



## Education Transformation Programme

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q1: Is there a programme or project manager responsible for the transformation project?**

A1: A Programme Director was appointed in July 2018. This position is responsible for bringing together all of the Committee's change initiatives into a single, integrated programme – The Transforming Education Programme.

**Q2: How do I know what secondary school site my child will go to?**

A2: From September 2019, the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture will be operating a Partner School system for secondary admissions. This means that children will move into secondary school with their year group from primary school, even if they have moved out of that primary school's catchment area.

For the next two academic years, (2019/20 and 2020/21) children will continue to attend the four current secondary sites. From September 2022, students moving from their primary school into secondary school will move to the two proposed sites, St Sampson's at Baubigny and les Beaucamps, only.

Further information can be found at [www.gov.gg/partnerschools](http://www.gov.gg/partnerschools).

**Q3: Why have the two primary schools with island-wide catchment areas (Notre Dame and St Mary & St Michael) been assigned partner schools rather than giving parents the option of what secondary school their children will attend?**

A3: The Committee felt it would be inappropriate to give parents/carers with children at one of the two catholic primary schools a free choice of which secondary school/college to attend when no other parents will be afforded the same choice.

**Q4: What happens when siblings are potentially separated by the transition arrangements? For example, I have one child who is currently in Year 7 at La Mare de Carteret High School and one child who is in Year 5 at Hautes Capelles. Is it possible for my younger child to attend LMDC rather than St Sampson's High as indicated?**

A4: Parents and carers are able to make an 'Out of Partner Site' request (known as PC-OCAPS) to Education when their child starts Year 6. These are evaluated against a number of

criteria but requests on the basis of siblings are usually granted, subject to the availability of space and the avoidance of unreasonable expenditure. The request form, along with further information on placement criteria, can be found at [www.gov.gg/schooladmissions](http://www.gov.gg/schooladmissions).

**Q5: Since my child started primary school, we have moved house and now live in the catchment area of another school. Although we would like our child to complete their primary education at their current school, is it possible for them to attend an alternative secondary site rather than their primary school's partner school?**

A5: 'Out of Partner Site' requests (known as PC-OCAPS) can be made by parents and carers when their child starts Year 6. These requests are evaluated against a number of criteria and are subject to space. The request form, along with further information on placement criteria, can be found at [www.gov.gg/schooladmissions](http://www.gov.gg/schooladmissions).

**Q6: Will the States of Guernsey still be funding places at the Private Colleges under the new model?**

In March 2016, the States agreed to end selection at the age of 11 from September 2019. As a result, there will be a gradually reducing number of "special place" (i.e. funded by the States) students at the three grant-aided Colleges from September 2019 onwards as they finish their secondary education. ESC will continue to fund those students already at the Colleges, with the last of those finishing by August 2026. From September, Guernsey will be moving to an all-ability system of education.

**Q7: When will the new school be established?**

A7: In September 2021, Year 7 starters will attend the les Beaucamps and St Sampson's sites only. The two 11-18 colleges will be largely established by September 2022 and fully established by September 2023.

**Q8: Why was this transition model agreed?**

A8: The transition model was developed following consultations with educationalists. This model means that nearly 90% of students will complete their compulsory education on the same site in which they joined in Year 7.

There will be no more than one additional move for any student. No students will move between Years 7 and 8, having moved to start secondary school between Years 6 and 7.

The current Committee has honoured the commitment made by the previous Committee, which enables the selective year groups at the Grammar School to remain on that site until the end of Year 11.

**Q9: How will Sixth Form provision work across the two Colleges?**

A9: The Sixth Form offer will look similar to the current provision. Some courses with lower student numbers will run on one site only. Students will continue to make a joint application for Post 16 courses and the School will work closely with The Guernsey Institute (as is the case now) and students will have the opportunity to move site if their preferences are not all offered on the site of their College.

**Q10: My daughter is currently in Year 7 at the Grammar School and will therefore have to move sites to complete her Sixth Form studies. Which site will she attend?**

A10: The sixth form site for students in the current Year 7 cohort at the Grammar School will be based on their option choices and where they live.

**Q11: When will a new uniform be implemented?**

A11: Changes to uniforms will begin to take effect from September 2020 and a year's notice of any changes will be given.

**Q12: The number of students attending the Baubigny site will significantly increase under the Committee's proposed model. What is being done to minimise the volume of traffic?**

A12: The programme team are looking into the transportation of pupils to and from both of the proposed sites, Baubigny and les Beaucamps. Working with Traffic and Highway Services, officers will be looking into bus routes, car sharing as well as encouraging parents and carers to actively take their children to school by walking or cycling. As these plans develop, they will be shared with key stakeholders for their comment.

**Q13: Is there any opportunity for children in Alderney to attend the new school in Guernsey? If so, will funding be made available to support this move?**

A13: Parents and carers of children in Alderney are also able to make an 'Out of Partner Site' request (known as PC-OCAPS) to Education when their child starts Year 6. These requests are evaluated against a number of criteria and are subject to space. The request form, along with further information on placement criteria, can be found at [www.gov.gg/schooladmissions](http://www.gov.gg/schooladmissions). Financial assistance from the Committee is not available as Alderney has its own school, St Anne's.