already fighting to stay afloat. Moreover, classes at Tillery Street and Six Bells are already close to capacity. The displacement of an entire school population would inevitably lead to larger class sizes, reduced individual attention, higher staff workloads and significant pressure on already stretched resources. Such conditions make it impossible to maintain a high quality education and would particularly disadvantage children who require additional support. The closure also threatens the jobs and stability of staff who have dedicated many years to serving the children of this community. These individuals contribute significantly to the social fabric of the area and their loss would be deeply felt. Women would be disproportionately affected, as they represent the highest proportion of the workforce in roles such as lunchtime supervisors, teaching assistants and cleaners. Many work part time and rely on the proximity of the school to balance their employment with caring responsibilities. If the school closes many of these women would not find equivalent local employment, leaving them without work and further increasing deprivation in an already challenged community. There is also a serious concern regarding pupils with additional learning needs. Many rely on the NEST provision which offers tailored support, consistent routines and trusted staff. Relocating these children without guaranteed equivalent support risks emotional distress, regression and long term disruption to their progress. Specialist provision cannot simply be moved without careful planning, appropriate facilities and secure staffing. There is no assurance that other schools will have the space to be able to replicate the quality of support these pupils currently receive. It is especially troubling that a school only twenty six years old and in good physical condition is being considered for closure. At a time when many much older schools across Wales remain open despite requiring significant investment, closing a modern well maintained building is neither financially nor strategically sound. Such a loss would remove essential infrastructure that the community may never regain. Residents of Abertillery increasingly feel that their town is being overlooked and undervalued. Closing a key school in its most deprived area reinforces the belief that their children deserve less and that important decisions are being made without consideration of long term social consequences. Children should grow up believing in their potential, believing that they are valued and believing that their future is worth investment. Removing their local school sends the opposite message. The proposed closure also raises concerns regarding several key rights under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which is legally binding in Wales. The right to education, the right to develop to full potential, the right to non discrimination and the right to be heard are all put at risk when a school is closed without clear evidence that children's best interests are being prioritised. The rights of children with disabilities and those with additional learning needs are particularly jeopardised if their established support systems are disrupted. Longer travel times, overcrowding and a loss of familiar environments also compromise children's right to rest, play and healthy development. The local authority must be able to demonstrate that decisions affecting children protect their welfare, uphold their rights and do not disproportionately disadvantage deprived communities. If this cannot be shown the closure of Roseheyworth School risks breaching Wales' legal obligations to its children. For these reasons I strongly urge that the proposal to close Roseheyworth School be reconsidered. The children of Abertillery deserve stability, opportunity and meaningful investment in their future. Closing their school would take these away.

- I am writing to strongly urge you to reconsider the decision to close our child's school. This school is more than just a building where lessons take place — it is the heart of our community, a safe haven for our children, and a place where strong relationships are built every day. Closing the school would have significant academic, emotional, and social consequences for students. Many children thrive here because of the smaller class sizes, the dedicated staff, and the supportive environment that allows them to be known as individuals rather than just numbers. Disrupting these relationships can negatively impact learning outcomes, confidence, and overall well-being. We know that both Tillery street & sixbells has parking issues at drop off and pick up & adding our

school into that wouldn't be very safe. I've chosen to keep my children at this school even though we now live in Llanhilleth. I attended this school myself when it opened in 2000 and some of the teachers are still there now.

- I applied for my child to attend ALC Roseheyworth as although I live in Blaina it's actually closer to myself to Roseheyworth than Ystruth or Coed y Garn and my child attended Mini me's on site there. My child was declined so now to hear that pupil numbers are dropping is absurd when you actually denied the places to make it that way. I know of other parents who the same has happened too. A parent should be able to choose the child's school as long as there is spaces available. It's not always about the home address but where children is or where the parent works etc.
- I appreciate funding and finances are difficult but this is such an amazing school. We need more provisions like this not less. The time and support they are able to invest in the pupils is life literally life changing. My foster child would not be thriving and academically achieving with out the support, investments and belief in the wonderful staff and Roseheyworth. Large classes cost saving has the potential to disadvantages so many. Please consider your social contract for your residents a fairer , healthier and more resilient borough - this simply doesn't align with the proposal
- I appreciate that with the current deficit, opportunities need to be explored however I feel that closing Roseheyworth Road campus isn't the answer. Closing the school would have long term consequences for students, families, staff and the wider community. During the consultation process, it has been noted that pupils from Roseheyworth Road would relocate to Tillery Street or Six Bells campuses. This may seem like a simple solution for the council, but for pupils, moving schools isn't a small change. They'd have to adjust to a new environment, new teachers, and new classmates, which can be stressful and affect their learning and confidence. Being in a familiar place where they feel comfortable really matters. Closing their school and moving to a new campus will affect their well-being. Secondly, a big point to consider is how many children currently walk to school. This is a huge benefit for children and their families as it promotes a healthy and positive choice of travelling to school. If the school closes, many of those children would have to travel further, which likely means relying on cars or public transport. That's not just inconvenient—it adds cost and increases traffic, which are already busy during the start and end of the day. For some families, walking simply wouldn't be an option anymore. On the other hand, for families who don't own a car or cannot afford the cost of transport, it would mean travelling for more than a mile each way in all kinds of weather. Imagine having to walk for over half an hour to school each morning before starting a full day of learning, particularly in the pouring down rain. In addition, I have worked across all three primary campuses since taking up my post. Accessing Tillery Street and Six Bells can be very difficult at times. Closing Roseheyworth Road and re-routing traffic to these sites will make accessing these sites at drop off and pick up time even more difficult and potentially dangerous. I feel like alternatives need to be considered before looking at closing the school. Understandably the deficit needs to be lowered but has there been any thought of looking to see if savings could be made elsewhere or generating income? Could the school halls be used for clubs/groups outside of school hours? A local school within the borough holds local slimming groups, thus generating an income. Understandably, this wouldn't address the entire of the deficit , but could be considered to generating income for the business. I hope these points are considered, as I know many others have the same view as myself that closing the school would be a loss to the community and disadvantaging our learners.
- I believe our area needs 3 primary schools due to the locations they are currently sited on and within easy reach to local children. In these times of poor transport links and volume of traffic travel to the remaining schools presents a nightmare for parents and children, also presents safety issues for everyone.
- I believe that the facilities at this school are an asset to the local community especially the adjacent playing fields.
- I believe the closure of Roseheyworth road campus would have a negative impact on the children of ALC. Although BGCBC has stated in the proposal that class room numbers are within recommended guidelines, i do not believe this to be the case. The number of children per class would exceed guidelines and impact children's education across ALC. Class sizes would also negatively impact teaching staff who are already strained. Parking at Tillery street and Six Bells campuses cause chaos at pick up and drop off at the moment. Adding all the extra pupils from Roseheyworth Road campus would cause absolute carnage. Children with SEN would also have

be taught in overcrowded classrooms and these children are already suffering in the education system provided by BGCBC. I am shocked that just 10 short years after the ALC merger that no parent or member of staff wanted, that BGCBC find themselves looking for ways to save money within the education department again. Where is the investigation into the mismanagement of funds? Funds that we were told during the consultation process for the ALC merger would cover the cost of our children's education across all campuses. Why do BGCBC now find themselves in debt within the education department again? How has this happened again? Roseheyworth Road campus is only 26 years old. This is NOT an old building! By comparison, what are the maintenance costs between RR campus and the secondary campus? How much money is being spent on the management team? Could RR campus not provide education for SEN children specifically? Would making the campus specialised provide an injection of funds from Welsh government? I sincerely hope the council does not go ahead with the closure of this campus. The only result will be saving money, but this will be at the cost of the children's education in the area and job losses!

- I believe the school shouldn't close as all the kids would be kept from their friends and classes too big.
- I believe this proposal has been made just on numbers alone and those who have proposed this clearly haven't been to the area to see how this would affect the community and the children as well as the schools themselves.
 1. The traffic and parking around Tillery Street is horrendous as it is, so to add more to this would be pretty silly in my view, and people would need to drive as Roseheyworth is too far away for some to walk it as well as young children walking around would cause significantly more danger.
 2. Tillery Street, 4 years ago we were told that the classes were at or above capacity as it is and the teacher hardly knew the kids names, which is the main reason that we decided to take our son to Roseheyworth. The fact that the teachers and staff knew every single kids name that they came across was amazing and a huge positive, this is the kind of relationship that pupils should have in their schools, so why would you close this school down?
 3. Six Bells is out of the catchment area for Roseheyworth, so how is this going to impact positively when you will either have big costs on free travel that will need to be supplied, or putting much more pressure on Tillery Street having to accommodate so many new pupils when the numbers are so high as it is.
 4. This is clearly to do with money, so rather than closing a school of all things and making our children suffer as a consequence, why not look at the more unnecessary things that the council spend money on.
- I believe this proposal will have a negative affect on both my children's education. I do not drive and will find it increasingly difficult to get both my children to schools. My child has built up friendships with a few other children very closely and I know some of them will be forced to attend a different campus due to location. I feel there are better ways to save money that to ruin children's education.
- I can not understand why such an outstanding school could be considered for closure, it's record stands for itself it would be an absolute disgrace to shut such an establishment.
- I can't see how it can be justified that a 26 year old school should close down. Also when other campuses are already full to capacity it is clear that our children won't get the school experience and teaching standard that they deserve
- I cannot believe they are doing this. It's wrong doing this to these children, at the end of the day these children matter!
- I cannot get my grandchildren if this school is closed. is my child supposed to give up work! staff wages at the top of the ladder has to be looked at - shocking numbers and wages.
- I cannot transport my children to Tillery Street or Six Bells. how do my children go to school?
- I cannot understand this proposal at all. Children's welfare and people's jobs are at stake. So, let's have a rethink.
- I disagree with the closure of roseheyworth as this will have a huge impact on children and staff.
- I disagree with the closure of the school. What is going to happen in the winter, are they supposed to be in school all day in wet shoes and clothes.
- I do not agree to the proposal to close the school because of children's education (overcrowding in classes)
- I do not agree with closing a primary school and dividing the children between two other primary schools in Abertillery. The schools identified to take these additional pupils are already operating at or near full capacity. Adding more children will inevitably increase class sizes, stretch resources

beyond their limits, and reduce the individual attention that each child receives. This will have a serious impact on the quality of education. Teachers and support staff are already managing demanding workloads, and further pressure will make it harder to maintain high teaching standards. Overcrowded classrooms can limit effective learning, reduce access to support services, and restrict the use of shared spaces such as halls, libraries, and outdoor areas. There are also significant concerns about wellbeing and safety. Larger class sizes and busier school environments can increase stress levels for both pupils and staff. Children may struggle with the disruption of being moved away from a familiar setting, friendship groups, and trusted teachers. Staff wellbeing is equally important, and additional pressure could lead to burnout, increased absence, and difficulties retaining experienced teachers. Ultimately, this proposal risks creating an environment that is less supportive, less effective, and potentially unsafe. Decisions about school closures should prioritise the educational outcomes, safety, and wellbeing of children above all else.

- I do not agree with closure of the school because of the children's education will be effected.
- I do not agree with the closing of this school. The school plays a vital role in our community, providing education and stability for the local children. Closing it would negatively affect the children and families.
- I do not agree with the closure of Roseheyworth Primary School
- I do not agree with this proposal. it is totally unreasonable to expect children to walk to school. If there parents/guardians do not drive, more thought and consultation should have been taken into consideration. Children with special needs autistic will be deeply unsettled.
- I do not approve of this closure due to the fact that the school was needed and what possessed you to want to close it and put the pupils into different schools is it to save money? These pupils will have to travel to other schools and i have heard Six-Bells school is one who would have to take some of these, so the Six-Bells school which at the time of so called consultation of it's building i objected to down to it's location and the congestion it would cause, so by doing this you want to put more pupils into an already congested traffic area which if you should realise that adding to this congestion will cause problems parking etc and safety and what is the plans for Roseheyworth school?
- I do not believe this proposal has been made with the best interests of the children of Blaenau Gwent in mind. I also feel that this proposal would have a huge negative impact on children with ALN managing mainstream school currently BECAUSE of the smaller classes which would in turn put more pressure on an already over capacity Pen-y-cwm special school.
- I do not drive. This will make it so much more difficult to get my child to school. She likes her routine and will miss her friend. this is a great school.
- I do not support it as for one the numbers dont match up.also the other schools are already full and the children will be up to the maximum numbers in the school and this will undoubtedly have a bad effect on there learning as teachers will have less time to have one to one and there has been no thought of the childrens welfare in this just figures on a spread sheet .and as a working parent how do they expect them to be picked up on time as parking at tillery st and six bells is horrendous at the moment without the other children which will be added to these schools .
- I do not support the closure of Roseheyworth road campus and this will have a negative impact on the children from all primary campuses. The children already struggle with the class changes each term and new teachers and to move them completely and separate them from their friends would be a real upheaval. The parking on the streets of the other campuses causes chaos on a daily basis and the influx of traffic by merging the schools will have a negative impact on local residents as well as safety issues with emergency services.
- I do not support the closure of roseheyworth school, as a parent of a child with ASD who attends roseheyworth school, i feel there has been 0 consideration for how this will effect not just my child but others like him, my son like many children with Autism struggles with change, this will be very traumatic for him and like him, also i feel no real consideration has been given to parents who have no transportation to these other schools and feel this is causing unnecessary stress to these households, plus the current parking situation at six bells and tillery is absolutely diabolical, adding to this is simply cause more stress and inevitability more accidents. Closing roseheyworth is just not practical and does not benefit anyone at all.
- I do not support the closure of several reasons. The emotional and psychological impact on those children attending Roseheyworth Campus and also that of the children the two schools that would

have a sudden influx of many other very confused and distraught children into their current calm environments. The traffic impact at drop off and collection times at both other school locations will be tremendous and it has to be said that both other schools already have traffic issues in and around the schools on a daily basis. The figures that have been mentioned for repairs in Roseheyworth are being taken from surveys prepared in 2022 and some of the works listed have already been carried out but still included in the 'to do' work?? What does the council have in mind for the current building?? New council offices?? Money spent on executive wages in the council are astronomical amounts for such a deprived area and the recipients of those wages should be ashamed of themselves for taking the money. I along with many others will be formally objecting when this goes further after this 'tick box' consultation exercise is completed. As a grandparent of 3 pupils at Roseheyworth and As a local resident

- I do not support the consolidation of Roseheyworth campus for the following reasons. There have been several studies with evidence to show that increased class sizes will overstretch teaching resources and harm pupils' education and wellbeing. Traffic and parking, particularly at Six Bells, is already at breaking point and the car park and entrance is already undersized. Adding further pupils will exacerbate this and I believe will cause a safety issue in the school grounds and surrounding streets. Also, pupils' emotional wellbeing will also suffer greatly having to endure the upheaval of moving from a school where they are likely to be settled and experience a change in routine and transport - particularly those pupils with increased or special needs.
- I do not support the over crowding in classes , it will affect our children's learning , teachers will become over stretched , parking is a nightmare as it is .
- I do not support the proposal as it will have a detrimental effect on everyone in all schools and surrounding areas. The cost would still be the same as you will need to provide alternative arrangement for the majority of children and upkeep of building's. Every child should have the right to be heard and have a voice and they are not be pushed around like you are proposing to do. There are a wide range of children in all 3 schools who will not cope with the move or with new children move into their classes so there education will suffer due to disruption in classes and at other times of the day. The comprehension had a big part to pay why the council was in so much arrears and I think it's best to have the school all go back like they issued to be not all under one umbrella.
- I do not support the proposal due to not being able to drive it is going to cost me alot of money to get my daughter back and forth any other school. Also my youngest daughter is a type 1 diabetic and she has to have special care off teachers which need training for her condition at the hospital. Giving insulin at snack and dinner time, correction doses when her sugars are high, checking blood sugar levels when high or low and giving treatment when she does have low blood sugars, checking for ketones when her blood sugars are high, checking her insulin pump isnt leaking insulin or has any blockages. Currently in roseheyworth primary there are 4+ teachers trained to deal with her condition if none of these teachers are in school shes unable to attend that day due to her safety. So with me not being able to drive due to my own medical conditions and my daughter having a medical condition herself if there was to be an emergency where i need to get to her ASAP i would not be able to where as with her being in roseheyworth I am only up the street if an emergency should happen i can get to her quickly should i need too.
- I do not support the proposal for the following reasons: * I feel that there would be too many pupils in Tillery Street, where classes are already too large in my opinion. This would have a detrimental effect on the learning of all pupils unless extra teachers are recruited. * the roads and car park at Tillery Street are full to capacity and a danger to all pedestrians in the area, this would be exacerbated with more pupils. * the route to school from Gwern Berthi Road is supposedly a safe route to school. This is not the case, due to the speed of traffic using Alma Street (new road to left of Secondary Campus), with traffic exceeding 50mph in a 20mph limit! A few traffic accidents have occurred here, luckily no pedestrians have been hurt to date, but you take your life in your hands crossing the roads at the intersection between Alma Street, Penybont Road and Gwern Berthi Road. This is already extremely dangerous for children and disabled people to cross. With more children from Roseheyworth using that route, the danger would be amplified tenfold! NB traffic control in this area needs to be addressed regardless of extra people crossing if this proposal goes through!!!

- I do not support the proposal of rosehayworth road campus to shut. All my children have attended this school and it be sad to see it go. Iv still got another children in this school which its gonna affect them it will also affect the other schools with the shutting of rosehayworth!
- I do not support the proposal to close Roseheyworth Campus. I have both a son and granddaughter at the school who are both extremely happy in their school and thriving to the best of their abilities. Moving them to a different school would cause extreme anxiety which will mean they wouldn't be able to thrive the same way. The support the children receive from the teachers at Roseheyworth is amazing and the children wouldn't get the same amount of support if they have to move schools as the schools would be over capacity meaning some children would not get supported
- I do not support the proposal to close Roseheyworth Campus. There are many children who rely on that school remaining open in order to receive a good education. Many of the parents do not drive or have access to a vehicle and are therefore unable to take them to another school. This will just add further stress, anxiety and pressure on these parents. Also, with extra children potentially needing to attend the other two campuses, which are already quite full, this is not fair on the children already attending them. The classrooms will be too full or will be split up, affecting their education, friendship groups, etc and therefore adding extra stress, anxiety and pressure here too.
- I do not support the proposal to close Roseheyworth School and relocate its pupils to Six Bells Primary School or Tillery Street Primary School. Roseheyworth plays an important role in providing a stable and supportive environment for its pupils. Closing the school would cause unnecessary disruption to children's education and wellbeing. It would also add considerable pressure to Six Bells and Tillery Street, stretching staff, classrooms, and resources, and potentially affecting standards for all pupils. This proposal should be reconsidered in the best interests of the children and the local community.
- I do not support the proposal to close this school. My daughter has disabilities and relies heavily on the stability, routine and support that her current school provides. A school closure would cause a significant disruption to her education, wellbeing and emotional security. Children with additional needs often find changes extremely difficult, and moving her to a different school environment could have a serious negative impact on her progress and mental health. This would also affect her younger sister, who attends the same school. Separating them or forcing both children to move would create additional stress for our family and disrupt the support network they currently have. The school understands my daughter's needs and has built up important knowledge about how best to support her. Losing this environment would be extremely harmful for her development and stability. I strongly urge decision-makers to consider the impact on vulnerable pupils and families like ours before Proceeding with this proposal
- I do not support the proposal to reduce the school. This is vital to our community.
- I do not support the proposal to shut down my daughter's school because it plays a vital role in her academic growth, emotional wellbeing and the sense of community. Closing her school would disrupt her education and ultimately remove an important support system for many families. This school is more than just a building, it is the heart of our community. Closing the school would also increase class sizes in the other schools, cause major stress due to having to communicate (when we live locally) On top of that this will cause major unsettling within friendship groups, it will affect children's confidence (especially how hard my daughter found attending school in the beginning) The best solution would be to focus on strengthening the school not closing it
- I do not support the proposal, this does not come with any positives for the Abertillery Community. Tillery Street and Six Bells Campus will be at full capacity meaning children will be getting less of a teaching standard due to the class numbers, especially the children that struggle academically. Roseheyworth school has a lot of council property's who are on low incomes, and they rely on walking the children to school and keeping that close community bond, as they know the school well. You are making the children of roseheyworth be at a disadvantage to their peers, by moving them and upsetting the whole dynamic of what they are used too and comfortable with... why are the children not at the forefront of the thinking behind this?! Have you even spoken to the children to get their views and worry's about the closure!
- I do not support the proposal. Closing Roseheyworth will cause distress and anxiety for the child having to move schools, leaving their friends, teachers, and a place they feel happy and safe, this will cause serious mental health problem on young children, which would also effect getting them to happily come to school and effect attendance for the student and the school. The children's

education will be deeply affected, with too many students in a class, the children will not get the support that is needed. Roseheyworth have the "Nest" which is for ALN students, the children in the nest will not get full support needed like they do at Roseheyworth due to more children having ALN in the other schools, this will massively effect the children of the nest. Parking in Tillery Street and Six Bells are already very dangerous for children walking, getting into their cars, or driving away from the schools, many times Tillery Street and Six bells have had to have Gwent Police patrolling them areas due to the parking and dangerous conditions, adding more students down in them areas will add more cars transporting children to and from school making the conditions even more dangerous. The travel time for the lot of parents that have to walk their children to school will double in time which would make a lot of students late for school. Also some parents or children are unable to walk far due to disabilities, this will also affect the attendance of the students. Both Six bells and Tillery Street are nearly at full capacity for both schools, meaning there is not much room for students from Roseheyworth to be able to attend them schools. The possibility for the birth rates in abertillery will go up, when this happens there will not be enough room at the schools for these children to attend which could possibly mean some children will go without education as parents are unable to get them into a school.

