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Dear parent/carer

As parents/carers of current pupils at Almondbury Community School, we would like to bring you an update on the changes that have been agreed at 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. Our priority is to bring this clarity shortly and for pupils to have smooth transitions when the ACS secondary phase closes in 2020.

Current pupils of Almondbury Community School Years 7 to 11

As previously advised, current Year 11 pupils will complete their school education as pupils of ACS. From September 2020, ACS pupils who are currently in Years 7 to 10 will transfer to the roll of another school. We also expect the Fernside Avenue site to continue to be used until at least 2021.

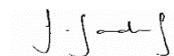
We are working hard to provide information as quickly as possible about how you can express a preference for another school. We continue to work in partnership with other secondary schools and can assure you that, together, we are all very keen to give you more clarity.

Our advice remains the same – you do not need to take any action until you receive further information directly from Kirklees Council. We are aware of reports claiming that parents/carers of current Years 7 to 10 must start applying now for a different school, however, please note this is not the case. Similarly, any suggestions that pupils will be forced to join one or two specific schools where there are places available today are misleading.

We will provide further information as soon as possible and work with families to understand their preferences and needs. 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.

Please be assured that we will contact you again shortly.

Yours sincerely



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