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Almondbury Community School update

We can today bring you a further update on the possible changes to school provision in Almondbury and the surrounding area. The four-week representation period relating to the proposals is now complete and the members of Cabinet (the council's main decision making body) will be meeting next Tuesday, July 16th, to make a final decision.

The main proposal is to change the age range at Almondbury Community School (ACS) so that it caters only for children aged from three to 11 years. This would mean removing the secondary phase of the school in 2020, though ACS would remain open as a primary school to serve local children and families.

A new report has been published by the council which says that 51 representations were received during the four-week period. The report includes this feedback, explains the council's position and is clear that the intention is for children and young people to have the best start in life.

The council fully understands that pupils and families have experienced several months of uncertainty over the future of ACS. We have reached this stage in the process as quickly as possible but also in a way that allows people to express their views. It is intended that ACS will operate as normal until September 2020.

The latest report to Cabinet can be found by visiting www.kirklees.gov.uk/cabinet, by clicking on 'calendar of meetings' and by selecting the date July 16th. We will, of course, provide a further update after the meeting has taken place.

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