- I do not support the proposal. tillery road and six bells campus are already full. Adding further children will effect their education. Parking is bad at both school sites this will cause more chaos and make it dangerous for children who walk home. I am aware of certain children being taught in corridors recently due to lack of space already at tillery campus.
- I do not support the proposal. Where will all the children go when both Six bells & Tillery street do not have the capacity for over 100 students. The children's education will be disrupted due to too many students in each class. Parking at both tillery street and six bells are very dangerous during drop off and pick up, adding more students to the schools will cause more disruption to the streets and will cause an accident. Many students already struggle with school life as it is and have been at the school for many years, by moving the students will cause the children more distress and attendance will go down. What will happen in years time when more children are starting school and there's no capacity to inroll students in the schools. Splitting the children who have friendships and feel safe in school with their teachers and friends will cause distress and anxiety on children.
- I do not support the school being close and my child having to transition to Tillery St or Sixbells campus as the class room numbers are already too high and it will have a massive impact on my child not having the support and help needed to learn.
- I do not support this as it takes away choice, over crowded classrooms 2 children choice.
- I do not support this decision to close roseheyworth primary, that school is only 26 years old, it is a well established school and does wonderful things for every child who attends, my child is currently in year 4 and loves his school, he loves his teachers and his friends who he has know since reception, to close the school would mean putting every member of staff out of work, every child out of education while they wait for spaces to open up and also meaning they are likely to be spilt from their friends. Tilley street and six bells primary do not have enough space to accommodate all these children, do you expect children to be put in schools further away ? How will you get those children there? where will they go? How many of their friends will they get to stay with? Where will the child care provider (mini me's) go? Which my son also attends and is crucial to me being able to attend work full time. You can not close roseheyworth primary school, the children should not be punished for a debt that has nothing to do with them, the council and who ever else is involved need to find a different way but closing roseheyworth school is not it
- I do not support this proposal. Moving my daughter to another school will impact massively on her. She has a close friendship group and has smaller taught sessions with teachers due to not engaging with larger classroom sessions. I purposely chose Roseheyworth for this reason and moving her to a new school with classes of 30 plus child will have a negative impact on her learning and her anxiety. I fully oppose this proposal and the impact it will have on the children of all campuses.
- I do not support this proposal. This is a relatively newly built school with amazing staff and facilities. Closing it would just mean bigger classroom sizes in the other schools which will hinder children's learning.
- I do not support this. Children need smaller classes not bigger. Staff welfare taken into consideration?

- I do not think that their proposal has been fully thought through upon attending meetings with the LA as it has become apparent that there is very little plan going forward. For example, after conversing with the LA team about transport needs, it was identified that there is no plan to put transport in place for Roseheyworth pupils. The next nearest ALC campus is Tillery Street which is 1.4 miles away, approximately a 27 minute walk., compared to the 5-10 minute walk that most of our pupils make on a daily basis, making the demand to get pupils into school in the morning that much harder as the commute is significantly longer for those on foot. Those that are able to make it by public transport or private transport will result in an increased expense for a family that are already struggling. As a staff member, it should be highlighted that some pupils struggle to make it into school, on time or at all despite being a stone's throw away. If this school closes, the LA would be increasing the gap between our pupils and their education. Additionally, while the LA team were answering questions it was also made clear, that there is no plan for ALN needs going forward. Within our campus we have at least a dozen students that have an additional learning plan due to ALN needs. These pupils would struggle to thrive and learn within a mainstream setting which is the current plan that the proposal holds. The NEST environment we currently have gives these pupils their own space to learn. However, with the closure, space becomes limited, trying to accommodate for all the pupils, putting learning at risk for those with ALN. The uncertainty surrounding the future of ALN provision and the NEST environment, raises further concerns, as these children rely on consistent, specialist support that cannot simply be replicated elsewhere without careful planning and investment, potentially increasing the deficit. Another topic that was touched upon was the potential savings that could be made by closing the campus. The main driver for the closure is money, saving money from the deficit and re-distributing it across ALC. However, it was stated that the LA are looking to reduce the deficit by £670,000 annually. However, by closing the campus only £200,000 will be saved annually, the uncertainty of where the rest of these savings will come from has left many employees fearing for their job security and livelihood. Even with the expected decline in pupil numbers this amount of saving is not possible without cutting some of the biggest areas of spending namely jobs. In addition to this, there will be a further spend of £100,000 in capital costs across the other two campuses in capital costs meaning more money will be spent, meaning less resources, less job security and less support for the pupils, as the other two campuses have to stretch an already thin budget to accommodate more pupils. It was also stated that there are maintenance costs to keeping the campus open, but as on 2022 almost all of Roseheyworth campus inspection points were deemed satisfactory and an updated inspection has not been carried out. So, while it may save money in the short term, I do not believe that in the long term these savings are worthy enough to uproot 152 pupils (this figure includes nursery pupils) and at least 25 members of staff, from their learning and their job. Another few other reasons as to why I am not in support of this proposal include how the closure of this campus, will mean less support for our pupils (as jobs are cut to aid with savings, meaning less support staff and more pupils per classroom), a disruption to their learning (as they move school, losing friends and social support networks), an increase in pressure on staff that keep their jobs (more pupils per class, mean more needs that must be met, resulting in lower job satisfaction and an increase in stress, having a negative impact on the whole workforce), and bigger class sizes (meaning less resources and less learning, as teachers try to meet everyone's needs). Blaenau Gwent is one of the most deprived LAs in Wales with 22% of our LA being within the 10% most deprived areas for education. We also have the lowest spread of education as an LA (WIMD,2025). We should not be making this deprivation worse by closing a much needed school, closing this campus would cause more hardship for those already struggling. While it would save a little money, in the grand scheme of this proposal, closing this campus would be more detrimental, having far more negatives than positives.
- I do not think that this should go ahead as it will disturb the children and the other schools become over crowded and that will not support the children or the teachers of the school and it's taken my child so long to settle into school and if you decide to shut the school down I don't know how long it will take for them to re settle so I do not support the school to be shut.
- I do not think the current campuses would cope with the extra amount of children added to them from Roseheyworth. I think it would impact learners in a negative way from all schools.
- I don't believe this closure will help with the well being of my two children, one who struggles with social interaction and will find transitioning to a new campus very scary and stressful. They are doing great at Roseheyworth School at the moment and I feel they will regress in their studies.

- I don't not support the proposal, with having a child in the Tillery Street Campus my concerns are the increase numbers to our school will be at a great cost to the existing children, the strain on staff and school will be much more. My concerns are more pupils, teachers will be stretched and we already know this is happening currently without extra. The Tillery street campus already seems very full so by adding more, it will become chaotic. The school run alone especially mornings in this area are crazy busy and is ridiculous with cars in and out of the campus let alone adding more to the chaos. The lunch times I'm aware they rush children along so they can get through it for all year groups. The space in the classrooms. The actual campus site is very hectic and busy. Also ALN needs to be increased by 2030, these pupils needs are not greatly meet as it is so what's the outcome going to be there. By needing to increased capacity by 2030 why close the school? By putting pupils into mainstream would caused strain in the classrooms, teachers and other pupils. Surely having the third campus it can be used to help ALN and work in conjunction with the schools, that way the children can stay in their areas and it will give better chances to the ALN pupils and the mainstream pupils. Better that than seeing the school close. How will you decided who goes where? Will there be new stricter catchment rules. It would be very sad to see the school close.
- I don't support the proposal because it's going to mean bigger class sizes. There are already to many children in a lot of classes in both Abertillery & sixbells campuses. On top of that teachers trying to cope with children with special needs. Or just bad behaviour problems. The other children then don't get the full attention they deserve. Disruptive. . classrooms. And I imagine there will be job losses in top.
- I don't support the proposal. This will mean potentially travelling further to another school, splitting up my grandchildren and uncertainty on provision for my SEND grandchild.
- I don't think a school that's been there for over two decades should be shut down, it's local and lots of children love that school. Children will end up travelling further to go to school, which could stress parents that live local.
- I don't think roseheyworth rd campus should close. There are families that unable to drive and having a school in walking distance is ideal. Kids have made friends and bond with teacher and all that will be taken away and unsettling for them if they have to move schools
- I don't think that a closure of Roseheyworth Campus will be a positive outcome for the community and for staff.
- I don't think the glasses should be over filled as most of them are full already.
- I don't think the kids in our area so i think taking a school from them is just so very rude and really not a good idea
- I don't want this to affect my child's education in the future I am also worried that in the future there will be less spaces for future children to apply to the sixbells campus!
- I don't believe enough information has been presented on how the influx of children will be accommodated between the two remaining schools. The figures presented have clear mistakes and don't add up, presenting lower figures than what the actual sum of the numbers are. The numbers between the figures presented also don't match or align. It brings a lot of questions in to how this assessment for the proposal has actually been done and how viable it is as the data seems less than trustworthy.
- I don't support the proposal as it can cause distress to students with additional learning needs because they are not in their safe and well known spaces with educational setting. It can cause distress with low in come families and not being able to get to and from the new campuses due to financial issues or students not being able to travel safely via walking, they are overcrowded in the other campuses so it will only add to that problem instead of moving students to the roseheyworth campus to bring their numbers up and decrease the over crowding issues in six bell and tillery street campuses
- I don't support the proposal for the school to close as it will affect the family's that don't drive who lives in the areal view area I think the roseheyworth campus is a big part in the community all of my children have gone and still is in this school .
- I don't think this school should be closed.
- I don't think this school should close. Too far for the kids to walk to another school
- I fear the closure will lead to over crowded class rooms affecting childrens education, also parking at tillery street is already bad as a resident of newall street i worry this is only going to get worse

- I feel that moving the children into the other schools is going to create larger class sizes which I don't feel is beneficial to either the child or staff.
- I feel that's there enough pupils in Tillery street where my children attend and wouldn't want it to affect my children's education
- I find it shocking as they have fantastic facilities for the younger generation.
- I find it totally incomprehensible that you would consider closing a school thats well regarded within the community with a playing field on its door step and moving the pupils to either Tillery St or Six Bells that are an absolute nightmare for parents and residents alike at school opening and closing times. The traffic is terrible now, this action will make it worse. I personally believe that the Six Bells school was built in the wrong place for a start, parking and drop off's are an absolute joke and during the winter months there is little or no sun light there so when compounded by freezing conditions you have the potential to create a health and safety nightmare. I really hope that you see sense and listen to the views of the community.....pupils love the school, parents love the school.....do the decent thing and relent on this decision.
- I find the decision to close this school utterly shocking, i completely understand the funding issues, really doesn't sit well in my stomach alongside the council championing such needless projects like an Abertillery railway station. They really need to have a word with themselves
- I fully believe that the there is not good thing to come out of closing the school other that the line the government pockets more. More kids in class is less time for each child. Both school are already at braking point this would push them over. The children need a safe and stable environment to grow and develop this is our future we are shaping.
- I fully disagree with the closing of the local primary school roseheyworth primary. I think the council is one big con! I was never for the 3-16 from day dot along with most parents. The council is fuelled by money, how can you cram all these children into 2 campuses. You're not thinking of the children's wellbeing one bit, or even taking the parents views into consideration. Also very poor and sickening that even the teachers wasn't even aware until it was leaked. We all have free speech, well we should have, and as a parent where my daughter attended this little primary school until this year, i do not condone what is being put forward. Its very selfish. And im sure as well it will still be used for educational purposes, correct me if im wrong, protests are needed, for the people to make a stand and to have there voices heard! This school should remain open. Im also a local resident!
- I fully reject the proposal put forward. Whilst the financial situation is fully understandable the true reflection of the proposal will cause the upmost disruption to the pupils at Roseheyworth as well as those at Tillery St and Six Bells. Firstly, the disruption to existing friendships that have already been formed. As someone who works in education myself, being happy amongst peers and wanting to go to school every day is a fundamental part of a childs schooling journey. From what I have seen, Roseheyworth provides a fantastic support network where all pupils feel welcomed and supported. Secondly, what are the propsals put forward for breakfast club availability? As someone who relies on the breakfast club offer would this still available? The proposed numbers to merge within the Tillery St and Six Bells campus would suggest that there may not be scope for this offer to be available. Thirdly, transport. Many families, walk to school. Tillery St and more so Six Bells are significant distances away from the Roseheyworth catchment and whilst Tillery St for most falls within the guided mileage it seems ludicrous that such suggestions would be made, even if transport was offered. Finally, the 3-16 setting as a whole is failing. They are underperforming in almost all aspects of teaching and learning, with the Cap9 score, literacy and numeracy all being significantly below average. I believe that if the closure was to happen, class sizes at Tillery St and Six Bells will get significantly bigger, therefore leading to more teacher pressure and essentially less of a personalised learning journey for the pupils. This will only hinder their chances of top quality education as well as the impact it will have long term with the (hopeful) aim of the school to improve teaching and learning standards. I am completely against the proposal to close Roseheyworth school.
- I fully understand pupil numbers have dropped and it makes monetary sense to close the most expensive school to run but the way the council has approached this is incredibly underhanded and unprofessional. Parents had to find out from facebook, we've been completely stonewalled from answers from the school and as far as I'm aware the council have done nothing to prepare the alternative schools for this transition. My daughter has autism, she spends most of her time in the NEST where she is well supported and has taken a long time to develope bonds with the staff

and other students. In September she is due to start reception and move from just 2.5 hours a day to 6. This is a monumentally huge adjustment for her and it's going to be incredibly difficult. Now, she's likely going to be going through that process in a new school, with new teachers and new students. This is too much change all at once and its likely she'll develop a fear of school that at best will stay with her for years, at worst will last forever. Closing the school to save money is going to negatively impact hundreds of student's, staff and parents. If there is a lack of funding it's due to mismanagement of the budget. The way the council has gone about this is shameful, unprofessional and non inclusive. I know nothing! This is going to tear my child's life upside down and the council hasn't even had the professionalism to be forthcoming about what the process will entail. I was unable to attend the meeting at the rugby club, im a single mum, full time carer and unable to disrupt my childs routine. I want to know what adjustments have been made to the new school's to make them accessible for children with special needs? I want to know exactly when NEST children are expected to move to their new school? I want to know if the teachers/ TAs from roseheyworth will be placed into the new schools to make the transition easier? I want to know if as parents we will have a say as to which school children will be moved to? I want to know if you'll refund parents for the money they have spent on uniform which will now be different? I want to know why youve not issued a public statement with these answers? I'd also like to know how the budget has been so poorly managed that our children now have to deal with this upheaval at such a crucial stage in their development? To say I'm angry is an understatement, my blood is boiling and so is everyone else's. As council members it is your job to ensure you manage the budget to ensure crucial services are provided for the community you serve. Children of this community should not be punished for the councils lack of foresight and budget management. It's bad enough your doing this, its worse how poorly its been handled. We want answers, we deserve answers and its your job to provide them.

- I have 2 nephews & a niece whom attend this school and all 3 are very settled here and happy with being in this school, but mostly I am very worried of the children in this school with different needs & who need extra help, I know they have a class called the Nest class, the only reason I know this is because my nephew who has been diagnosed with autism & has had to be put into the best class due to being so unsettled in a class room with others at the start of the year attends the school & goes into the nest, this has helped my sister in law keep him in school when there was times her & his dad thought it wouldn't be possible due to the stress it caused him going into nursery and how unsettled he was, but moving him into the nest had proven that he's able to now stay in school & has helped him very much, for someone like it has taken him a long time to even settle there & trust his teacher he has, to the point his parents nearly had to take him out until they was offered for him to go into the nest room, not many schools offer this facility and for someone like it would put an unbearable amount of stress and could cause my sister in law to look at removing him again due to this if the school was to close, there are other factors for the other 2 children to that are so happy but one have to point out is how our other nephew was a little quiet and shy before going into mini mes, to the point he'd get upset with someone entering the room he was in if he didn't know them but since attending he had come out of his shell so much and is now even saying hello to people he hasn't met as long as one of us trusting adults are around him and we have spoken to them first, but I believe the help of the teachers there has helped this and if the school was shut this could make him go backwards in what he has over come, our niece loves attending here and I live hearing her stories every week of making friends an achieving and thriving so much here, she even says how she gets a dip in the bag of being chosen for start of the week & gets very excited when this happens and loves being able to warn non uniform on this day, I just think for a school that is doing so well with just these 3 children it would be a big loss to the community, the other children & parents and think it should be rethought, thank you.
- have 3 grandchildren in the school one of them is autistic, this will really affect him badly has he doesn't like change and is settled in the nest.my other grandson has come on a lot since starting mini mees and i think changing schools could affect him now at this stage.my granddaughter is 6 coming up and the school has helped her alot by speech and confidence. It will affect all 3 in different ways.
- I have a 6 year old currently in the school and she is settled and happy, I don't believe she would transition well due to anxiety that she suffers with. I have also got a little boy due to start nursery in September 2026 and he again would not cope with moving schools as it has taken us a while to

get him settled in pre school. I believe that it would be detrimental to their education and their happiness.

- I have a child at Six Bells campus. Drop off and collecting times are a nightmare with the current pupil numbers. To add Roseheyworth pupils to the mix will only exacerbate matters. Her Class numbers are also in the high twenties already. Roseheyworth school is only 26 years old. Access is excellent. My child has attended school trips from the location, most recently London. I also note you mention numbers on roll have decreased. In 2021 there were 637 numbers on roll. In 2025 its 617 which is only 20 which equates to a small 3%, if this was such an issue why wasn't it back then. As a paying council tax resident BGCBC continue to take more and we get less in return, bin collections, potholes, litter but I feel targeting the futures and aspirations of abertillery children for years to come is worst of all. Shame on you BGCBC.
- I have a child currently attending the Six Bells campus and feel that shutting Roseheyworth would negatively impact the learning environment at both Six Bells and Tillery Street as the class sizes will inevitably increase. I also think it is important to take into account the likelihood that the traffic in both areas will increase given that it is not a short walk to either of these schools from Roseheyworth. Speaking from experience, the streets surrounding the school in Six Bells are at bursting point at drop-off and pick-up already. I also feel for those parents who have no transport and will have to walk the 45 minutes to Six Bells and back, twice a day.
- I have a grandson at Roseheyworth campus who is happy and settled. I think it would be detrimental for him to be disrupted in his education.
- I have children going in to year 2 class and currently Mini Me's I am going to lose my childcare provision. My other children will be going into a larger class I don't drive, I am also a carer.
- I have children in Tillery Street campus and the classes are high numbers as it is. The teachers and support staff struggle with the amount of children as it is and to add more children would impact all children from receiving the education they deserve. We are also a deprived area and expecting parents to travel to other campuses is putting a strain on them both financially and will impact children's attendance. If there is not enough money in the school budget maybe you should look at all the assistant heads and deputies in the secondary campus even with the restructure it is ridiculous the amount of money spent on the site over the actual educational needs of our children.
- I have grandchildren in Tillery St campus, one of them are SEN, what will happen to them as there isn't enough classrooms to accommodate the children coming from Roseheyworth, even if some went to Six Bells, will my grandchild suffer.
- I have lived on the Roseheyworth site for many, many years. I used to be a dinner lady myself when I was younger. To think you are making a decision to close a school due to saving money is disgraceful. The effect this could have on these young children is worrying. This is an integral part of their development stage and you are proposing disturbing it and all the hard work from the teachers up until this point. Surely you can come up with ways of keeping the school open for the sake of these poor children many of which are from a flying start area, and let's not forget are supposed to be giving more chances.
- I have reviewed the consultation document and considered its impact on pupils, staff, and the wider community. The proposal appears impractical, lacks sufficient evidence, and fails to fully address its likely educational, social, and financial consequences. There is little detail on how educational standards will be maintained, particularly with larger class sizes. Increased class sizes are likely to reduce teaching quality and limit individual support, especially in literacy and numeracy where improvement is already needed. As a 3–16 school, there are existing concerns about performance in the secondary phase. Evidence consistently shows that smaller class sizes are key to improving outcomes, particularly in primary education where core skills are developed. The proposal does not demonstrate how this will be protected. The Estyn report identified the need to improve teaching quality and strengthen literacy and numeracy. This proposal does not address those recommendations and may make them harder to achieve. The Curriculum for Wales aims to develop confident, capable learners, but this is difficult in overcrowded environments with reduced space and increased pressure on staff. The current Roseheyworth setting supports both learning and wellbeing in ways that may be lost. The impact on pupil wellbeing, particularly for those with Additional Learning Needs (ALN), has not been properly considered. Larger, unfamiliar environments and increased travel are likely to cause anxiety and disrupt progress. There is also very limited detail on how ALN provision will be maintained. The needs of vulnerable groups, including young carers, have been overlooked. These pupils rely on

stability and local support, which this proposal risks disrupting. Key data used in the consultation lacks transparency. For example, pupil numbers appear inaccurate when nursery and Rising 3s are included, raising concerns about planning and long-term sustainability. Local factors such as housing growth and population increases have not been fully considered. Demand for school places may rise, not fall, making the proposal questionable. The school plays a vital role in the community. Claims that closure would have minimal impact are not credible, particularly given the loss of services such as childcare and wraparound provision. The financial case is unclear. While deficits are referenced, the proposal does not show how closure would deliver real savings. Additional costs—such as transport, infrastructure, and increased pressure on other campuses—are likely. The justification around building costs is also weak, as the building is expected to remain in use, meaning maintenance costs may still apply. There is a lack of evidence regarding traffic, parking, and safe routes to school. Existing issues at other sites are likely to worsen, and the absence of proper assessment is a significant concern. Transport arrangements, including access to breakfast clubs, are not fully addressed. Without reliable provision, some families may struggle to access essential services. Attendance data is presented too broadly to support meaningful conclusions, limiting its value in decision-making. Overall, the proposal lacks the evidence and detail required to justify such a significant change. It does not adequately address key issues including education, wellbeing, ALN provision, community impact, safety, and long-term financial sustainability. There is a strong concern that financial considerations are being prioritised over the needs of pupils and the community. This does not align with commitments to wellbeing and reducing inequality. Children need stability, safety, and supportive learning environments. This proposal does not demonstrate how those will be maintained.

