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Dear parent/carer

As parents/carers of current Year 6 pupils in the Almondbury area, we would like to bring you an update on the changes that have been agreed at Almondbury Community School (ACS). We absolutely understand that local families are looking for certainty about the future opportunities for their children and for more information about how the process is moving forward.

Year 6 pupils living in Almondbury and surrounding areas

As a result of decisions which remove the secondary phase from ACS it is necessary for local secondary catchment areas to be altered. This has to be agreed at national level and we applied to the national Office of the Schools Adjudicator at the earliest possible opportunity after the final decision was made about the future of ACS.

The proposed new catchment areas are in line with the outcome of the consultation held earlier this year and detailed maps can be found on the Kirklees School Organisation web page:

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/school-organisation-and-planning.aspx>

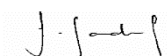
We are expecting a decision from the national body shortly at which point we will be able to update you and provide more detailed information on applying for secondary school places.

The closing date to apply for a September 2020 secondary school place is 31st October 2019. Our advice is that parents and carers who live in the secondary catchment area for ACS should wait until further information becomes available. We absolutely understand the need for clarity as soon as possible. It is important to stress that making an application later in the admissions window does not disadvantage parents in any way. All applications received between 1st September and 31st October 2019 are processed together. Parents and carers who have already made an application will also be advised of the outcome from the national body and of how they can amend their school preference, if they wish to do so.

We will be writing again to all families with Y6 pupils in the current ACS catchment area as soon as we can. You are also welcome to register an interest in receiving updates by email by sending a request to acsadmissions@kirklees.gov.uk.

Every pupil will be able to access a place in a local school and our absolute priority is to support children in having a smooth transition. Our aim is to achieve the highest possible standards of care and education, helping children and young people to fulfil their potential both now and in the future.

Yours sincerely



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