

4 October 2019

Dear parent/carer

As parents/carers of current Year 6 pupils in the Almondbury area, we would like to bring you a further update on the changes that have been agreed at Almondbury Community School (ACS).

Year 6 pupils living in Almondbury and surrounding areas

We have received the decision we had been waiting for from the national Office of the Schools Adjudicator which enables us to bring more certainty to parents with pupils in year 6.

The agreed new secondary school catchment areas are in line with the outcome of the consultation held earlier this year. This has resulted with the catchment areas of King James's School, Newsome High School and Netherhall Learning Campus High School all being extended. To identify the catchment area you live in please enter your post code at the following link:

<https://maps.kirklees.gov.uk/schooladmissionareas/default.aspx>

With this information our advice is now to apply for a September 2020 secondary school for your child. Your application should be completed online using the Kirklees Parent Portal on our website; www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for on time applications is 31st October 2019.

When making this application Parents/carers are very strongly advised to name a second and third preference school in case a place is not available at the first preference. All your preferences are assessed equally to decide if your child qualifies for a place. If your child qualifies at more than one school you will be offered a place at the highest preference school your child qualifies for. Parents/carers are also strongly recommended to name their catchment school as one of their three preference schools.

Please be assured that making an application now does not disadvantage parents in any way. All applications received between 1st September and 31st October 2019 are processed together.

With the secondary school catchment areas now confirmed, parents and carers who have already made an application may wish to amend their school preferences. They can do so by sending an e-mailing confirming their new school preferences to acsadmissions@kirklees.gov.uk before 31 October 2019.

If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact us using the following e-mail address: acsadmissions@kirklees.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo-Anne Sanders', written in a cursive style.

Jo-Anne Sanders

Service Director for Learning & Early Help