- I have reviewed the consultation document and examined the evidence presented, I have considered the implications for pupils, staff, and the wider community. It is clear that the proposal is impractical, insufficiently evidenced, and fails to adequately account for the educational, social, and financial consequences it would create. The proposal does not provide sufficient detail on how educational standards will be maintained, particularly in the context of increased class sizes. Larger classes will inevitably reduce the quality of teaching and limit the ability to provide targeted support to pupils—especially in literacy and numeracy, where Capita (Cap9) data already highlights the need for focused intervention. As a 3–16 school, the secondary phase is already underperforming against national benchmarks in key areas. Evidence from across Europe and South Asia consistently demonstrates that smaller class sizes are fundamental to improving pupil outcomes. The primary phase is especially critical for developing foundational skills in reading, writing, and mathematics, alongside fostering an inclusive and supportive environment where pupils feel valued and able to thrive. Furthermore, the Estyn (Iestyn) report identified the need to improve teaching quality and to strengthen opportunities for pupils to develop literacy and numeracy skills. This proposal does not demonstrate how those recommendations will be addressed, it actually risks making it more challenging to achieve this. The Curriculum for Wales sets out clear objectives, including developing ambitious learners, healthy individuals, and ethical citizens. These aims cannot realistically be achieved in overcrowded environments with reduced access to outdoor space, limited opportunities for independent and social development, and increased pressure on staff. The Roseheyworth campus, in contrast, benefits from extensive natural surroundings that support both learning and wellbeing. The consultation fails to adequately consider the mental health and wellbeing of pupils, particularly those with Additional Learning Needs (ALN) and other vulnerabilities. Larger, less personal environments and increased travel times are likely to have a detrimental impact on pupils who rely on routine, familiarity, and stability. Notably, ALN provision is largely absent from the documentation. Learners with additional needs require consistent, specialist support in environments tailored to their requirements. A change in setting risks regression in behaviour, increased anxiety, school avoidance, and disruption to progress outlined in Individual Development Plans (IDPs) and Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs). Even short-term disruption can significantly affect literacy and numeracy development in ALN pupils. In addition, the needs of young carers within the Roseheyworth community have not been addressed. These pupils depend heavily on proximity, routine, and local support networks. Disrupting their education risks placing further strain on children who already face considerable responsibilities. The consultation references projected birth rates and pupil numbers but does not provide verifiable sources. Any data used to justify such significant changes must be transparent and evidence-based. The report states that there are 127 pupils at Roseheyworth; however, this

figure excludes nursery-aged children and Rising 3s. When these are included, the actual number is closer to 161 pupils. This discrepancy raises serious concerns regarding the accuracy of capacity planning and long-term sustainability, particularly given that the school is consistently described as part of a 3–16 model. Additionally, local factors such as new housing developments and inward migration have not been fully considered. According to Welsh Government projections, Blaenau Gwent is expected to experience a 5.6% population increase between 2022 and 2032. This growth is linked to regeneration initiatives, improved transport links such as the Ebbw Valley railway, and regional development programmes. Given that there are approximately 56 homes projected between 2026 and 2029 and housing in the Abertillery area is comparatively affordable, it is reasonable to question whether this population growth will disproportionately affect the local area—potentially increasing demand for school places rather than reducing it. Roseheyworth School also plays a vital role within the community, both functionally and historically, as the Millennium School. The assertion within the community impact assessment that there would be minimal or no impact is not credible. The closure would also affect associated provisions such as Mini Mes childcare, which is integral to supporting local families by offering wrap around services and after school clubs open to all the community. Any disruption to these services would have significant practical and emotional consequences. The proposal references a projected deficit of over £900,000, rising to £4 million in future years, yet it does not clearly demonstrate how the closure of Roseheyworth will deliver genuine financial savings. Significant additional costs are likely to arise, including:

- Transport provision for displaced pupils
- Infrastructure improvements for safe routes to school
- Traffic management and parking expansions at receiving campuses

Furthermore, the justification for closure based on building age and maintenance costs is undermined by the council's own statement that the building will remain within the education portfolio. This suggests that maintenance costs will still need to be incurred, thereby weakening the financial argument for closure. There is a notable absence of evidence relating to traffic assessments, parking capacity, and safe routes to school. Both Tillery Street and Six Bells campuses already experience challenges in these areas, and increased pupil numbers will inevitably exacerbate these issues. The Welsh Government's "Safe Routes to School" initiative requires local authorities to assess and mitigate risks such as traffic congestion and unsafe crossings. The lack of such analysis within this proposal is a significant omission and suggests that additional, unaccounted-for financial investment would be required. Transport provision for breakfast club access has also not been addressed. Without reliable transport, many families will be unable to access this essential service, undermining Welsh Government objectives to improve pupil health, nutrition, and attainment. While transport costs are estimated at £30,000 per year, there is a legitimate concern regarding the long-term sustainability of this provision, particularly in light of similar cuts in neighbouring authorities such as Caerphilly. Attendance concerns are cited within the report; however, these are presented at a whole-campus level, rather than being broken down across the distinct phases of the 3–16 structure. This approach risks masking underlying patterns and does not provide a sufficiently detailed basis for decision-making. In its current form, the proposal is incomplete and lacks the robust evidence required to justify such a significant change. It fails to adequately address key areas including educational quality, pupil wellbeing, ALN provision, community impact, transport, safety, and long-term financial sustainability. There is a strong concern that this proposal is being driven primarily by financial considerations, without sufficient regard for the profound impact it will have on pupils, staff, and the wider community. The council's own commitment as a Marmot authority emphasises reducing inequalities, supporting communities, and prioritising health and wellbeing. This proposal does not align with those principles. The disruption to education, the impact on vulnerable learners, and the weakening of community infrastructure directly contradict the objectives of creating healthier, more equitable outcomes for children and families. Children deserve stability, safety, and an environment that nurtures their development. Roseheyworth School has consistently provided this. As a parent of children currently in Year 4 and Year 1, I have seen firsthand the positive impact that the school's environment and class sizes have on educational outcomes. My son is currently reading at a comprehensive level and is excelling in both literacy and numeracy. My daughter, who is being taught alongside Year 2 pupils, is already working at a level approaching Year 3 in reading, literacy, and numeracy. It is difficult to conclude that these outcomes would have been achieved in a larger, more crowded setting where individual attention is inevitably reduced. This real-life example reflects the wider concern that increased class sizes and reduced capacity for targeted

support will have a detrimental impact on pupil attainment. This consultation does not demonstrate how such standards will be maintained if pupils are relocated to other campuses. Based on the above points raised I whole heartedly DO NOT support the proposal.

- I have significant concerns surrounding the impact of increasing class size will have on the current learners. Particularly considering there is a change with the structure and roles of staff in all schools. The level of risk pertaining instability and poor outcomes for students, seems too high based on saving money. Council tax rates are some of the highest in the UK and the reduction in all services, but certainly in this area, are unacceptable.
- I just don't know where you are safely going to place 127 children into six bells and tillery street campuses! The classes are already full enough, and crowded, this will have a huge impact of the kids education.
- I know many people who send their children and grandchildren to the school they don't have to travel far and they like going to the school it will upset them to move schools
- I know of a child who cannot get the support he needs now! Let alone when extra pupils are added to already full classes... the staff will not be able to cope and what about those who don't drive... having to walk from rosehayworth all the way to aber primary.... stupid stupid thought.... u fine parents when kids are not in school what about parents who physically won't be able to walk that far will they be fined????
- I live at Arael view we walk to school as it is in walking distance my granddaughter as just started nursery as I have Sgo with her she goes to mini mes to she has settled so well I drive but my car always is breaking down no matter what the weather is she has gone even my 4 children as it is walking distance and would never be able to make it at another school as it would probably take 45 minutes to 1 hour and half to the other school my 4 children went there and was always in school I work at the school as breakfast and dinner lady and the anxiety it is causing the children is so unfair
- I live on Newall St, Tillery St campus has a gate on Newall St. At the moment there is a problem with parents parking on Newall St from 2pm. The majority park on the pavement with their engine running. It's impossible to walk children that live in the Gelli Crug area home from school safely due to the amount of cars on the pavement. The situation will be worse with extra children in the campus.
- I live on Newall street and the traffic at school times in the morning and afternoon are terrible for us that live on drop-off zones. We don't need another 60 odd kids added to the chaos for residents meaning more traffic and definitely more of a risk for crashes & potential for someone to get run-over as they park where you cannot see around if cars are coming. Please think of the children's safety and welfare and do the right thing
- I myself was a pupil in roseheyworth road campus when they first opened, one of the first to go into the nursery class and continued all the way through up until secondary school! My son is currently attending the school and my eldest daughter was there until she left for comp! This should not be happening to our school
- I oppose the proposal as it is not in the best interest of children.
- I really struggle to see how closing a primary school in one of the most deprived areas of Wales is a good idea. by closing a school, you will automatically take away a reason for people to move to the area. if people don't move to the area, then you will not in turn generate jobs and opportunities. Also, I cannot see how the 130 pupils (that is not counting the 60 in nursery ready to move up) will be safely and properly integrated into the remaining 2 ALC sites. as an ex-governor I know from firsthand experience that logistically this will not be achievable without seriously impacting on the learning capacity of these children. This appears to be nothing more than a money saving exercise.
- I strongly object to the closure of the school due to overcrowding in classrooms, also the upsetting of the children.
- I strongly object to the proposal to close roseheyworth The justification for this decision appears fundamentally flawed and fails to consider the practical consequences for students, families, and the wider community. Firstly, the proposal suggests redistributing students into two other schools located on the same campus. However, these schools are already operating at or near full capacity. Moving additional pupils into overcrowded environments will inevitably place strain on resources, classrooms, and staff. This risks reducing the quality of education, increasing class sizes, and creating an environment where students receive less individual support. Secondly,

Roseheyworth is a relatively modern facility, only 26 years old. Closing a functioning school building of this age is difficult to justify from both a financial and infrastructure perspective. Significant public funds have already been invested in this school, and abandoning it prematurely would represent a poor use of public resources. Thirdly, the proposal does not appear to adequately consider the impact on pupils' wellbeing and learning stability. Schools are not interchangeable spaces; they are communities where children build relationships, routines, and a sense of belonging. Forcing students into already full schools risks disrupting their education and emotional stability. Finally, the local community deserves transparency regarding the true reasoning behind this proposal. Without clear evidence that closure will improve educational outcomes or provide genuine long-term benefits, the decision appears unnecessary and potentially harmful. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the council to reconsider this proposal and instead focus on supporting and maintaining an existing school that continues to serve its students and community effectively.

- I strongly object to the proposed closure due to the wide ranging impact it will have on children, families, and the wider community. This would create significant access issues for families without transport within the 1.5-mile (under 8s) and 2-mile (over 8s) radius, making it much harder for children to get to school and reducing equality of access to education. There are also serious concerns around safety, with increased traffic and very limited parking in Tillery Street and Six Bells already putting pressure on drop-off and pick-up times. This would only become worse with additional families being displaced. Children with Additional Learning Needs (ALN) would be particularly affected, as longer journeys in all weather conditions and adapting to new, busier school environments may not be suitable or safe for many pupils. Larger class sizes and more crowded settings could also negatively impact learning and wellbeing. This change would also mean children being separated from their friendship groups and having to adapt again to new staff, routines, and environments. For many pupils, particularly those in Years 5 and 6, this is another major transition during already important and sensitive stages of their primary education. Longer travel times are also likely to lead to tiredness, reduced readiness to learn, and lower engagement in the school day. Parents and carers would also find it harder to stay involved in their child's education due to increased distance and travel requirements, reducing opportunities to attend meetings and school events. Beyond the individual impact on families, closing a local school removes an important community hub. Schools play a vital role in bringing people together, supporting community identity, and providing a sense of belonging. Losing this would weaken local cohesion and make daily life harder for many families. There are also concerns about the wider impact on receiving schools, which may face increased pressure on class sizes, resources, and support services, including for pupils with additional needs. Finally, this decision would mean another unnecessary change for children who are already settled in their current school environment. Frequent moves can affect confidence, stability, and emotional wellbeing, particularly for younger children and those who rely on routine and familiarity. For all of these reasons, I do not believe the closure is in the best interests of the children, families, or the wider community.
- I strongly object to this proposal. The children will suffer profusely.
- I strongly oppose the closure of this site. Its loss would place additional pressure on already overstretched sites. Closing it risks compromising both capacity and the quality of provision for students.
- I strongly oppose the proposal to close Rosehayworth School and move its pupils to Six Bells Primary School or Tillery Street Primary School. Rosehayworth is a vital part of the community, providing children with stability and support. Closing it would disrupt pupils' education and wellbeing. It would also place significant added pressure on Six Bells and Tillery Street, increasing class sizes and stretching already limited resources, which could impact all pupils. I urge decision-makers to reconsider this proposal and prioritise the needs of the children and the wider community.
- I strongly oppose the proposal to close Roseheyworth Millennium School, my daughter has made numerous friends at the campus and closing it will disrupt her wellbeing and cause unnecessary stress not just with her but with all the other pupils too. Local schools are already at or near full capacity and closing Roseheyworth will leave many children without reasonable access to education within their community. This will force young children to travel further distances, causing distress, disruption, and safety concerns. Roseheyworth Millennium School provides stability, support, and a vital community environment for its pupils. Removing this school will negatively

impact children's wellbeing, educational continuity, and mental health. There is no clear evidence that sufficient alternative school places exist locally. Without guaranteed capacity, closing the school risks creating serious access problems for families. I urge Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council to reconsider this proposal and work with the community to find alternative solutions that keep the school open. This school is essential to our community and our children's future

- I strongly oppose the proposal to close Roseheyworth Primary School. As a former pupil of the school and a member of the first cohort to go through the Roseheyworth system in the new millennium, I can personally attest to the positive and lasting impact the school has on its pupils and the wider community. Roseheyworth provided a pivotal foundation in my life and gave me an excellent start to my education. My year group was small, with no more than twenty pupils. However, the entire school felt like a family. There was a strong sense of community that brought the local area together. Everyone played an important role in creating this environment – from teachers and support staff to kitchen staff, cleaners, caretakers and the wider community. This sense of belonging is something that cannot easily be replicated in larger schools. The staff at the school were inspirational and had a profound impact on my life. Their dedication, care and passion for education played a major role in inspiring me to pursue a career in teaching myself. Without the encouragement and example set by those teachers, I may never have followed this path. Roseheyworth does not just educate children – it inspires them and shapes the people they become. Roseheyworth has always been committed to providing rich opportunities for its learners. The school makes excellent use of its surroundings, including the playing fields and woodland areas, giving children valuable experiences beyond the classroom. These opportunities support not only academic learning but also wellbeing, confidence and a connection with the local environment. The school also supports many families from some of the lowest-income households in the town. For these families, the school is more than just a place of education; it is a vital source of stability, care and community support. Removing this local school risks leaving some of the most vulnerable children feeling lost within a much larger system. Closing Roseheyworth Primary School would mean losing a deeply valued community hub that has served generations of local families. I urge decision-makers to carefully consider the long-term impact on pupils, families and the community before moving forward with this proposal.
- I strongly oppose the proposal to close Roseheyworth Road Campus and redistribute pupils to the Six Bells and Tillery Street campuses. The data within the consultation document itself raises serious concerns about whether there is sufficient capacity in the remaining schools to accommodate these additional pupils without significant overcrowding. According to Figure 4, Roseheyworth Road Campus currently has 127 pupils across year groups. If this campus closes, these children will need to be absorbed into the remaining two schools. However, Six Bells already has 232 pupils and Tillery Street has 340 pupils, making them significantly larger provisions already. Adding a further 127 pupils across year groups will inevitably place additional pressure on classroom capacity, resources, staffing, and shared facilities. The consultation document acknowledges falling birth rates and projected reductions in admissions, but the current figures still show substantial numbers in nursery and reception cohorts (Figures 5 and 6). This raises important questions about how the council intends to physically accommodate these pupils in the immediate years following closure. Where exactly will the additional classes be housed? How will classroom sizes remain appropriate? What provisions are being made to ensure that teaching standards, pupil support, and wellbeing are not negatively affected? Overcrowding in schools does not just impact space; it directly affects children's learning environments, access to staff, behaviour management, and overall wellbeing. Larger class sizes and stretched resources risk reducing the quality of education and support available to each child. Furthermore, school closures disrupt established communities, friendships, and routines that are vital to children's emotional security and development. For many families, Roseheyworth Road Campus is an important local provision that supports accessibility and community cohesion. Before proceeding with a closure of this scale, the council must clearly demonstrate how pupil numbers will be accommodated without overcrowding, how educational quality will be maintained, and how pupil wellbeing will be protected. Based on the figures presented in this consultation document, it is not currently clear that these assurances can be made. For these reasons, I urge the council to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative solutions that protect both educational standards and the wellbeing of pupils within the Abertillery Learning Community.

- I strongly oppose the proposed closure of Roseheyworth School. This decision will have a significant and negative knock-on effect on other campuses within the area. If students are relocated to other sites, it will inevitably lead to larger class sizes and more crowded classrooms. This risks reducing the quality of education and support that students currently receive. Schools are already working hard to manage resources and provide appropriate learning environments, and increasing the number of pupils on other campuses will place additional pressure on staff, facilities, and resources. There are also serious safety concerns, particularly regarding the Six Bells campus. Parking and traffic in this area are already extremely problematic. The current situation is difficult for parents, staff, and local residents, and in many cases it is not safe. Increasing the number of students and visitors to the campus will inevitably make congestion worse and could create further risks for children travelling to and from school. Closing Roseheyworth School will not simply affect one site; it will impact the wider school community and surrounding campuses. Before making such a significant decision, the council must fully consider the practical consequences for students, parents, staff, and local infrastructure. For these reasons, I strongly urge the council to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative solutions that do not negatively affect the quality of education and safety of students across the area.
- I suggest the school should be kept open!
- I take my granddaughter to the school and pick her up at the school
- I think children should be distributed between three schools with more consistence for smaller classroom sizes to improve learning, i think the catchment areas should be considered more appropriately eheb distributing the children in all three schools
- I think it is absolutely disgusting that you want to up heave and unsettle so many children. You havent taken ALN children into account who will absolutely not cope with the massive change. All us parents know the council have fiddled the numbers and stopped children going to roseheyworth to make it look like their isnt enough pupils to keep the school open. Very slimey! My daughter has been referred for autism/adhd and is on a reduced time table already at roseheyworth, so to throw her into a completely new school, new teachers, not her regular friends is damn right cruel. Over crowded classrooms will be the end of her education, she WILL NOT cope. Because lets face it six bells and Tillery street are already at full capacity. And it will take me another 5 years to get her somewhat settled again at another school. I cannot even begin to explain how furious this SELFISH decision is by yourselves. And i know i speak for all the other parents. All you care about is where you can save and line your pockets. There is nothing wrong with the school, i was one of the first pupils to attend the school myself 26 years ago and the condition of it now is like it was then all them years ago. You'll use any cover story to do what you want. Not a single thought given to the pupils, or even the teachers who will loose their jobs. Again cannot even begin to tell you how disgusted the community is by your decision regarding the closure of roseheyworth school. Im already having to comfort and reassure my 7 year old daily who cries over the fact the school shes taken so long to settle at is now closing. Id love to meet personally with you and discuss all the points. Absolute shambles of a council, you need to hang your heads in shame. I have no words to describe how disgusted i and the rest of abertillery are with you. You selfish, completely self centred greedy people.
- I think it is disgusting that you are thinking of closing a school that so many parents rely on. You are expecting young children from this area to walk to either Tillery or six bells campus, or for struggling parents to pay to take busses or taxis. How are these young children meant to concentrate on their education if the are already tired for having to get up earlier and walk that far to school? They will have more difficulty in joining in with after school activities and maybe not being in the same school as their friends, causing them more distress. You will have larger classroom at a time where BG children are already at a disadvantage with their education against other areas in Wales. The will lose access to Roseheyworth field which is great for moral, health and wellbeing. Also provisions for neurodivergent children with bigger class sizes and the upset of stepping out of their routine, what support are you offering them and their parents who will have to deal with the extra struggle. I hope you see sense and leave this school open for the families belonging to this side of Abertillery. I hope this is not a done deal
- I think it will be a really bad idea for the school to close as it will make the other primary school over run

- think it would be a big mistake closing the school. The class sizes would be a lot bigger which would affect the children's learning process. Also parents with no transport having to walk their children further in adverse weather conditions which would reduce children getting to school.
- I think it's disgraceful to take a good school from children. Not only will this have a massive impact on their education but what about their mental health? Children are settled within this school, actually enjoy going. Are you going to be lenient on them when they no longer want to attend school because of the upset/stress of moving, or give them fines? Blaenau Gwent are taking the funding from the wrong areas which will have a very negative impact on the children affected. This as it stands is a brilliant school with brilliant staff- it'll be a shame to see it go because of poor choices made by Blaenau Gwent
- I think it's too far for children to travel as this school would cover the outskirts of abertillery leading to the outskirts of Blaina
- I think its a bad idea to close the school, when the other schools are full, plus not fair on the children or parents, hard work to get your child to school if you dont drive, i dont think its been thought through enough
- I think it's awful. Think about the kids.
- I think its disgusting that you are closing the school my grandson goes to that school
- I think its sad that they are closing the school and going to force children into two other schools which are already over crowded a d pupils who find it a struggle woth school work are going to be let down and slip through the loop
- I think that the children's education will suffer, due to overflow in classes. It is an awful proposal. I strongly object.
- I think that the class sizes will be too big and affect the pupils education. It will also put more pressure on teachers
- I think the children and the traffic is mad now. I dread to think how it will be with added children
- I think the school needs to stay open for the children that attends that school from the area as going to a school further away is not in the best interests of the children six bells and tillery street campus is to far for young children to be walking to and the weather is not great in Wales so they will get soaked going to school having to sit in wet clothes all day and potentially getting ill then having to have time of #saveroseheyworthschool
- I think the school should stay open because they are family friends who I know their children attend the school two of which have learning needs and this will be very difficult for them to adjust to change.
- I think the way it was shared with staff was unacceptable. Staff have been left worried with unanswered questions, worried about the loss of jobs and nothing has been shared to confirm or reassure us. If this goes ahead what will happen to class numbers? What will happen to the nest provision? Will there be enough space for parking? Are teachers at risk of losing their jobs? Will children who don't live in Abertillery have to go to different schools to make space for children in Abertillery? We have a growing number of children moving here from different countries? What will happen to the childcare provision that is set up at Roseheyworth campus? Where will they be accommodated? Transport for children at Roseheyworth to be able to get to the other campuses? What will happen to the children who need extra provision and can't cope in their main stream classroom, waiting for new provision? To ensure they are getting the support they need, as currently they are able to access spare classrooms and have the necessary support required. Will someone be able to see the amount of need we have in each classes rise in behaviour and ALN and consider where they will go how we will help them. How will they sort catchment and where Roseheyworth children will have to go campus wise? Where is the space for ALN? Will our staff rooms have to be used as classrooms? Where will PPA take place? We have PPA rooms? Will they be turned to classrooms? Lots of classes are already full where will the children go? I have a class of 30 my class is full would we be expected to have classes bigger than 30?
- I think this is not fair on any of the schools and that the education and support was not taken into count at all let alone the parking situation as it is in six bells campus absoulty shocking to even have thought of putting other children in big enough classes as it is awful idea !! There has to be some other way of cutting back other costs surley !! I feel for the children !! So sad
- I think this will have a hugely detrimental impact on the children's education.

