

(Children and Young People's version)

Formal Consultation proposal:

To reduce the capacity of the primary school, which is part of 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.



The Consultation commences Monday 2nd March 2026 and Concludes at 5:00pm on Tuesday 14th April 2026.

If you would like this information in any other format, please contact the Education Resource and Planning team either via email or telephone, as follows:

What Is This Leaflet About?

Blaenau Gwent Council is thinking about making changes to the Abertillery Learning Community. No decisions have been made yet — the Council wants to hear from you to help us inform our decision.

What do we want to do and why do we want to do this?

What: The preferred option is to close Roseheyworth Road Primary Campus and move pupils to Tillery Street and Six Bells Road campuses as of September 2027. Planning for transition will take place from September 2026.

Why: There are fewer children living in the area now, which means many empty classrooms and higher running costs. The Council wants to make sure pupils get the best learning experience possible.

What does this mean for you?

If you are a pupil at Roseheyworth Road Campus, you will transition into either Tillery Street Campus or Six Bells Road Campus. Teachers will help you settle through transition activities. You will still be part of Abertillery Learning Community.

If you are a pupil at any other site (primary or secondary), there will be no changes to your campuses.

Getting to School:

You may get free home to school transport depending on how far you live from the new campus.

About Your School:

Abertillery Learning Community is an All-Through School (for ages 3-16) currently with four campuses: Roseheyworth Road, Six Bells Road, Tillery Street, and Alma Street. The school has 2 Additional Learning Needs Resource Bases in primary and secondary. These will remain unchanged.

What Happens Next?

The Council will collect views, via an online survey or email. These views will help us write a report to take to the Council's cabinet, to decide whether to go ahead. If this is approved, we will then go out to statutory notice for any objections to be noted. A decision will follow this to proceed. Changes would happen from September 2027 if approved.

What options did the council consider?

In line with Government guidelines and the Schools Organisational code (2018) Version 2, when we look at carrying out any changes to schools, we have to have a number of options that could work for the benefit of learners. In this instance the council started with a long list of 5 options:

Option 1: Do nothing

Option 2: Closure of Roseheyworth Road Campus and distribute pupils into Tillery Street and Six Bells Road Campus.

Option 3: Closure of Tillery Street Campus and distribute pupils into Roseheyworth and Six Bells Campus

Option 4: Closure of Six Bells Campus and distribute pupils into Tillery Street and Roseheyworth Campus

Option 5: Closure of Roseheyworth Road Campus, Tillery Street Campus and Six Bells Campus moving all pupils into one new build site.

Summary

Options 2, 3 & 4 are more favourable to the Council and options 1 & 5 have been discounted.

Expected Benefits and Advantages (when compared with the status quo):

- Financial Sustainability
- Enhanced quality of education
- Better use of facilities
- Stronger community & pupil experience
- Strategic planning for the future

Disadvantages:

- Community impact of losing Roseheyworth Road
- Pupils and parents may be concerned
- Staff implications

How can you have your say?

- If you are part of the school council, your School Council Lead (teacher) can email on your behalf to the email address below.
- Email us: 21stcenturyschools@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

Drop in Session

The council are holding a drop-in session at Abertillery Learning Community Secondary Campus for the school council on Tuesday 17th March 2026, from 10:00am – 11:00am.

If you or your family wish to attend the parents/carers and wider community drop-in sessions, these are being held at:

- Abertillery Metropole Theatre on Wednesday 11th March 2026 between 5:00pm – 6:30pm
- Abertillery Metropole Theatre on Tuesday 17th March 2026 between 3:00pm – 6:30pm

We also have a survey where you can provide your comments on the proposal: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/n94ji6>

Should you wish to view the full consultation document for this proposal, please visit our webpage: <https://www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/en/council/consultations/proposal-to-reduce-the-capacity-at%20abertillery-learning-community-%20primary-phase>