- I totally disagree with the closure of Roseheyworth school. It would be a massive effect on the children education over tillery street and sixbells it's absolutely ridiculous to close Roseheyworth school.
- I totally disagree with this proposal. to expect children to walk a long distance to a different school is totally unacceptable for parents/carers who do not drive, how are they expected to get children to school?
- I walk my child to and from school, i cannot drive and moving school away from home would create issues with getting my child to school
- I want open this school
- I was chair of governors when the 3-16 consultation process took place. We fought against the 3-16 school at the time. Abertillery Primary school and the other 3 primary schools at the time ran excellent budgets with little or no debt. We were forced to become one big school to protect the comprehensive due to falling numbers although no one in the primary schools wanted the combined school! We were promised the new 3 primary campuses would be protected. Only 9 years on and one of the campuses is without doubt being shut down. Yes numbers at present are low but the main reason is the substantial and shocking debt. How on earth the school is in debt to the tune of £900000 is absolutely shocking and is as a result of poor management. Families will suffer as they will lose their local school! A school which is only 26 years old. The consultation process for the 3-16 school was a farce and I believe this current process will be the same as without a doubt it is a done deal! Shame on you Blaenau Gwent
- I wholeheartedly disagree with this proposal. My children both attended Roseheyworth and it is a fantastic school. The impact on moving the children between the other two campuses will be enormous and I believe very detrimental. I understand that the other campuses are already relatively full. The impact that it will have on the children's learning is likely to be negative, with potential overcrowding of classes. I also believe that the emotional wellbeing of the children will be affected as it is likely to disrupt established friendship groups. Our school is a place that the children feel safe, loved and valued. This will especially affect children with additional learning needs that are already settled and thriving at Roseheyworth. These children will struggle with the transition. Local residents of both the tillery street and the six bells campuses have already previously expressed concerns over the safety of pick up and drop off times due to the amount of traffic in the areas. Adding the children from roseheyworth will only worsen this issue. Roseheyworth is currently the best place for drop off and pick up times due to the car park and the site being on the outskirts of most of the residential properties in the immediate area. From the point of view of a Mini Mes staff member I am very disappointed about the way this has been proposed, with no warning whatsoever from the council. We found the information out from social media. As a flying start setting, I believe that losing this service in the Abertillery area will cause a shortage of early years places in the community, especially with flying start expanding their entitlement to more postcodes regularly. We currently offer wraparound for children receiving the childcare offer. These children come from working families and if we aren't open at Roseheyworth to offer this service then parents would struggle to find alternative childcare in order to go to work. As I've previously mentioned, I do not believe that the other childcare settings in the area would be able to absorb all of our children into their settings. This could potentially force parents with no childcare to have to drop their working hours, or even give up their jobs altogether, causing even more harm to our community and also to the economy. I urge you to please reconsider your proposal and find a way forward that can allow our lovely school to stay open!
- I wish to formally express my concern regarding the proposed changes affecting Roseheyworth Primary School. For many families, the Roseheyworth site represents far more than a school building. It holds cynefin — a deep sense of belonging, identity and community connection. Generations of families have attended, and the school remains rooted within walking distance for most pupils. This accessibility strengthens community ties and supports children's independence and wellbeing. A significant proportion of learners currently walk to school. If pupils are required to attend alternative campuses, many will face considerably longer journeys. Without guaranteed transport provision, this may create barriers for families. Increased travel distance is widely recognised as a factor that can negatively affect punctuality and attendance. The potential impact on attendance should therefore be carefully considered. It is also important to recognise that the Roseheyworth building is only 26 years old. In terms of educational infrastructure, this is relatively modern. The argument for closure cannot reasonably be based on the building being outdated or

no longer fit for purpose. While current pupil numbers may be lower, school roll figures are influenced by local authority placement decisions. Where children are directed significantly affects enrolment patterns. Therefore, lower numbers should not automatically be interpreted as a lack of demand. In addition, Six Bells Primary School was constructed with a higher capacity than the combined numbers of Bryngwyn Primary School and Queen Street Primary School. This inevitably created surplus places within the area. However, capacity figures represent maximum accommodation levels, not target enrolment numbers. Surplus capacity on paper does not necessarily equate to a lack of community need or long-term viability. In summary, I urge the local authority to give full consideration to:

- The importance of cynefin and community identity
- The impact on walking routes, travel distance and attendance
- The relatively modern condition of the building
- The distinction between capacity figures and actual demand
- The influence of admissions and placement decisions on school numbers

The Roseheyworth site continues to serve its community in meaningful and measurable ways. Any decision regarding its future should reflect not only numerical capacity but also the social, educational and community value it provides.

- I wish to formally register my strong objection to the proposed closure of Roseheyworth Primary School. As a resident of Abertillery, I am deeply concerned about the practical consequences of transferring additional pupils to the Tillery Street campus. The traffic and transport arrangements around the site are already extremely challenging at school start and finish times. Congestion, parking difficulties and safety concerns are well known issues for residents and parents in the area. Introducing a significantly larger number of pupils will inevitably increase the volume of vehicles, pedestrians and school transport, exacerbating a situation that is already difficult to manage. In my view, this will place unsustainable pressure on the local road network and create further safety risks for children, parents and residents alike. It is difficult to see how the existing infrastructure around the Tillery Street campus could realistically accommodate this increase without substantial disruption. I would also like to express serious concern regarding the condition of the Roseheyworth campus. The school building is only approximately 26 years old, which raises important questions about how it has reached a state where closure is being considered. By comparison, the local secondary school buildings are significantly older yet continue to operate. This naturally leads residents to question whether adequate maintenance and investment have been carried out at the Roseheyworth site over the years. Allowing a relatively modern school facility to fall into disrepair and then citing the condition of the building as a factor in closure is deeply concerning. It is the responsibility of the authority to maintain its educational estate to an appropriate standard, and the current situation raises doubts about whether that responsibility has been properly fulfilled. Beyond the practical concerns, there is also a significant community impact that must be considered. Schools are central to the communities they serve. The campuses at Roseheyworth, Six Bells and Tillery Street each support their own local neighbourhoods and provide an important focal point for families and community life. Reducing the number of localised schools risks weakening these community connections and places greater pressure on the remaining sites. The proposal would also create additional difficulties for many parents and carers who do not have access to a car. Local schools allow children to walk to school safely within their own communities. Increasing travel distances and concentrating pupils onto fewer campuses places a disproportionate burden on families who rely on walking or limited public transport options. For these reasons, I strongly urge the council to reconsider the proposal to close Roseheyworth Primary School and to give greater weight to the transport implications for Abertillery residents, the wider community impact across the three campuses, and the responsibility to properly maintain existing educational infrastructure.
- I work in the local area but not for ALC, class sizes are already too large.
- I worked in this school for 15 years, I'm very saddened to hear they are thinking of closing both my children attended. I can't understand why knowing how the other primaries are overflowing already that this is even being talked about.
- I worry Tillery street will become overcrowded and kids will not get the right time spent on them
- I would like to keep all schools open; education is important!
- I'm a grandmother and this school has taught numerous children and should stay open you closed all local schools that have been here years and years to make three big. Schools
- I'm not happy with the Roseheyworth school closing down and merging with the six bells and Tillery street campus. The school is already quite crowded at it also doesn't have enough parking

spaces. Parking is a total disaster in the mornings and especially at home time. I can't imagine the amount of traffic and road rage there would be if other schools decide to merge. This is a terrible idea. Absolutely a disaster waiting to take place. The school governors or council have no idea how stressful parking is at home time. It's coming jammed packed and now there won't be space at all!

- If this campus closes the other campuses will be full and children's learning will suffer you cannot just have two primary campuses it won't work.as this campus is still very much needed. As an ex member of staff I have seen for myself how yue children have flourished in their learning and the staff are absolutely second to none
- If this closure goes ahead then you will undoubtedly be losing the older highly trained members of staff and all their many years of expertise through the redundancy process. If school buses are not provided for the children then many more cars will be turning up at the two remaining primary campuses which are already highly congested. Parents without cars may choose to educate their children at home rather than let their little ones walk on our overcrowded roads. What proposals do you have for another large empty building in our town? Roseheyworth has only been in existence since the millennium. I worked in the lovely old schools like Crown infants and cock and chick juniors before transferring down to Roseheyworth and these buildings lasted for a hundred years and more, not just 20! I think its another case of our council throwing tax payers money about without any thoughts of our children and our community.
- If this school closes then there is going to be more traffic by six bells campus I live by this school and the traffic at the moment is horrendous it's an accident waiting to happen if an ambulance or fire engine came down this hill they wouldn't be able too
- Im a parent of a child at Tillery street. It is absurd to think that this is even an option, the school is already overcrowded, childrens needs arent being met, teachers are overworked. The work load already expected is far too much. School pick ups and drop offs are more than hectic. I think its unfair to even suggest merging the schools. The pupils are the most important and they will suffer.
- I am extremely disappointed to see that closure seems to be the decision from the labour council in every way they can they are destroying anything good we have, to move these children will create serious over crowding in classrooms this school is 26 years old it should be going for many more years. yet another terrible decision
- Is tillery St going to really take on all these children. Children are taught in corridors now and don't mean learning corridors- this is all day teaching. Max class is 30 but Wales' average is much lower.
- It is a good school, i Believe the school shouldnt close as its part of the community and all students be uprooted to another school away from friends and their surroundings.
- It is awful closing Roseheyworth school, children need the education there not in a cramped in other schools.
- it is not appropriate
- It is not fair on the students especially my daughter who will be going into reception in September 2026 which is already a massive change for her. She has formed such lovely friendships which will affect her. I applied for her to go Tillery street originally but was refused! Now she could end up being placed anywhere which is not fair on her or us as parents.
- It will be a huge upheaval for the children they are the important people here Also much further to walk Are the other schools going to fit the children in comfortably?
- It will be detrimental to children, oversized classes, to far to travel (costs) taking away peoples choice
- It will be such a shame to close such a popular school. Amazing facilities and the best located school in abertillery. This will disrupt children and their education. Closing this school will not support children in this area it will make learning and school harder regarding travelling and fitting in. Should we really be shutting SCHOOLS? There are plenty of empty buildings around. Why are we shutting schools in an underprivileged area??
- It will compromise pupils' education.
- it will compromise the education of pupils
- it will increase class sizes, children education will suffer, teachers welfare will be impacted
- It would be a tragedy to close the school. What about the kids that have to walk to school.

- It's an absolute ridiculous idea. Where are all our kids going to go. What about the ones with additional learning needs and feels safe in that school, what about fitting in and feeling comfortable. That's going to all go from the children .. highest paying council tax and get the less care. When is it going to stop!
- It's such a lovely school and so many children around the school area who need it . Tillery road and sixbells parking is an absolute nightmare already without adding more children to there campuses . This school should not be closed
- Its a relatively new school why close it? Ridiculous waste of money
- It's an amazing school, which has provided a brilliant education to all of my children, past and present. It has the best access (roads). The only conceivable 'pro' is the money saved, but it will be at the expense of our children's education, mental health, and cause utter chaos at collection/drop off. It's like the people proposing this only saw the money, not the kids.
- It's an awfully long way for parents and children to walk if they don't have access to a car, and its an awful lot more traffic in and around the school if they do have access to a car. My biggest concern is that putting any barrier to an easy access to school will mean many children just wont go. It is one of the poorest areas of the borough that will be affected. How will class sizes be impacted? Surely there will be a knock on impact for the pupils currently in the other 2 schools 'The proposal has been developed to ensure the long term sustainability of the Learning Community, to protect and enhance educational standards, and address the substantial and increasing budget pressures.' This paragraph strikes me as being remarkably similar to the reasons given for establishing the learning community - only 10 short years ago - what will be different this time? How can we possibly have confidence that the proposal will secure anything it hopes to deliver, when, quite frankly, it shouldn't have been needed in such a small window of time. I sincerely hope that lessons will be learnt from the 'consultation' around the creation of the 3-16 which felt hollow, meaningless and predetermined - people deserve better and need to know their views will be considered. It doesn't seem like a positive step at the moment.
- Its awful it is closing down
- Its hard for the kids that need extra help to get the support in the bigger classes. Traffic and parking at the other schools is already close and causing problems
- It's just another cost cutting air brained idea that will be of even more detriment to the children of abertillery. The merger of primaries to save the secondary school had disastrous results and done the opposite and dragged the primary standard down. There have been miserable staff for years and this has a huge impact on kids. My son hates going to school as his words there is no fun any more. teachers yell all the time because they are stressed to the max or they are quietly quitting by the decisions being made you decide?? There are way to many children with additional needs in mainstream classes without the help and support they need already let alone what's going to happen in the next 10 years when there is going to be more children with additional needs than not but no one's thought that plan thro!!! 1 teacher cannot teach both at the same pace and expect the children thrive that's absolutely ridiculous.. They get banned from play games for being kids. another shake up is not going to improve anything education wise it's just Going to go in someone's back pocket as a bonus. Also there are issues with six bells campus that seriously need addressing before adding any more people and traffic. There needs to be revision to parking as it is absolutely horrendous trying to get in and out of the campus in the morning and afternoon I am seriously surprised there has been a a fatal accident down there yet. The car park is diabolical with the weather we have had if it rains there are huge puddles and over flowing water running down the car park through lack of drainage, then in the winter the whole campus is like a giant slip and slide with the rubbish flooring used with no grip and absolutely no one at the council or highways admitting who is responsible for looking after it and gritting it even after numerous emails and enquiries to get an answer!!!! (I have photos, videos and the emails to back it up)Also a giant puddle that appears outside reception when it rains too that's also due to crap drainage so sorry if I don't believe it's in the best interests of everyone for the school to close as we have been fed a load of rubbish by the council and various departments over the years and every decision made by these has been of detriment not improvement so no I do not support the proposal at all!!!!!!.....
- It's too young as only been open for 26 years.
- keep the school
- Lack of parking at Six Bells Campus, overloading classroom numbers, unsettling for the children

- Living on oak street this is my closest school and the school I would be choosing for my son who will be starting nursery in 2027. My niece and nephew already go to this school and it's such a lovely school it would be a real shame to the whole community for it to close. Also considering it's only 26 year old and being compared to many other schools in Blaenau Gwent that's young and a waste of money to close
- Local people use the school. Although some years have less children parents who don't drive etc depend on the school especially In the bad weather which we have a lot of
- Local resources are strained enough as it is. and the traffic around the other schools is already horrendous without the extra burden of displaced pupils from other schools.
- Local schools are running at capacity & the children from Rose Heyworth school would have to be transported to the other schools at a cost
- Local schools needed
- Madness, Too many children in one class or in corridors, too many headteachers. We need a financial
- makes no sense to close the school so i dont support it
- Many children that attend the school dont have a means of travel to attend another campus. And the schools are already understaffed withiut cramming more children into them. If cuts needs to be made, I would suggest looking at councillors wages
- Mental health of children, overcrowding of classrooms, traffic, walk to school for children, teacher redundancies, children being not with friends, dangerous parking, carbon footprint, cost of traveling, children to tired after school wont be able to do out of school activities, parents having to thing of leaving jobs if no breakfast clubs mini-mes closing no wrap around of nursery provision.
- Mini mes has been apart of this school for over 16 years, we have provided childcare for children from the age of 2 up wards. We have afterschool clubs and hoilday club which also runs from this site. This helps all parents with childcare, for them to be able to work. We have children from all areas of gwent. As we also have the government flying start children and 30 hour children that attend 5 days a week. As many of you are aware that the government is crying out for childcare setting to be able to fit all children into a childcare setting, with this closures you would then be closing a much needed placement within blaenau gwent. We live in one of the most deprived area and we need all these schools to stay open for all children that attend both mini mes and Roseheyworth campus. This is not just a school but a school with a child care setting where children from 2 years old can feel safe and protected by both mini mes and Roseheyworth staff. The children of Roseheyworth, blaina and Abertillery need this, to enable our children a better future.
- More information is needed in relation to how the learners will be accommodated and redistributed and the level of impact this will have on the learners in other campuses. Will children in tillery street, which has the highest number of learners and is the closest to the residents of Roseheyworth, suffer their children being moved to another campus in order to prevent council liability of paying for school transport? If not, what is the plan? Full transparency is required so the whole campus can deal and process the facts.
- More traffic in Sixbells.
- Moving children from one school to another just to boost numbers is not right, at least with less pupils to teachers all children will get the attention that they need and have a better quality of education.
- Moving children from Roseheyworth to Six Bells/Tillery St will cause even more parking issues, car usage and pressure on existing class sizes. Parking is already horrendous around the schools and more traffic will make matters worse as the children from Roseheyworth will not be walking to school. What happens if parent's don't drive. Will transport be arranged at no additional cost to families? What happens to staff. Will there be compulsory job losses?
- Must be kept open
- My child attends this school and i am totally against this closure as he is settled at the school after struggling for years with school life and our childcare arrangements work with our parents picking him up due to not driving and living close to school. I also think making bigger classroom numbers in the 2 remaining schools will have a major impact in education for all the children
- My child attends this school and mini me setting, to send her to an already massively overcrowded school is beyond a joke

- My child attends this school in against it closing as he struggles with school as it is and changing him now will cause stress and complete meltdowns the school has been brilliant supporting my son . Also my parents pick him up and takes him to school for me to work as they live close to school if the school closes i would have to give up my job as i would have no one to help me as they cant get to the other schools . The other schools would be very over crowded if our school joins them and i really think this would have a major impact on their learning .
- My child goes to tillery st already at full classes dont want anymore over crowding
- My child has been going to this school for 4 years he would be absolutely devastated if he had to leave the only school He's ever known.
- My Child is in mini-me's so i will lose my childs childcare sport. we dont drive and there are no plans as yet to where min me's is going
- My child is settled in this school, not only that he wont be able to cope with a big change. This campus has everything he needs. My son goes to breakfast club and afterschool club here. I work part time i also have another child else where, i could possibly lose my job if i keep being late with the school drop off when i work the opposite way. My mother also lives right outside the school, due to disabled issues my mum and dad cant not travel via Public transport to collect them. Bullying is a also big factor in the other schools, no parking on pick which means double parking yellow parking to walk to collect. Nearest bustop is the town centre which is 10 minutes to Tillery street school, and again sixbells school. My child is 7 and we live 1.5 miles from tillery school. We also live 3 miles from sixbells school. Please consider mine along with everyone else views on this matter. Not just me but every parent and child would be completely hurt and devastated if this is to happen.
- My child will be affected by these changes when he starts school and his education will suffer
- My children attend the secondary and tillery street campus. Tillery street campus already has 2 large classes for every year group (my child is year 6). There is limited funds for books etc and my sons current class has pupils that are demanding (in terms of behaviour), which i fear would only get worse with increased class sizes.
- My children suffer a great deal with anxiety and for them to be separated from their peers is not going to help with this! They love their school and it's only a short distance from their home which they love they can walk to and from! Closure of this school is unnecessary! What happens if the birth rate picks up over the coming years and there's no room for these children?
- my daughter attends Abertillery Campus and i think classes are already over crowded
- My daughter attends roseheyworth, this is absolutely devastating to lose this school. My daughter's wellbeing and mental health would be seriously affected just to be thrown in another school away from everything and everyone she has grown up with. There has been absolutely no thought but for anyone but whatever the council wants the building for, shame on you blaenau gwent council for just throwing our children out of their school. The evidence within the report has clearly been manipulated to favour closing roseheyworth school with regards to the numbers attending each campus. I know there is children who has been refused to go to roseheyworth in recent years and had to go to tillery st while you have been working on lowering the numbers at roseheyworth so you can make it look bad. A class should not be more than 20/30 otherwise how can the safeguarding of our children be upheld, there would be far to many children for a teacher to check in with or teach. Our children would be just a number in a distant corridor with no friends and possibly being bullied and no one would notice. There is also the risk of not getting all the children out of the building safely should there be an emergency as there would be to many. My daughter is thriving in roseheyworth and have gone there since she was 2 years old where she went to mini me's. Roseheyworth school is my daughters safeplace, its her second home where through any troubles or worries or concerns she has had she has been supported through the school, finding comfort through her friends and the staff. My daughter struggled losing her grandparents and was supported through roseheyworth school having one to one support recommended through their concern, I fear this would not have been addressed with merging roseheyworth as there would be to many children for the staff to notice problems or a child being distant.
- my daughter attends Six Bells Campus. I disagree with closing Roseheyworth Campus as it will affect the class sizes at the other campuses. Bigger class sizes mean different provision will be much harder. my child is a MAT learner and already doesnt get enough extension. Staff wellbeing needs to be considered.

- My daughter attends Sixbells campus this is going to impact the learning of the pupils at the school more kids to a class and it is absolute chaos at pick up and drop off at the moment so god help it if more kids/cars are going back and forth.
- My Daughter enjoys nursery here, they know her needs and supports her with speach and toileting
- daughter goes to this school, and she really enjoys going to this school. It's in the ideal location for my wife to take our daughter to school and it ties in with her commute to work. I wouldn't want to pull her from there with how well her education is going!
- My daughter is unable to get her children who all small to the other campuses
- My daughter loves roseheyworth school and would be unable to get to any of the other two schools it would just make things a lot harder I believe roseheyworth is the best school out of the 3 please don't close it
- My granddaughter is in the school and the closure would affect her deeply.
- My grandchildren will be put into a different school and bigger class which will disrupt their childhood. My daughter cares for me and needs to be back to see to my needs. If school pick up and drop off is further away she wont be able to see to my needs as quick as I need
- My granddaugther and her classmates are thriving in her class. We need more children thriving in smaller classes instead of shoving them all in like hens in a battery farm. Then reaping the rewards of more disruption in our society because we couldn't find the cash? We cant fail our children and grandchildren our parents didnt fail us. Let our children have the same opportunities as we had in small unique classes with teachers who really care about them. It'll be a travesty and not forward thinking as class sizes will increase. This will happen and then what will happen to those already stuffed to the brim classrooms? For once cant the council do the right thing and look to the future of our children and protect them.
- My major concerns regarding the proposal pertain to the distance some pupils will have to travel. It seems incredibly unfair on parents and learners who live nearer to Roseheyworth campus particularly if said parents do not have their own transport as many do not have a car. There is insufficient taxi services in the area to cater for these needs and this would also put a further financial strain on these families to pay extra to get their children to Six Bells campus. I am also not convinced that public transport would fully cater for these children & their parents. If this proposal goes ahead I strongly recommend that BGCC provides transport at no extra cost to the families to help facilitate their needs and that extra support is put in place for the children to adjust to their new learning environment.
- My personal belief is that this site would be better utilised as a 'resource base' to accommodate ALN learners across the ALC community. The current facilities at individual primary sites do not meet the needs of these learners as the number of children needing to access a more bespoke environment grows. Limited staff are unable to support classrooms effectively, and learners not meeting their potential are sidelined as priority of care is higher in the ALN sector. I feel a dedicated building offering specific support is required to better meet the needs of ALN pupils effectively and cater to the mainstream children accordingly. This also insures that mainstream classrooms remain unaffected by interruptions and disruption caused by those more vulnerable learners needing targeted, individualised support.
- My son goes to tillery st campus and is in year 1 they have already spilt the class and put pupils of year 1 into year 2 as the class was to full so closing down roseheyworth school and expecting children to join tillery st and six bells is ridiculous as they are already full the school drop off and pick up will be crazy busy even though it already is. Plus residents living closer to roseheyworth expecting children who's family don't drive to commute such a long way is very unfair.
- My son have found it really hard to settle in this school. But now he has. Its disgusting how all the children could be separated from the school, friends, and teachers. Me and my son DO NOT support this what so ever!
- My son is autistic and attends the nest in Roseheyworth he's settled now and comfortable moving him now could set him back and we know with the nest he's getting the support he needs it would be devastating if they shut the school and my daughter attends year 1 she's got friends and my youngest is so excited to go into nursery with the friends he's made in mini mes I think it's a bad decision if you shut the school and I do not agree
- My son is starting nursery soon and its gonna be hard for me to take 3 kids either down to tillery street or six bells when i dont drive also been rumours about how dangers the other schools car parks are and i wont put my kids in danger

- My son who is 9 now couldn't go to nursery because Tillery Street campus had no place for him, it wasn't until we moved to Roseheyworth that he was able to start nursery, it's a long way to travel for people up this area, to go to the other schools. Those other schools are chaos at school pick up and you want to add more kids to the school, which means more traffic
- My twins will be put into a bigger class which they are lockdown children and have only now got some where with their talking and reading. They both suffer with anxiety due to being born in lockdown. My other child goes to Mini Mes. My children won't get to school on time with my working hours as it's further and traffic will be worse
- No children choice, parent stress, classes too big, traffic insane in Tillery Street only get worse.
- No matter the amount of children that do use it, it should be kept open for those in need.
- No plans for building, increased traffic, too many kids in a building, loss of space and teachers under more stress.
- No provision in place for the ALN children they cannot be in mainstream school but no place for them in specialist school settings such as Pen y Cwm, if Roseheyworth closes what will happen to these children, they need familiar settings such as Roseheyworth and familiar faces that can reassure them when they are distressed, the staff have worked hard building a setting to support these children and their families while awaiting placement elsewhere
- No school should have to close especially one in the heart of a close knit community like this. There needs to be another way.
- Not enough spaces
- Not enough spent on local education now, without cut backs.
- Not fair on the pupils and parents who have this to worry about!
- Not in agreement with this proposal. Overcrowded in school, too much traffic in Tillery St and Sixbells school.
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- Not only will it be a waste of a building, the classes in other schools are going to be too big so that is not fair on pupils or teachers. The stress, the wasted money that was spent on the old school. So many schools have been knocked down. Money wasted on all other buildings which do get left and wasted. Enough is enough.
- Not safe for my children to commute to another school safely.
- Objections to the proposed closure. Families without transport who live within the 1.5-mile radius (under 8) 2 miles (over 8) won't qualify for free transport. Children and parents of ALN will be expected to walk to Tillery Street or Sixbells in all weathers. Parking in Tillery St and Sixbells is already strained with limited spaces. Potential road safety concerns. How will you deal with the mental health and wellbeing needs of ALN children and their parents. Many pupils with ALN sensory needs will struggle with increased class sizes, busier playgrounds. Friend groups affected being split over 2 schools. Impact on year 5/6 going into final primary years. Larger class sizes will impact our child's education.
- Once again, I do not think this proposal has been thought through sufficiently with regards to the future. Stating it's an OLD school, in need of expensive repairs is totally unfair. The ALC comp is even older and at 26 years there should be far more years left for the Roseheyworth site. Maybe there should be an external audit of personnel employed by BGCBC to see where cut backs should be made to improve the budget.
- One of the greatest strengths of Roseheyworth is its small class sizes, which allow for genuinely personalised learning. Staff know each child as an individual, and this level of tailored support is a key factor in the excellent progress pupils make. Moving children into significantly larger class sizes would inevitably dilute this personalised approach and risk lowering learning outcomes. Pupils also benefit from exceptionally positive relationships with both their peers and all members of staff. This sense of belonging and emotional security is not incidental—it is central to their wellbeing and academic development. Disrupting these established relationships would be detrimental, especially for younger children who rely heavily on consistency and familiarity. The primary phase is fundamentally about helping pupils settle into routines and develop confidence in their educational environment. Any closure or relocation at this early stage would undoubtedly unsettle pupils and could have long-term consequences for their educational journey. Stability is crucial, and this proposal threatens to undermine that stability at a formative time. I am also

deeply concerned about the practical implications of transport. The two alternative campuses are a significant distance away, and for many families—including my own—this raises serious issues. Access to reliable transport is not guaranteed, and the increased travel time would place additional strain on pupils and parents alike. Furthermore, families who rely on breakfast club provision would face even greater challenges, as earlier travel times may make this support inaccessible.

- Other local schools do not have the capacity to handle all these children. It would cause gridlock at other schools' streets that already face extremely busy traffic at drop off and pick up times, Six Bells Campus in particular. Children living in Roseheyworth, particularly those at the top end, would have an overly long way to travel, especially if they have to go to Six Bells. They'd be less likely to walk, and therefore not getting as much exercise, as well as contributing to air pollution. This would take away independence that some of the older children have to walk to school alone.
- Other schools are already at high capacity. Another lot of job losses for the area and a wasted building. Shame one bgcbc
- our children need this school, it is local, and where parents and grandparents can walk to when you have no transport, it would be so difficult, to pick up our grandchild, and we are needed to support our families.
- out of the 3 campus' that make the learning community, Roseheyworth have the best spacious grounds, outdoor area, perfect for younger children i.e. Mini me's and good parking. Those who cannot drive are not within walking distance to the other schools.
- Over run schools surely staff redundancies, higher travel costs for families that live close
- Overcrowding at the other Abertillery campuses will be detrimental to the young people/ staff. I feel the roseheyworth campus would be a perfect site to open a resource base for children with ALN needs. More resource bases are needed in Blaenau Gwent. Perfectly good school! Use it wisely.
- Overcrowding of children in schools, less education, traffic outside the school dangerous
- Parents will have to walk quite far to another school. Classes in Six bells will have to be bigger and children will not learn.
- Parking is already bad enough without adding more to the problem
- Parking is bad enough with all the schools as it is and to try and get children from roseheyworth to other schools will cause more congestion
- Part 1 of 2: Firstly we as Roseheyworth PTFA are appalled at the lack of evidence, the mistakes & lack of compassion for our community, for our pupils & for our Staff at Roseheyworth Primary within this proposal. After reviewing the proposal over a number of weeks and collating the information we have gathered it is clear to us that the proposal is 100% not viable. It does not meet the needs of our community & it certainly does not fall under Blaenau Gwent County Borough Councils new mission statement as a Marmot Council with Torfaen County Borough Council. The proposal is incomplete, insufficiently evidenced, and fails to account for the educational, social, and financial consequences of the changes being suggested. The needs of the wider community, vulnerable individuals including ALN Children, staff & pupils at Roseheyworth have been pushed aside. Educational Impact: Our primary concern is the educational impact on our children. Larger class sizes will inevitably reduce teaching quality. The lestyn report states that better opportunities need to be provided to improve literacy & numeracy skills for pupils. It also states that teaching quality needs to improve so that pupils can make suitable progress. With larger class sizes how will targeted support be provided? We know that as a 3-16 model the secondary school is significantly underperforming in these areas so how do larger class sizes help with this situation? Larger class sizes & lack of teacher support due to redundancies will inevitably reduce the amount of targeted support and enhanced educational qualities our children & teaching staff currently maintain at Roseheyworth. Evidence of research in Europe says that smaller class sizes in Europe & other areas around the world are fundamental to enhanced learning experiences. How will the unnecessary pressure put upon our teachers affect our children's education? How do you plan on budgeting for extra mental health & wellbeing support for our teaching staff? We have learned whilst gathering evidence over the past 5 weeks that two whole classes of children at Tillery Street Campus were until recently being taught FULL TIME in one of the corridors because of lack of space. It was addressed by parents & swept under the carpet. We were appalled at learning this. This is neither safe or practical for learning standards & this could repeat itself if Roseheyworth is closed. Our children should be championed in all aspects of the foundational stage from individual learning to individual wellbeing. Larger class sizes will decrease

the chances of this. Overcrowded environments will not benefit the mental health & wellbeing of our pupils or our staff. We have an abundance of space at Roseheyworth including a new forest school area and yard areas that almost exceed the overall space of outdoor play & learning at Tillery Street & Six Bells combined. As PTFA we have been fundraising tirelessly to upgrade our outdoor spaces & have recently looked into funding & have been quoted for the resurfacing & replacement of outdoor areas & play/educational equipment at no cost to Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council. We also use these areas to host events throughout the year that welcome the community hence improving the mental health & wellbeing of not just everyone at school but also the wider community. The other two campuses have not been able to hold events as large because of lack of space & safety aspects. Our children & staff also use the field next to school as it is a completely safe & accessible transition from the school yard for our children. No roads need to be crossed & there is zero risk from traffic intervention, making it an ideal place for our children to play & learn. ALN: ALN provision is one of the most important things that needs to be addressed and yet it is notably absent from the consultation document. Our ALN children at Roseheyworth have built trusting, safe relationships with our staff. A change of campus for our ALN children at this crucial foundation stage could cause regression in behaviour & learning, increased anxiety, school avoidance & increased need for educational & emotional support. This would lead to increased pressure on parents, children & staff. Most ALN pupils rely heavily on routine, familiarity and stable environments. Even shortterm disruption would effect their Education Health & Care Plans & their Individual Development Plans. This would delay their Literacy & Numeracy interventions & will impact their attendance all adding to stress upon theirs, their parents & their teachers mental health & wellbeing & leading to decreased attendance levels at school & negative responses to the lestyn report. ALN pupils with sensory needs & social communication difficulties who are currently comfortable in their learning/social environment at Roseheyworth will struggle massively with increased class sizes, larger social groups, busier playground & canteen environments. This also applies for the ALN children that already attend the other two campuses, how will they cope with the change? You have not addressed how any of our ALN children's needs will be met. We currently have two 'Nests' at Roseheyworth for ALN children. They both have safe areas for the children to learn & play and our ALN children thrive in these areas. Moving these children to mainstream learning or forcing them into ALN provisions at Tillery Street & Six Bells that are already pushed for resources would be detrimental to a healthy future for these children & the children that already attend the other two campuses. Young Carers: We have a number of young carers at Roseheyworth. These children have been completely overlooked. Their responsibilities are already at a strain & moving them away from the proximity to the people that they care for will only add to this stress. Pupil numbers & Nursery/rising 3 exclusion from the proposal: We currently have 161 pupils in attendance at Roseheyworth. This includes 30 nursery children & 5 rising 3's as of this term (April). As a 3-16 model the nursery/rising 3 numbers should never have been excluded from this consultation. A question that was raised at our Public meeting has never been answered. How do Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council propose to accommodate the current 102 nursery/rising 3 children within the statutory numbers? As currently as it stands, down to your figures there will not be enough space to accommodate these children. Rise in population: With upcoming planned redundancies in Ystruth Primary School & the current lack of space across the borough how will it be possible to accommodate unplanned intakes. We recently had an influx of children on the role at Roseheyworth from a migration situation. What happens if we are in this situation again? 22 affordable homes aimed at young families are to be built by Melin on the former Bowls Club site on Vivian Street in Six Bells & between 2026 - 2029 there are a minimum of 56 affordable homes projected to be built in the local area not to mention an influx of Childrens Care Homes currently planned for various sites in the borough. How will the influx of children be accommodated? How robust & stress tested are your projections based on this planned housing growth, alongside migration patterns & future change in parental preferences in particular with the stresses that will be put upon lack of school transport? What are your sources for future birth rates as the consultation provides no evidence for this? Gov.Wales have projected a population increase of 5.6% in a ten year period between 2022 & 2032 for Blaenau Gwent. With your own plans of creating a transport link & the railway line being extended to Abertillery, local regeneration including The Heads of the Valley Strategic Programme bringing new jobs & hence new families to the area, also being attracted by the prospect of some of the lowest house prices in the UK in our borough (Abertillery in particular) & with great transport

links to Cardiff & Bristol when the new station at Abertillery arrives, then how can you possibly project the intake of new children at ALC? It is our prediction that at this point that two Primary campuses will not be able to accommodate the influx of children.

- Part 2 of 2 Figures: Since the proposal was released we as PTFA have requested numerous freedom of information documents & figures from various sources. Your figures & the responses to us need to be looked into by yourselves. The last maintenance report produced for ALC was during 2022. Would it not have made sense to obtain the current maintenance report which is due in June 2026 before even considering putting forward this proposal? We requested a schedule of works at Roseheyworth & we know that most have been carried out & that the majority of work needed on the building is cosmetic. The building has also only recently since Christmas had new security doors fitted on the corridors & a new CCTV system. It was stated by Steven Thomas during our public meeting that the school will be kept within the education sector. Then surely these maintenance costs will still need to be met & what is the difference in keeping it open as a primary school than as of something else in education? How do you plan on saving the money? By moving Roseheyworth students how will you plan to balance the figures & save money from the projected deficit? You mentioned in our Public meeting about restructure & possibly even adding space to Six Bells & Tillery Street Campuses this will inevitably cost 100's of thousands of pounds. With the added pressure of extra works traffic at already congested drop off & pick up times. Adding to this cost will be the safety assessment & adjustments to the road safety aspects. Extra road crossings, increased street lighting, extra salting of pavements in winter months, extra car parking spaces including access for more disabled vehicles, improved emergency access & inevitably the cost of parking wardens or police presence when the traffic becomes so congested with the added cars from Roseheyworth parents. Traffic flow is already at maximum stress levels at Tillery Street & Six Bells. As per guidance from the Welsh Governments 'safe routes to school' initiative, what happens if the routes to Tillery Street & Six Bells are deemed to be unavailable or unsafe? We know that Gladstone Street & Oak Street in particular are high traffic areas & are particularly dangerous especially with Gladstone Street being the main bus route from Abertillery to Brynmawr. How do you plan on getting our children to school safely & mitigating the costs of this? Added to this is the proposed £30,000 a year cost to transport a small proportion of children who currently attend Roseheyworth to & from Tillery Street & Six Bells. This solution is not cost effective as the majority of children at our school will not qualify for this service as they live under the required mileage radius. We received some documents from a reputable source that state that the top heads/deputies within ALC between them earn over 1.1 million pounds. A copy of the document was handed over to Steven Thomas at the public meeting. Surely a restructure of staff & investing in more teaching staff, alongside the proposal of dissolving the ALC model should be considered as a priority over closing our school. Breakfast Club, After School Provision & Mini Me's Pre-School: We currently provide 60 children with breakfast club supervision at Roseheyworth. The Welsh Government Breakfast Club Provision aims to improve health, nutrition and educational attainment. If funding is not provided to allow the 60 children at Roseheyworth that currently attend breakfast club to access the provision at the other campuses, surely the aims of the Welsh Government initiative are not met by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council. Mini Me's also currently provides after school provision for a number of Roseheyworth pupils, how will you plan to help the parents of these children during the proposed transition? Minis is currently running at full capacity. The setting also provides Flying Start provision. Can you assure parents that Mini Me's will stay within the Roseheyworth Community? There are parents that currently walk their children to Mini Mes from the Roseheyworth Community. Will you foot the transport costs for these children to a new setting? There are also working parents that drop children to Breakfast Club at Roseheyworth & then younger siblings to Mini Me's how do you plan to help the working parents that currently do this? There are also parents that dont drive but dont live in your free transport catchment area. These parents also have children that attend Roseheyworth & have siblings at Mini Me's. How do you plan to help these parents? Community Impact: The support that Roseheyworth Primary & Roseheyworth PTFA have been shown since the proposal release has been unprecedented. We have taken the time to chat to people within the community & not one person has disagreed with our objection to closure. Roseheyworth Primary has both Emotional & Historical significance being the Millenium School & its closure would have a massive impact on the people of Roseheyworth & surrounding areas as it is the heart of the community. As previously mentioned, Roseheyworth PTFA have held many events at Roseheyworth Primary,

including Summer Fayres, Christmas Markets, Easter Egg Hunts, Community Bingo nights to name just a few. These events bring our community together & the loss of these events would be catastrophic. Your community assessment states that there will be neutral to no effect on the surrounding community & this could not be further from the truth. Your new Marmot Council mission statement says: 'We're committed to a bold and important ambition: to reduce health inequalities and improve the lives of everyone in our communities - no matter where they live, what they earn, or what background they come from' If you want everyone to 'thrive in a fair, inclusive & resilient community' as you state then we as Roseheyworth PTFA urge you to retract this proposal & keep Roseheyworth Primary open for our children & their families, our teachers and our community. Listen to our concerns & provide us with a brighter, healthier future. Stand by your statements because our children deserve stability, safety, and an environment that nurtures their potential. Roseheyworth Primary has been, and continues to be a fantastic setting where children are given the very best educational experiences. We hope you take our concerns on board. ALC Roseheyworth PTFA

- Pathetic closing a good school
- Please give Roseheyworth another chance. Staff and children do matter!
- Please keep the school
- Please keep this school open for the local people of Abertillery.
- Plenty of pupils in school. Schools recommended already to capacity. Also to bus the pupils to and from school. Council need to compromise on cost. This is not visible and council are only interested in money they can make from site.
- Potential closer of this school is a no. I cannot see how its possible to spread the children around already over crowded classrooms. Adding more stress to the teachers etc. Surely this will affect the children. Sixbells campus is fairly small. Small classrooms, small play areas. The cars down there in the mornings and afternoons is absolute carnage now youll just be Adding to this.
- Pupil number are already too high in all Abertillery schools. The education our children receive is already substandard, this will only have A negative impact.
- Putting other pupils into other local schools will not help. It has been stated they have surplus spaces, I believe this is not correct. My grandson attends six bells, he has additional needs and teachers have said the size of the class is holding him back, but no help, but will increase the class size? What about safety with the children going/leaving the said schools? The new six bells campus is ridiculous with some parents parking at 2.15 as there is no spaces otherwise, same as abertillery. How will pupils being moved get to the other schools? They attend roseheyworth for a reason
- Rethink this idea for staff and children. They are having their lives turned upside down!
- ridiculous idea
- Ridiculous who thought to close the school want to spend a day there, the teaching staff and TAs do magnificent jobs as all the cleaners, kitchen staff and caretaker.
- Ridiculous! More spent on supply, Traffic issues, teachers unable to cope, Children walking miles!
- Roseheyworth School is the only school in Abertillery with good access and parking. It has Mini-Mes, lots of space and is the best position of all schools. Six Bells and Tillery street would not cope with extra pupils so it needs to remain open for the children's benefit and not to suit an under achieving, inadequate Education department.
- Roseheyworth school is home to many pupils including my own son who has struggled to settle into school. The school caters towards children with ALN needs more so than the other schools and the closure is going to massively impact not only my child but many others. It is completely unacceptable! Our children deserve to be taught in a place they feel safe. Going to either tillery street or 6 bells which is already over crowded is going to cause significant issues for our children. Not to mention parents who cannot drive. Its all well and good putting on transport however that isnt cost effective. The additional traffic to the already chaotic roads outside tillery street and six bells campuses with only cause further congestion and risk the childrens and the publics safety even further than it is at present. Rosehayworth campus is the best campus out of the 3 schools and should not be closed! It is an upsetting time for all of us parents, teachers and the wider community who do not agree with the closure. I refuse to allow my son into one of the other schools where they are under performing. I will home school my son before i allow him into an overcrowded classroom. It is unacceptable. My son is devastated at the possible closure. He is 6

years old. This decision is 100% NOT being made in the best interests of my son nor the other children at the school.

- Roseheyworth has been a fabulous school that has changed my daughter. She is now so confident and likes to feel settled. The thought of closure really worries me with regards to my child's mental state. She is also not keen on crowds and noise and I feel a bigger class with panic her. At the present we have a lovely walk to school but on moving my daughter I know we will have a stressful start to the day. One we will have to drive and two, the current situation with parking and drop off is awful. I have passed both locations in ALC and have been stuck repeatedly when just passing by at school times. I also wonder if it is even safe at the moment for those situated in Abertillery and sixbells.
- Roseheyworth is a relatively new school. Why close it and move pupils to other schools causing overcrowding and upset to all the children involved. It seems to be the policy of Blaenau Gwent council to build new, knock down the old, then discover the new build does not work as well as expected. So they decide to close that as well. Look at the money that gets wasted ALL THE TIME. Leave Roseheyworth alone. Stop causing upsets to children and parents. The ALC was the idea of someone in the council a few years ago and there was a lot of opposition to that now it seems the council want to make changes to that. LEAVE THINGS ALONE. What happens to the school building? Will that be put up for sale?
- Roseheyworth is an incredible school. All throughout my placement I was supported by all staff, and the children thrived every single day. I have friends whose children go to this school and see the progress they make! Getting rid of this school will be a huge mistake and I feel that the children's education will be disturbed and we will see a drop in children's attendance and mental well being.
- Roseheyworth is at the heart of the community. So many children come from severely deprived backgrounds. We know the children well and cater for their needs. These needs may be lost in classes of 30. We know who hasn't had breakfast because parents are unable to get them to breakfast club on time. We give them food. We know who has no coat or jumper. We give them appropriate clothes to wear so they can go out to play. We know the children who have no books or pencils at home so we secretly arrange for them to 'win' these in prizes. It breaks my heart that these children - who are already so disadvantaged - will go unnoticed in huge classes. Staff will be too busy and worn down coping with 30 in a class, that things will go unnoticed - or if they are noticed, no-one will be able to help. How can families who struggle to get their children dressed appropriately and in school in time to eat breakfast, be able to cope with having to walk half an hour away to TS campus? The reality is that they won't. The weather, time and distance will be another barrier for the deprived. I understand why this is being considered but the cost of closing Roseheyworth will be far more than £200,000 a year. It will be cost the education of many. Although sceptics fear that this is a 'done deal' I really hope that the voices of everyone in Abertillery will be listened to and that Roseheyworth will remain open.
- Roseheyworth Millennium School is a very unique, special school that is at the heart of the tight knit communities of Arael View, The Lanes, Blaenau Gwent and beyond. 16 years ago, when the time came to choose the right school for our two young children, we visited all the primaries in the area. We wanted a school that would offer a nurturing, caring environment, where classes were small and all the teachers knew all of the children - from Nursery all the way through to year 6. Somewhere that our children would feel safe, cared for and at home, reducing anxiety and creating a healthy learning culture. Even though our nearest school at the time was Abertillery Primary, we chose Roseheyworth because it offered all of the things that we wanted. A small school with excellent staff that were like a family to the children. Talking to current parents, this is still true of the school today. Roseheyworth Primary is a real lifeline for children who don't do well in bigger, busier environments. If Roseheyworth is closed, there won't be any other option for those children. It should be cherished and preserved for the gem of a school that it is. Please don't take that away from the children, parents and carers who desperately need it.
- Roseheyworth Road Campus is a much loved hub of the community. Staff provide an enriching education for the learners that attend there and know the families that they they serve very well. Parents and carers have positive relationships with school staff and this partnership is the foundation of a happy learners who feel secure in this wonderful learning environment. The proposal to reduce capacity at ALC by closing Roseheyworth Road Campus would most certainly have a negative impact on the families currently served by Roseheyworth Campus. Parents will

become disengaged with their child's education due to the distance and geography of the other school campuses. As a former School Governor at Roseheyworth Road School, I am aware of the respect and gratitude that the families in the Roseheyworth area hold for the location and provision of this nearby school to their homes. It would be a huge mistake to go forward with this proposal.

- Roseheyworth school has been the heart of Roseheyworth community for 26 years, The children of Roseheyworth have loved Their experience in the school. Two of my children have gone to the school and my son is due to start in September, Trying to get my son to one of the other schoolmates would be near impossible as I have a disabled daughter and I don't drive. This proposal will do nothing but harm to the community of Roseheyworths children and parents,
- Roseheyworth school is a fundamental part of the community. This proposal is about money, not the wellbeing of the children or staff. It's not about education or teaching and learning- it's a money deficit allowed to get bigger year on year by BGCBC. The communication of this proposal was non existent to staff and staff found out in an appalling Facebook post generated by BGCBC. I do believe this consultation is all smoke and mirrors - nothing will be achieved by the community having their say. It's all about money. As with the 3-16 proposal - the consultation didn't change a thing! It's such a shame for the Roseheyworth community and the thought of having to relocate children across the other side of Abertillery - a very unwanted stress for parents and careers. I'm sure there will be little if any support by BGCBC for this and Mrs Jarvis will I'm sure have an extremely stressful few months handling this uproar. That's if she's not another head teacher being seen off by the 3-16 school model established by BGCBC- once again to save money!
- Roseheyworth should not be closed, many parents walk their children to school including myself for many different reasons - mine being I cannot drive and my husband works in shifts and cannot fetch/drop her off all the time, and although I have no problem walking to one of the other schools in Abertillery my daughter who has medical conditions cannot walk that distance, the walk to Roseheyworth takes us roughly 5 minutes however when I've walked into town centre it is about a 20 minute walk. Closing Roseheyworth puts a lot of parents with a similar problem - if we cannot drive or walk that distance, how will our kids get to school without extra costs?
- Roseheyworth is what makes aber kids educated
- Sadly I think the closure of Roseheyworth School will have a rolling effect on all the children in the community. Not only will it cause upset to those being relocated to different schools but it will increase class numbers of the other 2 schools which my son's class is already 30 children in a mixed age group class which i already feel is full capacity. Meals duration times have also been an ongoing issue as from listening to my sons feedback they already have limited time to eat and feel this will be stretching this even further. Parking at drop off and pick up at Tillery Street is already very busy and parking is real issue at the school site and in various streets so adding more families would just cause more chaos to the area. I understand this is proposed due to financial issue but feel the childrens well being and education will be jeopardised by making these changes.
- Save our school! Roseheyworth school is where I went to primary school it's an amazing place for education and so close to families who do not have transport and I know a lot of families have children at this school who has only now settled into the environment and would not benefit being moved schools!
- School classes will be too big and kids won't have chance to engage with teachers and learn adequately. A lot of pupils walk to school and do not have transport. Council big wigs still get their pay rises year on year even though services get cut and council tax continues to rise, what are they actually being paid for?
- School drop off and pick ups are chaos enough down sixbells campus as it is without adding more traffic. Classes are big enough as it is without adding more pupils, making classes more busier will have a huge effect on staff and children's learning and wellbeing.
- School not to shut!!!
- School traffic already cause disruption around our house from Abertillery primary, and this will become worse if more children attend the school. Traffic park on pavements and block our drive etc
- Schools are already overcrowded. To many pupils to a class
- Schools are important part of communities and a closure in my eyes is a negative move I am writing as member of the wider Abertillery community to express our strong opposition to the proposed closure of Roseheyworth School. This decision does not only affect the families whose children attend the school; it affects all of us who live, work, and travel in this area. Moving an

entire school's worth of children into Six Bells and Tillery Street, both of which are already close to capacity, will inevitably result in overcrowded classrooms and overstretched staff. This is not the kind of learning environment our town's children deserve, and it risks lowering the quality of education across Abertillery as a whole. We are also extremely concerned about the significant increase in traffic this proposal would create around Six Bells and Tillery Street. These areas already struggle with congestion, parking issues, and road safety challenges during school drop off and pick up times. Adding hundreds more children to these sites will make an already difficult situation dangerous. Local roads simply cannot cope with the increased volume of cars, buses, and pedestrians, putting children, parents, and residents at real and unnecessary risk. For these reasons, we strongly urge the council to reconsider. Closing Roseheyworth School would not only remove a valuable community asset but would also create avoidable safety hazards and place huge pressure on other schools in the town. Abertillery deserves solutions that protect our children's education and safeguard our community, not decisions that put both at risk.

- Schools are over crowded and under staffed as it is, it needs to stay open.
- Schools are over crowded enough without merging yet another school.
- Schools been making continuous cut back and now want to close another school and put more strain on the schools that will remain open - schools need to stay open and invest more into children education
- Should not shut school not fair on children or staff if anything shut the comp and rebuild it.
- Since the school was opened on 2000 it has been a massive part of the local community. My sisters, brother, cousins, and 5 children have all attended roseheyworth. I recently moved and had to take my youngest daughter out of the school which was a very hard decision for myself and husband. If the school closes it will have a massive impact on just the children and parents of roseheyworth but of the other children and parents from the other schools.
- Six Bells and Tillery primary will be dangerously over loaded with traffic, class swelling will also affect childrens learning capacity
- Six bells campus is all ready horrendous for parking at pick up and drop off times. Theres not enough staff at the schools to cater for the children thats their know. Why should our children have to suffer more due to the council and there cuts all the time!!
- Sixbells and Tillery street are already full, it is not fair on pupils or teachers to add more children to these schools if they close roseheyworth campus. The parking and access is awful in both campuses, and parents will have to travel further ro take their children to school. My child will suffer if class sizes are increased. I believe the councils actions are wrong and is a money saving exercise, nothing more.
- Sixbells campus already have split age classes so surely couldn't accommodate more children
- So far 3 of my grandchildren have attended Roseheyworth school. I would like my 4th to attend too. There is excellent communication between the staff/parents and pupils which I feel will be lost in a school with greater staff to pupil numbers
- Stop closing schools
- Stop the decay in society NOW! VOTE REFORM!
- Surely our schools and our childrens wellbeing and education is the most important thing over any situation the council finds itself in. There must be another saving somewhere within blaenau gwent, that would stop this tragedy from happening. It is paramount that the children of abertillery campuses are not put under any more pressure with rise of the class sizes and upheaval of the closure of a school. It is appalling
- The 3 to 16 system has been a disaster since its introduction. I believe this decision should be delayed and an external independent enquiry should be held, to find a satisfactory solution moving forward. With council elections due in May 2027 I would defer until then, as we may have a newly elected run council.
- The class sizes are big enough and its going to put strain on our kids learning
- The classes are already over crowded. Teachers are trying to teach too many students in one class with the children various learning skills. Closing the school will put added pressure on other 2 school plus the school is only 20 year old
- The classes are too big now, what will happen when child numbers go up again, we have lost the right to choose which school we send our children to now. Enough is enough with this council
- The classrooms are full as it is and not fair on pupils or the strain on teachers

- The closure of Roseheyworth school will bring great disruption to my child and to myself he loves the school the teachers and the children and is doing really well. I also walk to the school and then catch the bus to work from outside of the school so changing schools would be a great disadvantage
- The closure of Roseheyworth School will dramatically effect the education of our children. The two school's proposed to send the children to are both full. Neurodivergent children are going to suffer because of change of environment. And to travel from Roseheyworth to the Sixbells campus or Tillery St campus is going to be impossible for those without a car.
- The closure of the childcare setting mini me's would leave me struggling with childcare while I'm at work.
- The closure of the school will severely impact the other schools due to increase class size. many parents will struggle with how far they will have to travel to school every day. the other schools pick up and drop off times everyday is a health and safety hazard as it is let alone if roseheyworth closes.
- The closure of the school would be devastating for the community, as well as adding pressure on the accommodating school, not to mention the traffic when dropping off and picking up, its manic now i can only imagine what problems this will cause.
- The closure of this school is uncalled for and short sighted. Many inconsistencies in the proposals figures are glaringly obvious. Another back handed, probably unlawful plan by a council that has ZERO interest in being of service to Abertillery residents and the adults of the future. You should be ashamed.
- The closure of this school will have an adverse affect on pupils already in the school. Can't the council look at other areas in the borough where savings could be made.
- The closure of this school will in my opinion have a devastating effect on the local community, my concerns include the distance from Roseheyworth to the next educational facility in Abertillery, some of the parents are high risk and most are in the catchment of poverty adding the expense of transport to their financial out-going could cause significant harm with a high risk of low attendance at school. The safety of the roads that the children may need to walk upon is another concern to me as some of the roads are narrow and the pavements are small this for a family with a disabled or small child will need to be looked at for the safeguarding of all concerned. I am very aware of the numbers of children already attending Tillery street campus and Six Bells and having to accommodate all the children from Roseheyworth into one or both is going to cause disruption and possibly great concern to not only parents, children but also the current staff at each of the campuses. These will need to be looked at and addressed to all parties before the direct action can be taken. The staff at Roseheyworth have set up the Nest for AN children and at this time they are looking after children who find mainstream school too difficult, this will also need to be addressed as these children need extra support and a safe place to be able to reach the individual capability, i am aware that both of the other campuses also have the provision for children like those at Roseheyworth but is there the facilities to expand the provision to maintain the high level of care needed for these children. Roseheyworth is only 26 years old and provides a clean safe environment for all the local children, i am aware of the decline in births but this happens on a regular time period and i would also ask how if the number rise again will the schools cope if Roseheyworth campus was no longer available. As a small childcare business that has been based in Roseheyworth Campus for 16 years we have been an integral part of the school feeding children through from areas all over Blaenau Gwent. We are Flying Start affiliated along with the Welsh Government 30 hour free childcare programme, we also offer holiday clubs and afterschool for working parents. My concerns are that the local community will loose this provision as well as the opportunity to view such activities as forest school. Is the Welsh government aware that if the school closes that they will potentially loose a childcare provider that was one of the first to take in children under their scheme? I would appreciate the information regarding this proposal to have been brought to me before it was made public as i employ 9 members of staff and would like to know about how the potential closure could impact on their employment and if there is any facility in place to be able to allow the childcare to remain operational. The staff are very concerned as i am sure you can understand and as Flying start is expanding to cover the whole of Blaenau Gwent where are those children going to go as the proposal doesn't allow for them, we are also aware that there is an initiative for all schools to be able to provide the Early years capability and if Mini

Me's Person Bach Fel Fi Ltd have no where to go this cannot be the case for the 3-16 school as a whole. Please reconsider you proposal.

- The community need the stability of a local school.
- The continued decimation of primary schools in the Abertillery valley is concerning; leaving a primary school at one end of the valley and one in the middle leaves great swathes of children without a sense of community that the school provides.
- The council has not been transparent with information or details of plans. The information regarding capacity and impact on the other two campuses is required as well and details of their budgets and how the over all positions will be if the change does go ahead
- The decision to redistribute additional pupils into classes that are already at or near capacity is deeply concerning. Increasing class sizes in this way will inevitably impact the quality of education, individual attention, and overall wellbeing of the children. Larger class sizes place additional strain on teaching staff and reduce the level of support each child receives, particularly those who may require extra assistance. How will these increase numbers be managed? The situation raises concerns on safeguarding, classroom space, resources and staff work load.
- The fact there moving the kids to schools which are already full is not acceptable. Moving aln kids into a environment like this will only hinder there education nevermind there mindset and there progress with there needs. Transport and the logistics of getting kids to the process schools with be very difficult especially with a household, like ours, where we have 2 kids to transport and especially when there's no guarantee that they will be in the same school. Further more on the splitting up of classes dividing social and friendship groups will not benefit the pupils in any way especially when they have aln learning needs.classes which are understaffed and near capacity as it is will not help kids with aln needs as they need 1 to 1 teaching and constant care. Another problem is parking at the proposed schools. As these schools that are already nearly at capacity and the parking isn't appropriate for the kids there as it is not the parents to park how is this issue going to be dealt with?? Kids with aln needs need a safe and practical environment to leave school and enter school from without the risk of traffic causing them harm. Things like breakfast clubs, out of school activities etc which require a placement or a application to get in will not be available to the kids being moved from roseheyworth as they will not have any priority over the pupils already there. These services often help parents with flexibility to picking up and dropping off there kids with jobs etc. if aln students are moved into one of the proposed schools which do not meet there needs or is not ideal for them how is said school going to be adapted or made to meet the required needs of these students in such a time that doesn't effect there education?? Money will have to be spent, which apparently, is not there otherwise roseheyworth would not be in a plan to be closed. Roseheworth needs to stay open not only for the benefit of the children attending there but the parents and the community surrounding it. I'm my opinion roseheyworth should be made into a aln only school where they can provide the education and care they need and deserve for the abertillery community.
- The idea will just not work in reality. Car parking is already a nightmare in Tillery Street and having another school-full of pupils and parents join will make it outright dangerous and a nightmare for the residents around with cars spilling out on to the streets during drop off times. The catchment area for free transport is no where big enough to alleviate this. The fact you will be massively disrupting the older students just at end of their time at Roseheyworth school and moving them to another school for a year, and then they would be moving again in a year's time will be incredibly detrimental to their education. Children with ALN will not cope with this huge change well at all and I feel their needs are being completely disregarded in favour of saving a few pounds. It is well knownt aht larger classes are detrimental to students' education and you are for some reason trying to make that happen. I dont know of anyone who is in favour of this ridiculous plan and it needs to stop. I can understand maybe stopping new intake and letting the current set of students ride out their time but not moving them on to a school where they know nobody, students and teachers. This needs to stop.
- The impact on the others campuses and the students has not been shared. Six bells is already a nightmare and unsafe at pick up times
- The lack of adequate parking at both campuses, the increase travel distance, the further pressure on teaching staff, the impact to class sizes, new uniform to be bought or changed for parents struggling in a cost of living, a ridiculous proposal and a clear waste of resources and poor money management

- The larger classes at the other two schools are a concern thus impacting staff and pupils. Parking at drop off and pick up time, which is already problematic at both junior schools, will become far more congested therefore encouraging perilous and prohibited parking.
- The local community will be spread to schools to far away from home and will require car transfer which will add to the congestion already felt by the other settings. Also the overcrowding in other class settings will impact education at a fundamental level its also a shock the after only 25 years this building is classed as not viable to repair. The pre school facility is a vital part for many parents in the area and allows the children the advantage off preschool education and development.
- The local infrastructure around six bells cant cope with the current car situation as it is. Some roads are unpassable during school drop off and pick up times.
- The loss of a school is a sad occasion for any community. However, if it must be done surely the building could be used for a training centre for those wishing to do technical studies. Alternatively- an 11-16 welsh base unit.
- The other 2 school are over crowded as it is.
- The other schools are at max capacity and with the traffic flow of the residential areas are not equipped as it is. Many children already walk to school and other drive making more traffic in these areas. The pressure on teachers are already high with the bigger classes making not enough support for staff and children alike.
- The other schools are over numbered in my opinion
- The parking is already really bad and an influx of traffic would make it unsafe for school users and residents also the classrooms would be overcrowded whilst closing a perfectly good school with good facilities.
- The pressures on Teachers and support staff is currently debilitating forcing reliable staff to either take extra sickness leave that they do not want to take or to leave the profession early. Please reconsider smaller, more manageable classes across the campus to alleviate some of the stresses we are all under as dedicated professionals.
- The primary schools will be to crowed, people are going to lose jobs my mother included. If any school needs to go or has the most work needing done on is the comp, get rid of that building & leave our primary schools alone they've already been messed with once with the closing of Oak street primary & Bryngwyn
- The proposal is detrimental to the children's education and attendance. Blaenau Gwent has issues with attendance already and moving children to schools further away will make matters worse The other schools are already having issues with students working in corridors despite being "under capacity" so it is not clear where the extra students will go As a side note, removing the school will reduce facilities in the Arael View area, this should lead to a reduction in council tax
- The proposal is not acceptable because Abertillery and Six Bells campuses are already overcrowded, with class sizes beyond capacity, congestion around the sites, and ongoing safety concerns including recent police involvement, and increasing pupil numbers from new housing developments will only worsen this. A more reasonable and balanced solution would be to review and adjust catchment areas so pupils from Abertillery and Six Bells attend Roseheyworth, which has more space and would support fairer distribution, improved wellbeing, and better learning conditions. It is unclear why Sofrydd, an older site with low numbers, has not been considered, and closing Sofrydd while directing pupils to Six Bells would be more logical than placing additional pressure on already stretched campuses. Forcing Roseheyworth pupils to travel significantly further contradicts Welsh Government guidance on local access, wellbeing, safe travel, and community-based learning, and the proposal as it stands does not align with these principles or support the needs of learners or the wider community.
- The reasons for this: Closure of a perfectly good school with good facilities that really hasn't been open that long to send children to other already overcrowded primary schools. Traffic and vehicle access, already can't manage with the volume that travels to Six Bells let alone additional traffic. This is surely dangerous for the children and local residents. Roseheyworth is a primary school for children aged 3-11. A lot of the children attending there live very local to that school with many parents unable to drive or have no car, how can a 3 or 4 year old be walked to either of the alternative primaries before and after school at that age (given the good old British weather that we have) many of these children would be soaked before getting there.
- The roads around both Tillery st Campus and the Secondary school are already dangerous due to lack of parking facilities. Cars are regularly parked on pavements which means pedestrians, prams

etc have to walk in the middle of the road. Increasing capacity at the school would only add to the parking problem.

- The school and teachers are part of this area! This school is an important part for children and parent and give an extra value to Abertillery.
- The school is a very keen part of the community
- The school is essential for the local community. The transport links in this area are poor and children cannot catch bus to six bells and then back (about 1.2 miles) as there is not a safe approved way and so children would be put at risk. The school serves a large housing estate that often find engaging in school difficult due to poor outcomes themselves as the schools their children will attend with fuller classes and less staff. The whole school community is flawed in its very amalgamation. Too many managers steering the ship in all sorts of directions. Six bells has already been a disaster with lower attendance than bryngwyn and queen street that it replaced. Traffic is dangerously crowded along the streets surrounding, few opportunities to park make it a danger to students and the public alike Teaching staff will no longer know the children if the community or understand the simple geography of trekking from one town to a smaller village through an unmarked route. Some children have never been as far as six bells at this age. It needs to be recognised that primary phase pupils need stability and safety not cuts and economy drives. If the school is demolished it would likely take a million pounds as did the leisure centre after being left idle for ten years. Investing in the school Will cost far less than resettling a community in an alien landscape. Please consider the children not profiteering
- The school is only 20 years old. What a waste of money, why would you close a perfectly sound building
- The school is only 26 years old. & has a good parking area for bus's & cars. Where the other schools dont.
- The school is perfect and I do not support this merger it will take away from the kids learning
- The school is such a lovely school and the other schools are way over crowded now if they move my kids to sixbells I won't be travelling to the school and back everyday as it's chaos there now
- The school parking at six bells and abertillery primary are already dangerous, people parking anywhere, children having to walk on roads and so on. Teachers already have large amount of pupils to each class, to close roseheyworth this can lead to children being overlooked, rises of accident forms, bullying, and children underachieving. I have 2 children who are at sixbells primary school, as i lived near when they was first registered, I decided to do the daily travel as that school isnt as 'over run' with children as abertillery primary, and my children already had friends there and didnt want to swap schools as my oldest said thats scary. So to split childrens friendship groups in roseheyworth can lead to social anxiety, never mind those children who need extra support, who dont deal well with change as it is.
- The school should not close because it's not fair on the children who walk to school and for the parents who can't drive.
- The school should not close with loss of jobs and the upset of staff and children. Who thought this idea is totally wrong
- The school should remain open, six bells campus and Tillery street campus are already over capacitated with students, closing Roseheyworth campus and merging them with the remaining will just put more of a strain on the teachers, never mind the parents who don't drive or are unable to transport their children to these campuses, will there be something put in place to insure children get to school safely if the school does close?
- The school should remain open. It's a big upheaval to staff and children. The school is a great asset to this community.
- The school should stay open. It is in a good area for families and there are a lot of children and parents who rely on that school and the location it is in. Knocking it down would mean parents would then have to find and fund travel to sixbells.
- The school shouldn't be closed!
- The School was built new 26 years ago. It is a pleasant environment & building. Purpose built, to replace Blaenau Gwent Infants & Cwmtillery Junior. The one 👍 draw back, I would say , is that it is to the north of, the catchment area. This means that for pupils especially of, a young age to travel to Sixbells . Is absolutely unacceptable. The Roseheyworth, housing estate & Areal view couldn't expect to travel to Sixbells. That is not considering the children from Blaenau Gwent.

When Blantillery school, was closed, it was very sad. However the children did not have to travel, much further & a brand new school was provided, to replace a Victorian school. Roseheyworth in my opinion is a very different situation. New school, our Children should not be uprooted from a very stable environment of learning. I would like to meet, personally with the director of Education, the Executive member of Education & the Leadership of the Council.

- The schools are already overcrowded. Perhaps if we reduce the number of Councillors, you would be able to use their annual salary to keep the school open.
- The schools are already overcrowded. Students will have less chance to thrive as the teachers will have too many students to focus on. Those who need it more. Also the traffic is already terrible and will get much worse.
- The size of classes are currently affecting some pupils with the capacity being too large, adding even more numbers to an already struggling system will no doubt prove detrimental to not only the children's education but their wellbeing also.
- The staff wages document going around is shocking. As a group we discussed it and I am shocked there are 13 top staff for 4 schools. To save money this staff structure needs to be looked at.
- The Tillery Street Campus is already at full capacity. The added traffic at start and finishing times would impact on local residents. Concern regarding the continuing provision of the "nest" which provides necessary support to primary aged pupils.
- The traffic and disruption that we already get from abertillery primary is already bad enough without another load of parents parking everywhere, especially blocking our back entrance, which is already a problem that we have reported to the school and a local councillor several times but nobody seems to care
- The traffic will be even more dangerous around Tillery Street and Six bells Campuses
- The two remaining campuses will be over run, parking will be terrible. Bigger classes for our children resulting in poor learning outcomes.
- The wages for teachers are insane. How can you justify 13 top level staff? Staff structure needs looking at.
- There are many different concerns regarding your proposal, including: *Why was Sixbells campus built if there was a projected downfall in students? Surely if proper strategic planning was in place, the cost of the new building to the tax payer could have been saved and the land used for other purposes? Are you saying the councils failed in its original planning? Maximum classroom sizes are not a target you should look to hit. If schools are under maximum capacity, this should be considered a good thing as a higher quality of teaching and one to one education can be provided. Appreciate I don't have the figures and this is a sensitive subject, but hopefully you appreciate the point I am attempting to make. Just by being in Abertillery, there has clearly been an increase in ethnic minorities moving to the area, which I understand is partially due to government relocation schemes etc. If this influx continues, will this place an additional burden on schools? I note English is not the 1st language of some of these children, will they require more one 2 one support and take teaching time away from other children when you inevitably cut staff numbers? As diagnosis levels increase, how will you manage children with additional learning needs within a more cramped learning environment? Pupils with conditions like Autism will see reduced wellbeing with more crowded class rooms, play areas and less availability for one 2 one support. Staff retention - ALC is already in special measures and with increased demands on teachers with pupil numbers increasing, how will you ensure you retain the best educators, who may choose less pressured environments or even different industries? Transport - local roads and parking around Tillery Street and Sixbells Campuses are already a disaster, a literal serious accident waiting to happen. Increased footfall and traffic will only worsen the problem. Was the original planning applications approved for these pupil numbers? The secondary campus is a joke, leading to people leaving the area. Perhaps you should put a proper plan in place for managing that environment before cutting numbers. Have you considered why the population numbers are dropping? The town should be increasing employment opportunities, which will bring people to the town and actually grow the population. Another council department working in a silo and looking at how costs can be cut to fire fight your way through budget pressures. We have the highest council tax in wales and one of the highest in the UK and yet you continue to squeeze more and more - it's probably part the reason the population is dropping so the cycle will just continue. Ultimately, you already know this change is going to happen so again just another disappointment for the area to add to the list!

- There has always been a local primary and junior school in our community going to these schools myself ...then when Roseheyworth millennium school was built my 2 boys attended there and then my daughter years later and also being a former dinner lady there the school is large with all the things that are needed for the children. large play areas and also a large field that the children have used over the years for sport day and other activities...how some councils are going to manage to take their children to the other school that don't drive is beyond me I would have never done it myself being a single parent myself. Please think of our children and future children before your decision of our much loved school ...staff and parent before you make your decisions
- There has been no adequate thought given to the impact of increased numbers of children at Tillery Street and Six Bells, and how this could affect existing pupils. There has been no impact and safety study on the effect of increased traffic, specially on Tillery and Newall Street, which are already unacceptable at school drop off and pick up times. Resident cars and vans park on pavements, there should be double yellows all up Tillery and Newall Street on the non-parking side of the roads to stop pavement parking. Traffic wardens should be able to fine people pavement parking. There should be yellow school no stopping road markings either side of the Newall Street entrance and double yellow all up the non-parking side of the road. It's chaos some mornings trying to get in and out of the circle drop off. Because of pavement parking and parking on double lines further down Tillery Street traffic comes to a standstill. How can more people use the road to get to the school when the council can't even sort out themes that already exist. Also, the council should be ashamed of itself for building a school that apparently couldn't last 25 years without needing major maintenance works. We had schools that lasted this community for over 100 years because they were built solidly, unlike Roseheyworth apparently. What a waste of taxpayers' money by Blaenau Gwent
- There is enough traffic down the school as it is and enough in each classroom at present, without adding to the class.
- There is no suitable parking at Tillery St campus for existing parents. So, I believe it would be dangerous to increase the capacity of the school.
- There is not enough space for extra children
- There are too many children in the classes as it is
- There will be too many children in one class, the site is good for families that don't have transport and are able to walk their children to school. The school has amazing facilities and children do well there. To close this school would be criminal, putting money before children's education and families' quality of life regarding transport. I feel if this goes ahead, you will see more children missing out in school or being taught from home and missing out on the social side of school
- There will be way too many pupils in one class, the classes are large enough now without extra pupils added to it. My child's and everyone else's children's education will suffer in order for BGCBC to save a couple of quid. And don't get me started on the potholes.
- There's been no consideration to children with extra needs. The transport and class numbers alone is not doable. Children who already have a hard time adjusting to changes in their own school are now going to face a lot more with all of this. They will be leaving trusted adults to know no one safe. This has been dealt with appallingly and no concern has been had for any of the pupils, parents or staff! You're breaking up classrooms, safe adults, safe spaces and a little community that you have zero care for!
- There's not enough room in Sixbells school as it is they had to split reception between nursery and reception so it will be over crowded with more pupils
- These days the amount of pupils in each class, are already overloaded, this closure will only mean larger pupil classes, in whatever school, they are put in.
- They will be taken to other schools away from their friends to a new environment which may not be used to and many schools may be too full to accept new students. Choice taken away.
- Think about the poor children in all of this!!! They will be the ones who suffer :(
- Think it's a joke you're looking to cut cost on children's education! The schools they would have to merge into are already at capacity and it's a massive health risk as the traffic in these other schools is already dangerous without the additional from Roseheyworth! I haven't seen any positive alternatives from yourselves trying to raise money, reinvesting from other projects. Just closing a school. Abertillery as a town is being left behind in this borough and you as a council and your government should be ashamed!

- Thinking of the parents having to get their children to school if they go to six bells or Abertillery, will they supply a bus.
- This area is a very poor area of Blaenau Gwent with predominantly large amounts of social housing and economic inactivity. The children in this area are already at a disadvantage and to have their local school taken away is not benefiting the children or families that live in this area. We need to be supporting these children and families with additional statutory services rather than taking them away.
- This closure is so wrong, there is not enough schools in the area as it is what is wrong with you.
- This decision is deeply disappointing and, frankly, the wrong one. I find it incredibly difficult to accept that, at a time when we should be doubling down on support for young people in our most deprived communities, we are instead taking it away. Closing Roseheyworth will hit those who can least afford it the hardest — families already facing real, day-to-day challenges. Let's be clear: decisions like this do not land evenly. They fall hardest on those already struggling — families without the means, time, or flexibility to absorb the impact. Roseheyworth isn't just a school — it's part of the fabric of the community. It represents stability, opportunity, and a sense of belonging. And its closure risks taking that away from the very children who need it most. If we are serious about fairness, about opportunity, and about giving every young person in Abertillery a genuine chance in life, then we should be investing in these communities — not stripping provision from them. This doesn't feel like progress. It feels like those at the bottom are being asked to carry the weight of decisions they didn't create. We cannot build a better future by taking away from those who need the most.
- This idea is so wrong on all fronts, so much disruption all across the board. Do any of the people matter in all of this!
- This idea is wrong. We only have two schools in the area, so where are these children meant to go. They must be so confused. Think again.
- This is a brilliant school. Why squeeze more children onto another school minimising learning as classes will be bigger
- This is a case of money over children's future.
- This is a great school please keep it.
- This is a lovely, relatively new school with excellent outdoor facilities moving children to the other campuses will increase congestion and parking problems. why build a new campus (Six Bells) and a couple of years later close another? what a massive waste of money shame on you!
- This is a ridiculous all those children are in their safety net environment, it will affect childrens mental health massively and parents who cannot drive will take their children out of the education system all together
- This is an absolute outrage,when you are wasting money on the likes of the construction to turn the old library into offices that wont get used and the constant waste of funding by BGCBC. Each and everyone of you should be ashamed of yourselves. BGCBC you will have one hell of a fight on your hands.
- This is an absolutely devastating proposal. Roseheyworth School is a fantastic learning hub it's loss will be detrimental to the community. For once Blaenau Gwent Council do something that will help the young of the area Not take it away
- This is due to the parking impact on my St (Newall St) and also the fact that increased traffic will make the surrounding Roads more dangerous for the school children and families trying to get to school.
- This is just another way to try to save money at the local children's expense. How are you going to fit all the children into the existing classes at the other schools without the classes becoming too big? I think consideration should be given to how far away from the Roseheyworth Campus the other schools are...not all families have access to a car. I know some parents use the after school club to facilitate them working, how will these parents manage? Will they be forced to give up work which in turn will have a detrimental effect on their lives.
- This is not the best idea. Youve ever had school is a hub for parents and pupils to get to know each other. These children are going to be lost!
- This is stupid as alc will be overloaded and the children will be overcrowded, thus the special needs children will suffer

- This is the most disadvantaged area of Abertillery, to move these children to other schools will cause more absence from school especially during the winter and bad weather, causing them to fall further behind. With more ALN children in two schools causes more issues for the children concerned, staff and other pupils, as they will not have the room or staff to accommodate them properly.
- This plan demonstrates a complete disregard for both pupils and teachers. Adding approximately ten extra children to each class at Tillery Street and Six Bells will inevitably harm the learning environment for students who are already there. One teacher managing classes of around 25 pupils is neither reasonable nor effective, and it places unacceptable pressure on staff while diminishing educational outcomes. This appears to be a money-driven decision made by someone at the council who is far removed from the realities of the classroom. If accountability mattered, that individual would be removed from their role and the funds redirected to properly supporting our schools.
- This proposal is absolutely disgusting and not in the best interest of the children, educational, well being or emotional.
- This proposal will be a huge blow to Roseheyworth and the community surrounding it. Children expected to travel longer distances from such a deprived area will end up not attending school, impacting their education and wellbeing. The needs ALN children in Six Bells and Tillery Street will be detrimental. Any spare space at this point is used for intervention and/or break out spaces for children who need it the most - this will be taken away from them. I'm disappointed with the way the meeting was held for staff - they should've been given a proper opportunity to voice their feelings. The idea of doing this in front of parents is truly unprofessional. Lastly, I truly believe the staff of ALC deserve a genuine apology for the way this information has come out.
- This proposal will cause significant inconvenience for parents across all of the school's campuses. Both Six Bells and Tillery Street already experience access and parking difficulties, which are likely to be worsened. Parents of pupils at Rose Heyworth will also be affected, as they would be required to transport their children to either Tillery Street or Six Bells — a journey of at least two miles. This change is likely to have a negative impact on learners within that ward and may adversely affect their educational experience.
- This school has been open for many years and now there closing my old primary school. What's the point anyway if closing it. Where souls all of the kids go?!?!?
- This school has excellent facilities, which are an asset to the community with playing fields for sports/games attached. Good parking. A wonderful environment surrounded by trees, greenery which helps childrens mental health and wellbeing.
- This school has only been open for 26 years there's plenty of life in this school yet.
- This school is barely 25 years old, with new families moving into the area all the time. We used to have about 8 primary schools in the area now they want to reduce this to 2 disgraceful. It should never be allowed to happen, this Labour run Council like this government just wastes more and more of our taxes.
- This school is right on my doorstep, walking distance, my child is settled and happy at this school and moving her will disrupt her routine she has and could cause problems in future, i will not be travelling all the way down to six bells as its too far due to child care issues, i rely on family to collect her as its walking distance due to them not being able to drive. Tillery st is already at its full capacity so where do u expect these kids to learn? Will there be more teachers in classrooms at these schools? As there will definitely be way too many kids in each classroom and in the school itself. The traffic at these schools and the area around them is already manic and will only be alot worse. Keeping roseheyworth school open would definitely benefit the kids whos already there and everyone who attends. Kids need to learn, not be rammed in a classroom with way too many kids and not enough teachers. Keep it open and think of the kids especially and the parents.
- This school needs to remains open for children and parents are at the school. This will effect children if they are moved schools and may affect their health and well-being
- This school provides much needed education and family support to pupils and the community
- This school, has been marked for closure with one of the factors being the cost of repairs needed. It is known as the Millennium School, opening in 2000, 26 years ago. The senior school, previously known as Abertillery Comprehensive School, is also part of the ALC, and was opened around 38 years ago. In comparison this is much older and therefore will require more repairs and maintenance in the future. The Roseheyworth Campus serves children living in that catchment

area and sending them to either the Tillery Street Campus or Six Bells will mean they have quite a distance to walk, not all parents have the luxury of a car to take them. The two proposed alternative campuses for primary education cannot cope with extra pupils, large classes. We live in one of the most extremely deprived areas in Wales, even the UK, where often the only route out is via education. Smaller classroom numbers and extra adult support are both factors that make a huge contribution to this journey.

- This will disrupt the lives of the children and affect them academically. It will also result in major job losses at a time where jobs are already difficult to find, and maintain.
- This will have a huge impact on learning/education. Last year children were in the corridor not a classroom due to lack of space for children with additional learning needs. Closure of a school will not only impact the local residents of Roseheyworth school but also impact the children in other schools belonging to Abertillery learning community. Also the traffic congestion will be a danger to children and parents
- This will have a massive impact on classroom numbers in Tillery Street Campus. Plus I don't want my Daughter being moved to another school as this would have an even bigger impact on her and our family!
- This will impact the learning of affected pupils and further increase pressure on teaching staff through larger class sizes and heavier workloads.
- This will not benefit those with additional learning needs- where is the designated space for them or designated staff? There should be an apology for posting this prior to staff knowing about this.
- This would be a mistake as other schools will be at full capacity so children's learning will be affected and also congestion of traffic will be worse.
- This would be an accident waiting to happen with the volume of traffic that would arise from this proposal. Not to mention the disruption to children's education. I purposely chose Roseheyworth because when I visited Tillery street the children were just a number, hardly any were known by their name due to the volume of children!
- This would have a detrimental effect on our children, with class numbers being increased and the needs of our children not being met
- Through past experience moving more staff and children to the Six Bells campus would make it considerably more congested. I use the surrounding area to walk my dogs and visit the guardian regularly and already find access difficult.
- Tillery Street and Six Bells have many pupils whose educational needs are not being met, many of these children are neuro diverse and there is not enough funding, support, understanding, staff, time or resources to accommodate these children's needs or to give them positive experiences or outcomes. Putting more children into already stretched settings is going to cause further damage to existing pupils and those being transferred from Roseheyworth as well as even worse outcomes and experiences. There will also be additional stress to teaching staff who are already stressed with in school politics and bullying between staff of various levels whilst trying to teach the best they can with poor resources.
- Tillery street campus and six bells are already full, those kids will also suffer if Roseheyworth is closed, such a stupid idea to close the school.
- Tillery Street has a management tier that is impersonal towards our children. The site deputies and head teacher have no idea who my children are as they arrive each morning. Increasing the site numbers with Roseheyworth pupils will only add to our children's anonymity. It has been ten years and the 3-16 is still failing but the council refuse to reverse their decision. I have older children who were very happy at Abertillery Primary School when they were small and the council destroyed three/four excellent primary schools to prop up the secondary. Get rid of top heavy management and invest in support staff who are properly trained. Utilising Roseheyworth with its smaller class sizes could actually be a good thing and an ALN base could be added to take the pressure off Ystruth and Six Bells. I have no doubt that the council will ignore the community again and this consultation is simply a box ticking exercise.
- To close this school would have a detrimental effect on not only the children but the Borough as a whole.
- To save the money that you have mentioned, you would need to make redundant all the staff that work at the campus. If the staff are going to be used elsewhere, then where is the saving? It was said that the Roseheyworth site would be staying within education, what for? A specialist ALN school? Don't say it hasn't been earmarked for another use, because why would it be kept in

education if it has'nt. The repairs will be done and the site used for a new purpose. So just do the repairs, and spread the children out from the other schools to make there classes smaller and more even. 10 years ago we went under this umbrella to bale out the comp, now here we are again, going to close a primary school to bale out the comp.

- To whoever it may concern, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed closure of Roseheyworth School. For 26 years, this school has been a vital source of stability, safety, and opportunity for families in one of the most deprived areas of Abertillery. Closing it would place additional pressure on parents already facing social and economic challenges, while forcing children to travel further and attend schools that are already close to capacity. This risks larger class sizes, reduced support, and a decline in educational quality; outcomes that are not in the best interests of any child. The closure would also have a serious impact on staff and on vulnerable learners. Many dedicated employees, the majority of whom are local women in part-time roles, face job loss or redeployment, deepening hardship in an already disadvantaged community. The uncertainty surrounding the future of ALN provision and the NEST environment raises further concerns, as these children rely on consistent, specialist support that cannot simply be replicated elsewhere without careful planning and investment. Given these risks, it is clear that closing Roseheyworth School would disproportionately harm the very children and families who most need stability and support. I urge Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council to uphold its commitment to children's rights and to the wellbeing of this community by keeping Roseheyworth School open.
- To whom it may concern, I have a connection with the School in question owing to my Mam working there for 26 years as a Nursery Nurse. My Mam never wanted to work anywhere else, the School is at the heart of the local community, the children who walked through those doors 26 years ago are now walking through with children of their own. My Mam still remembers all of the children that have been pupils there. It's in an ideal location, it's on the bus route, it has the best access of all the three primary schools. A playing field is alongside the junior yard which the pupils are able to play on. Please do not close this amazing school. It will have a detrimental effect on the children and families of Roseheyworth.
- Too far for parents for Arail View etc to walk to Sixbells.
- Too far for the children to walk, NO BUS PROVIDED!
- Too far to walk, most deprived being affected, bus not reliable and too expensive. SHAME ON YOU.
- Too many children in one class will have a negative impact on these children. Learning, teaching and education will fail and some children will get left behind. A class of 20 something will do far better academically than a class of 34. Pupils will not get the same care and attention. Classrooms are not big enough, staff are already under pressure plus the traffic to get to the school will increase, making the commute dangerous and stressful. Perhaps more stringent school placements and locations should have been thought of before.
- too many children in one class, the teachers cannot manage all the children and will not be able to cope with the needs, also these teachers have children with needs that will be pushed aside.
- Too many head teachers. New staffing structure is needed
- Totally disagree with school closure
- Totally unacceptable not just a loss of jobs what about disrupting all these children. Parking in six bells is diabolical at school times but saying sixbells is a great school just like roseheyworth!!!
- Traffic at Six Bells site is an accident waiting to happen. So many cars parked and no space to walk safely on the pavements. I can see the traffic from my house and it is frightening how many cars are trying to get up and down the hill in the morning and afternoon. The same situation is in play at Abertillery site. How are either location able to accommodate more traffic. Some local parents of pupils will not walk their children to school and this will only get worse with parents having to travel further to get their children to school. I have three grandchildren, two at roseheyworth and one who will start in a year and the thought of the three being taken to another school is very worrying, particularly as one is autistic and a runner. Do we have to wait for a serious accident or death before the council see that this idea is not feasible.
- Traffic is bad at Tillery St. A parent has been hit this week. What if this happens to a child? Not enough done for safety. More cars and more problems.
- Traffic problems, environmental problems, oversize classes. Once the schools gone, then what!!!

- Trying to close a community school without consultation with the community shows a lack of respect towards the community & further more undermines the trust of the people under which your council serve.
- Unfair to young children that have become comfortable and made friends in their school, to uproot them to a new school that is already crowded.
- Very disruptive for the children. There are enough children in sixbells and tillery st now and the school hasn't been open that many years.
- Very silly idea! The schools in abertillery are never a priority. Its about time it became the priority!
- Very silly idea. The schools do not have the adequate facilities/funds with current demand without adding more children.
- Was the best primary school I ever went to, and I went to around 5. This was around 10 years ago tho, but the layout was amazing
- Waste of a building
- waste of a building it will cause overloading in the remaining schools
- Waste of money
- We are a deprived area and should not be making cuts to Education. I question whether there is enough space at both Tillery St and Six Bells to accommodate the closure including in the future- what's to say that birth rates in the area won't rise over the next 5-10years and beyond. Also as a resident of Newall street, the parking situation in the morning and at end of the school day is terrible- someone is going to get seriously hurt in the future and especially if this means more parents having to drive their children from roseheyworth area!
- We are devastated by the proposal, children will be mentally damaged leaving friends, classes to small, travelling, very hard for most parents, Parents needed to maybe give up jobs due to school times, no capacity for cars, safety for children walking to school and costs implications. school is very new money not being spent on it
- We cant open this school
- We fought 26 years ago for the school. We needed it. The local school closed, and we wanted schools for our grandchildren and now you want to get rid of it. Waste of time and money.
- We just move to roseheyworth i was going to move my daughter as it a lot easier for me to take my daughter to school all my kids went to roseheyworth i dont thing the school should close as there is a lot of parents might not get placement for the kids and it going to be herd work to take them to different school please keep roseheyworth open
- We live in Blaina we are the main source of childcare we are going to find the traveling so difficult. discussed also at school gates staff wages at the top of the chain - this must be discussed.
- We need as many schools as possible
- We need financial reports! how can a school be in so much debt! Comp is the real problem! Publish the figures
- We need more schools So why close a school that is already up and running
- We need to keep this school open as other is over run and they don't need more kids
- We want a full financial breakdown of all 4 campuses, the impact to roads and public highways with regards to dangerous driving and parking.
- What will become of the school if it closes This is a big concern for the area My children went to the school. It's such a shame to see it close the building was only built in 2000 what a waste of money.
- What will happen when in a few years, there's another 'baby boom'? Build a new campus with BG tax money and cut back on something else to make up the short fall? Ridiculous.
- What will the exact pupil-teacher ratio be in the receiving school after pupils from the closing school are transferred? Will any classes exceed the legal limit of 30 pupils in Key Stage 1, and if so how will the council ensure compliance? How many additional teachers and teaching assistants will be hired before the closure to prevent larger class sizes? Can the council confirm that the receiving school has sufficient classroom space and facilities (dining hall, playground, toilets) for the increased pupil numbers? What independent evidence shows that larger class sizes will not reduce educational quality or pupil attainment? How will the council ensure SEND pupils continue to receive the same level of specialist support after the move? What will be the increase in average travel distance and travel time for affected pupils, and how will the council address safety and congestion concerns? What are the true financial savings of closing the

school once costs for additional staff, classroom expansion, and transport are included? What are the projected pupil numbers in this area over the next 5–10 years, and could closing the school create future shortages of school places? Can the council explain how closing a functioning local school improves educational outcomes for the children affected, rather than simply reducing costs?

- When a school is doing its purpose and is working well with an independent preschool with 8 jobs. Why close it.
- When my child was in Tillery St class sizes have always been large it's not fair on all pupils or teaching staff in the expansion the sites. The money spent on school transport for those pupils who don't live near Tillery Street and Six Bells for pupils living near Roseheyworth school would surely be madness. Even if parents of pupils who currently are in Roseheyworth able to drop pupils to school, the parking and drop off arrangements at both Tillery Street and Six Bells are already dangerous. Pupils with SEN needs, should also be put at the centre of this consultation. I hope child centred engagement will also take place with all pupils affected, especially those in Roseheyworth is taken into account. All children are entitled to have their Rights met under the UNCRC. Please do not make this a token exercise. No doubt the decision has already been made which is extremely disappointing. Let's hope not, and the community of Abertillery and Cwmillery are wrong.
- Where are my small children going to go? I don't drive I take a taxi to town is £10 one way. I can't afford it. My Children will lose their friends
- Where are the children from Bournville, Arrael View and Roesheyworth estate supposed to go. It's too far for children of younger age to walk 1 mile. They will be tired before they arrive. How is that good for child welfare!
- Where will these children go? How will they get to the other campus? How are parents (non-drivers) supposed to commute daily, especially in winter months? What consequences will this have on class numbers in other campuses? How will staff be redeployed? What will happen to land the school is on? Reducing a small primary school to over crowd others has absolutely nothing to do with anything other than money! The children's education and wellbeing along with safeguarding is being completely ignored. Shameful decision making by BG council and Education Minister.
- Whilst I acknowledge that some schools may currently be operating below capacity, moving forward with this proposal would have serious and far-reaching consequences for pupils and their families. From a practical standpoint, the implications are deeply concerning. Requiring families to travel greater distances each day will inevitably increase traffic volumes around the remaining campuses. This will not only worsen congestion but also heighten the risk of road traffic accidents, particularly during peak drop-off and collection times. Increased traffic on already busy local roads could also impede access for emergency services, creating avoidable safety risks for the wider community. In addition, concentrating a larger number of pupils onto fewer sites will place additional strain on surrounding residential areas, increasing noise, congestion and air pollution. The cumulative impact on community wellbeing, environmental quality and, most importantly, the safety of children should not be underestimated. For these reasons, this proposal risks causing significant disruption and harm that outweighs any perceived benefit of addressing surplus capacity.
- Whilst I appreciate the class sizes in RH are small, the class sizes in TS are already large enough and any more pupils will increase the class size to a size too large for the pupils to be taught correctly. The roads around TS campus are already too busy and congested at school times which would only worsen with increased pupil numbers. The walking route to TS is supposed to be a safe route to school but this is currently not the case and again, with increased traffic the route would be even less of a safe walking route. Given that birth rates fluctuate, the closure of the RH campus seems drastic as when the number of children rises again, will the council be looking to build another school to account for the increase in children. The wellbeing of the children needs to be at the forefront of this decision and it seems that this is not the case. The catchment areas should potentially be reconsidered for future intakes to allow for more town children to attend RH campus. The geographical setting of the campus is probably better than TS and RH in that it is a larger site with a huge outdoor space. Could the campus be used for multi purpose. Potentially in joint use with the leisure centre for example as a track could be installed for running - currently the closest

are Brynmawr or Oakdale. Or in joint use with the other primary campuses to utilise the outside space for the benefit of the children.

- Whoever had this idea is totally wrong. There is a lot of children's welfare at stake here, so i think again. Angry parent!
- Why are you paying 13 staff at the highest level? £1.1 million is obscene. 4 campuses don't need 13 top level staff. I want to that secondary school-1 Headteacher-1 deputy. Same in my primary. You say ALC is in trouble financially. This is where you need to look.
- Why build new schools where is the planning, they are a waste of space. No accountability school authorities are out of touch!
- Why close a perfectly good school which the children love! We need this school in our community! Please don't close.
- why close this school that is wrong. we are here to help our children in this such a deprived area as the valleys of south Wales i am sure there other ways to save money such as CARDIFF BAY
- Why do we need to close the school? Youve obviously already decided whats happening on that land. Why do we have the most councillors in wales such a small area. How can you justify that and the cost of paying you when you do nothing.
- Why does it need to close and what impact on others schools will it have with increased capacity and will schools have more support if the school closes and extra funding to accommodate
- Why is the school 3-16 and yet your figures do not include the 102 nursery children on role. I take it these are not included in your predictions why not. That needs looking into. Why is it that getting rid of 10 staff saves you £670,000 when the top 13 get £1.1 million between them. Why are there 13 top heavy staff in a four campus building? You seemed shocked to hear this at the public meeting. Does the council not pay their wages? To save financially you need to look at the staffing structure proposal. They want to reduce staffing at the top by 1. And then increase pay for the amount paid to top level staff.... How does that save money? Can we have clarification on this please. What is happening with the building? If it's staying in education then why not keep it as a primary school? Are you turning it into a sister branch of Pen Y Cwm? What other reason can you keep a building in education? What for if not for a primary school? We need clarification.
- Why shut a perfect school and have to bus children to another
- why shut a school that has been opened a few years ago? the children are going to be upset missing their friends. I am strictly fuming you are doing this. please think about it, its a lovely school and does not deserve this.
- why when allocating children into nursery/reception havent you spread the intake across all 3 sites? why are Tillery and Six Bells having higher intakes? Children should be spread eaqually ensuring classes are smaller and safer and better teaching enviormnents. Im assuming its done to make Roseheyworth look worse. You dont expect others to travel but the whole roseheyworth school to move? the Council have let everyone down on all levels
- Will create chaos bigger, not good.
- will make collection and pick up even more dangerous
- With Blaenau Gwent at the bottom of Attainment leagues in Wales why would you close a school, increase class sizes and potentially lower levels farther just to cut costs. Our children matter.
- Worried about bigger class sizes, the children are in smaller classes at the moment, will they still have the support and reach their targets? What about the extra pressure put on teachers, and the kids regressing. Will there be adequate parking and facilities at the other campuses to accommodate more children/families.
- Would like to keep the school open. Choice taken away.
- You are a parent in a community. The council have decided to close a local primary school near you. You need to share your concerns. 1. The way that the communication was appalling. There should have been a clear plan and staff should not have been told after a social media post. 2. Yet again it is the next generation who will suffer for lack of investment in our community. The poorest children in our area live in the avenues. They are already disadvantaged and getting them to school is a struggle. This will impact attendance and future investment. 3. There needs to be investment now in order for growth in the community As a parent in this community, I am extremely concerned about the council's decision to close our local primary school. Firstly, the way this decision was communicated has been appalling. There should have been a clear, respectful communication plan in place. Staff should never have been put in the position of finding

out about such a significant decision through a social media post. They deserved to be informed properly and directly before any public announcement was made. Secondly, once again it is the next generation who will suffer because of a lack of investment in our community. Some of the poorest children in our area live in the Avenues. These families are already facing significant challenges, and simply getting children to school can be difficult. Removing a local school will only make this worse. It risks reducing attendance and widening the gap for children who are already disadvantaged. Instead of supporting these families, this decision feels like it is making their situation even harder. Finally, if we want our community to grow and thrive, there needs to be real investment now. Schools are at the heart of a community. Closing them sends the message that our area is not worth investing in. If the council wants to see long-term growth and opportunity here, it must start by investing in the services and infrastructure that support our children and families. Our children deserve better, and so does our community.

- you are asking young children to walk a distance to school. The alternative is Gelli Crug School and you are asking the headteacher to take in extra 120 pupils. The school is only 26 years old and you intend to abandoning it. Are you prepared to provide transport for the pupils.
- You are attempting to remove the heart and soul of our community with a proposal that shows no meaningful consideration for the children who rely on this school every day. There has been no serious assessment of how this disruption will affect their education, their emotional well-being, or the safety of both pupils and parents. Instead, you are pushing forward a plan that would force already stretched schools—Sixbells and Tillery Street—to absorb even more children, despite clear evidence that they are not equipped to handle such overcrowding. The figures you have presented simply do not add up, and the process surrounding this proposal has been deeply concerning. Rather than engaging openly with families and the wider public, information was withheld until the first draft was leaked online. Only then did any communication appear, and even that felt like an attempt to manage backlash rather than genuinely consult the community. Our school is not standing alone. Parents from the neighbouring schools have voiced their support because they recognise the value this school brings—not just academically, but as a safe, nurturing, and stable environment for our children. This community will not allow these concerns to be dismissed or quietly swept aside. We will continue to stand together, and we will not let this issue be brushed under the carpet.
- You can't claim Wales is uneducated and then shut primary schools, which are essential for development.
- You will be removing a aln base and as a parent with child with special needs i know how hard it is to get a school that can support your child and you might be removing a parents only school option
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Comments from respondents who Partially support the proposal

- Whilst I support better appropriation of funding, I have grave concerns over the increased traffic in Tillery Street which is already problematic for driving and parking. Consideration needs to be given to residents parking only permits on the street itself, speed humps to manage speeds and possibly making it a one way street to reduce the issues with the road width only being suitable for one vehicle width already
- Would it be possible to utilise the school for older pupils from Abertillery Comp or a special learning school for disabled pupils.
- This school is very much part of the heart of this community. My past experience of it as a Governor and visitor was positive. It was a happy school with dedicated staff who knew their families. It nurtured a community feel of belonging and worth. The distance that families and particularly children who walk independently to school may prove problematic with the future plans. Whilst I appreciate aspects of reasons for proposal namely costs of upkeep and falling numbers, I would hope that all other creative solutions have been considered and exhausted in a bid to keep this schools presence in the community first.
- I think it's important to cut costs but as someone who works in Abertillery I am very worried about the impact it will have on the traffic and parking in the town. The temporary closure of the bottom of the multi proved that Abertillery cannot handle any further traffic without more convenient parking, and people clearly use these car parks during the school runs.

- My son is a pupil in year 5 who attends Roseheyworth campus at the moment , he's going to be transferring to a primary school in Ebbwvale near me (his mother) but I partially support the school closure, the school is absolutely rife with bullying that don't get resolved only brushed over certain children are favoured in the school above others and staff can at the most of times be less and less empathetic towards incidents or situations the school isn't equipped to deal with the children it has but the other part of me is concerned because squashing all these children together in the other schools together could also amplify this problem, all the schools funding's are massively undercut as it is the logical thing to do is a pros and cons personally but sometimes the professional shot callers don't think logically. My son is getting pulled out either way , but what I will say is Think of the parents who don't drive and have multiple kids the parents who can't leave at a certain time to walk to the other schools because they have children in other schools with learning disabilities and additional needs that need to be dropped off at homes .parents aren't stretch Armstrong and can't be in two places at once and it's also weather conditions to consider walking further in the wind rain ice and snow could cause more illnesses with the children, things like this to consider but I would rather my children have a education where needs are being met and mentally and emotionally being supported in the school environment . I think all areas of this thought process on this decision needs to be considered widely.
- I am concerned with the amount of traffic that is already in the Sixbells & Tillery Street campus area at drop off and pick up times more puplis in each campus would mean more traffic within the area especially during wet weather periods. Would the children have adequate time to be able to collect and eat the food within the lunch period due to more children using the dinner halls. Is there enough spaces within the Breakfast club provision to be able to accommodate all the children that will be potentially moving from Roseheywoth Road. I have heard from other campus parents that pupils are already being taught in corridors so more pupils is going to cause more strain on the class room. The quality teacher to pupil time will be reduced dramatically as class sizes will be larger. The Nursery numbers have not been taking into consideration during the Consultation these children are going to need to be taught somewhere. Why are ther 13 staff in leadership roles over the 4 Campus surely that can be looked at to save money as we were told when the 3-16 school was forced upon us as parents. Some Children with additional learning needs struggle walking to the school now. As the parents dont drive this will have a knock on effect on there wellbeing. What will happen to the wonderful Mini Mes setting that has helped and supported a lot of the Children over the years. For the Children that are out of the catchment area there is going to be a cost implication on transport. Some parents are worried how they are getting there children to school and if they don't attend could face fines. The maintenance report for repairs is outdated (2022) so does not reflect the true cost of repairs. Some of the work has already been carried out.
- As an employee of Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council within the Children, Young People and Families portfolio, I understand the rationale behind the proposal and the wider strategic considerations that have informed this decision. However, as a parent, I do have some concerns. My child currently attends the Tillery Street Campus and is in Reception. Due to the number of children in this cohort, there are two Reception classes. Despite this, my child receives very limited feedback via Class Dojo, typically only 1–2 points per month, with the majority awarded by the PE teacher. This is despite us consistently engaging with all homework tasks and reinforcing positive behaviours and learning at home. While I appreciate the broader operational and financial context behind the proposal, my partial agreement reflects a concern around the current pupil experience, communication, and individual recognition. I feel that stronger home school communication and more consistent feedback would help reassure parents about the quality of provision during any period of transition or change. I am also apprehensive about the potential impact of larger class sizes should the proposal go ahead. In the early years, children benefit significantly from individual attention, regular feedback, and strong relationships with teaching staff. If class sizes were to increase, I would be concerned about how this may affect the quality of education, the level of personalised support available, and opportunities for meaningful feedback. Reception is such a foundational year, and ensuring children feel seen, supported, and encouraged is crucial to their confidence and long-term engagement with learning.
- We understood the situation and have to support this proposal. But kids are very disappointed this time, cause they could miss their friends. And also too many kids in one classroom is not good for kids as wll as teachers. (Too crowded)

- As a teacher at Six Bells campus my concerns are primarily for staff retention, workload implications for staff and children's wellbeing. I feel strongly that staff at Roseheyworth should be central to any decisions about where learners are placed as an alternative. I think the closure will have implications for transport to the other campuses. I worry that it will negatively impact attendance if parents struggle to get their children to school. The Roseheyworth campus appears to be in a particularly deprived area of Abertillery. I would hope that parents and families will be supported with this change. I am assuming that catchment areas for the remaining campuses will need to be adjusted to distribute learners accordingly. I believe an increase in pupil numbers at both Tillery St & Six Bells campuses will greatly impact teacher workload and numbers of children with ALN in each class will undoubtedly rise as a result. Will schools be given additional resources/support from the LA to support school with this?

Comments from respondents who support the proposal

- Due to surplus primary school places, reduction of births forecast for this catchment area and insufficient funding.
- I support the proposal as a sensible and necessary response to changing pupil numbers and the need to plan responsibly for the future of education in Abertillery. Aligning school capacity with local population trends feels like a responsible approach. I welcome the focus on ensuring that schools in Abertillery remain sustainable in the long term, rather than spreading resources too thinly across buildings that are no longer fully needed. This will also ensure the financial sustainability of the Learning Community as a whole and make it viable going forward which will in turn safeguard jobs in the longer term. I also feel this will help to raise standards overall as teaching resources can be better concentrated where there is need.
- As a governor, I believe that the proposal to reduce the number of campuses will not only help address the current surplus of places across the learning community, but will also contribute positively to longer-term efforts to reduce the substantial deficit budget. I feel reassured by the local authority's careful and considered approach to this proposal, and I am satisfied with the assurances provided regarding the continued support for learners, staff, and families throughout the transition. It is clear that appropriate planning has been undertaken to ensure that any changes are managed sensitively and effectively, with a strong focus on maintaining the quality of provision and minimising disruption. Overall, I support this proposal as a necessary and responsible step that reflects both the current needs and the future sustainability of the provision, while keeping the best interests of the community at its core.
- It's a brilliant school and lovely staff xxx. It would be ashamed to see it close xx. There are older schools than this like abertillery comp. The comp has been sinking for years and needs loads of work done to it x. And if you close rosehayworth school you would have to supply transport as a lot of people from blaina, and different areas use this school. And it costs money for the transport to be put on. And the schools you are thinking of sending the children to can't cope with children they got there as they are over crowded as it is. I think it is terrible you want to close a lovely school like this.
- I grew up in that school and shutting it down would be a disservice to the public, teachers, staff and students.
- Providing there is adequate space in the other two primary schools in the area then I think it's a good idea. Schools are struggling as it is and this could potentially free up some budget for the other two schools and improve the quality of both drastically. Roseheyworth is now the oldest school and likely quite poor when it comes to energy ratings. Other than the people who live in the immediate area I don't think Roseheyworth would be anyone's first choice. I have heard several negative things regarding the Tillery street campus so I think this needs looking into and potentially a bit of reorganising to get it back on track. Finally the only negative I see with the pupils joining the other two campuses is the amount of chaos there will be around the roads and car parks. Both schools are already terrible during pick ups and drop offs often causing huge delays or even accidents in some cases. There needs to be some thought put into making this more manageable.
- I believe the school should remain as there are a lot of children who depend on that school including my family niece and nephews. If the school is closed the remaining children will not have anywhere to go.

- I have 2 grandchildren at this school it's absolutely disgusting hearing of this closure one has sensory needs the other child has autism. This is such a worry knowing that they got to go through all of this I think they have got enough going on at the moment. Keep this school open.
- We do not need oversubscribed schools what is what would happen if Roseheyworth closed. We need better planning and organisation to fill the space we have there.
- It seems silly to keep a school open with so little pupils when there is such a big overspend in the school. There is room on the other schools and will be easier to run 3 campuses not 4. The size of the school management should also be looked at as there are lots of them. The school is struggling so less to manage is better.pupil numbers declining is a worry as what will happen to the other campuses if Roseheyworth stays open
- I support the proposal as it represents a prudent use of public funds, reducing unnecessary maintenance and running costs while protecting frontline education. The document clearly explains how savings can be reinvested into improving facilities, resources and learner support across the remaining campuses. I support the proposal as it is clearly based on ensuring the long-term sustainability of education provision in Abertillery. The consultation document sets out a clear and well-reasoned case for change, supported by pupil number projections and financial data.
- Please keep this school open!
- I feel that this school is a vital part in a child's education and it serves has a vital part in the community. Not all children or parents can travel a further distance and blaenau education needs to put children before profit
- It shouldn't be shut down
- I use to live in Arael View in the 1990s and I remember some of the county grounds taken away for this school to be built so why is it closing down ? its not that old or is it going to be made into HMO Housing ?? which would not surprise me at all ???! I think this school is needed for the roseheyworth area also it would make s great community for this area. So I am in favour of saving it.
- Consultation Response – Abertillery Learning Community Proposal I am writing to confirm my full support for the proposal to reduce primary capacity within Abertillery Learning Community through the closure of one primary campus. I recognise that closing or reducing education provision is never an easy decision. Schools and campuses sit at the heart of their communities, and any proposal of this nature will understandably cause concern for pupils, parents, staff and residents. However, where pupil numbers are falling and continued surplus places are leading to increasing financial deficits, it is essential that difficult and responsible decisions are taken in the best long term interests of learners and the wider education service. Continuing without a clear plan in the context of declining rolls and growing deficit budgets presents a far greater risk. Over time, this would undermine the quality of education, limit investment in teaching and learning, and create financial pressures that cannot realistically be recovered. In that context, I believe the proposal sets out a proportionate, considered and sustainable response. The consultation identifies that the Roseheyworth Road Campus has the lowest number of pupils on roll and the highest levels of backlog maintenance, and that all pupils can be safely and appropriately accommodated on the remaining primary campuses. I am reassured that there is sufficient capacity within neighbouring campuses and that the proposal includes phased implementation to support stability and continuity. As Head of the Youth Service, I work closely with schools across Blaenau Gwent to support engagement, wellbeing, attendance, transitions and wider outcomes for children and young people. From this perspective, I strongly support the Council's commitment to support families through transition, ensuring pupils are helped to settle, feel confident and continue to thrive. Where schools, families and services work together, transitions can and do work well. This proposal also aligns with Blaenau Gwent's Vision for Education, placing emphasis on quality, sustainability and long term outcomes rather than maintaining under utilised provision at the expense of the wider system. A more viable and financially stable school structure enables stronger leadership, better use of resources, and improved support for learners, particularly those who may need additional help. In summary, while this is a difficult choice, I believe it is a necessary and responsible decision. The proposal demonstrates clear planning, realistic assessment of risk, and a commitment to protecting the quality of education now and in the future. As a service closely aligned with and supportive of schools, I fully support this proposal and the principles that underpin it.
- Closing down the best school going
- I fully support the proposal. I was born and bred in Abertillery and attended Roseheyworth secondary school and was the first intake into Abertillery Secondary School. I fully appreciate people have

concerns about closing one of the campuses but the school has a duty to provide excellent learning and facilities to all pupils but with a huge deficit budget and a further projected increase to the deficit it will not be able to provide this, and as such will be failing its pupils. Closing Roseheyworth rd campus will allow the school to improve their budget and ensure pupils in the 3 campuses will receive quality education. It cannot continue to deliver services over 3 primary campuses. Noone wants to see a school building close but with falling pupil numbers across the country keeping a school building open with a high surplus place % is not viable. If the proposal isn't agreed the Council could face bankruptcy. The proposal will impact on a small % of the total Blaenau Gwent pupil population, if it isn't agreed it will impact the whole population of BG as services will need to be lost and Council Tax increased.

- The school can not continue to function in its current form due to the number of surplus places
- I support the proposal.
- I feel like the school should remain open only because a lot of family live very close to it
- As a past pupil who benefited from Blaenau Gwent's learning environment, I support the proposal as it is clearly evidence-led, proportionate and focused on securing the long-term sustainability of education provision in Abertillery. The consultation document presents a clear and well-reasoned case for change, underpinned by robust pupil number projections and financial data. Importantly, it demonstrates the courage to make difficult but necessary decisions in order to protect and strengthen educational outcomes for future generations. The proposal demonstrates responsible long-term planning by aligning school capacity with current and projected pupil numbers, ensuring the learning community remains viable and resilient in the face of demographic change. Reducing surplus places is a necessary and sensible step to protect educational quality rather than dilute it. Sustainability, aspiration and future planning Crucially, by investing in stronger, more sustainable provision, the learning environment can better nurture confidence, skills and pride in place. As someone who has left and later reflected on the value of my education locally, I believe that high-quality, forward-looking provision plays a key role in encouraging young people to see Blaenau Gwent not only as a place to grow up, but as a place to return to, contribute to and settle in.
- Although the closure of roseheyworth Road campus is a loss for the learning community and its pupils, I believe that this will secure the future for generations
- The LASIS support the proposal to reduce the capacity of the primary school, which is part of the Abertillery Learning Community, from 980 to 770, to reduce the physical capacity of Abertillery Learning Community by closing Roseheyworth Road Campus and to move pupils to the remaining campuses (Six Bells Campus and Tillery Street Campus) with phased implementation commencing from September 2026 and with full implementation by September 2027. LASIS supports the principle that the proposal would support the Blaenau Gwent's Vision for Education and is in keeping with Blaenau Gwent's investment objectives and the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme Priorities (SCfL). In addition, the proposal is in line with the Welsh Government Guidance on the use of surplus school accommodation. Risks and mitigations have been considered appropriately as part of the proposal. In conclusion, LASIS is in agreement with the view of the Council that should the proposal be accepted, this will ensure financial sustainability, improved education quality, and secure the long-term viability of the Abertillery Learning Community.
- Save aware school
- Not enough parking in Six Bells Campus
- If the school is indeed outdated, and borderline health and safety risks and needs too much structural work then of course it would be beneficial to close the school and move the pupils between Tillery street and six bells. Every child deserves to have an up to date learning environment, I understand council budgets and school budgets are already tight. My question would be, what happens to the budget for that school? Will it be separate between Tillery street and six bells?
- I feel that the proposal makes sense given the empty classes in TS and SB. There are lower numbers in TS than ever before and with the deficit budget increasing if something does not happen the it will impact on the other primary sites. Having less campuses should allow for increased consistency between campuses and be easier to manage. This also allows for easier management and less need for SLT. Running cost of a building and the number of staff in RR are high so could be offset against the deficit to avoid job losses. The consultation should look at why numbers are so low currently and why children are not attending ALC when previously Abertillery was full to capacity with up to 500 children.

- This school has been around for year all younger sibling went here and now my kids go there to. Same parent dont have transport and live local who if school shut cant take kids to school
- My son attended roseheyworth it was an amazing school he's gone into secondary in top set. But him moving on into secondary he is neurodivergent and the school is under staffed to help these children the school needs many repairs . If roseheyworth school went it would free up money for the other schools the cost for keeping a school open on 127 isn't viable