

Children's Services
Early Help and Schools Service

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To: Parents, Pupils, Staff and Governors of Bowlee Park CP School, Headteachers and Governing Bodies of all Rochdale Borough Schools, Secretaries of Recognised Trades Unions, Neighbouring Local Authorities, Diocesan Authorities, the Methodist Church, MPs for Rochdale Borough, Rochdale Borough Councillors, Rochdale Youth MP and Children's Champion, Link4Life, Rochdale Borough Library Service and Langley Sure Start Children's Centre.

Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSED ALTERATION:- EXTRA SCHOOL PLACES TO BE PROVIDED AT BOWLEE PARK CP SCHOOL, MIDDLETON.

The reason for this letter is to tell you that the Local Authority is considering the need for extra primary school places at Bowlee Park CP School due increased demand for primary school places within the Middleton Township. The Local Authority would like to increase the number of places from 90 to 120 places. Before it takes the decision to publish legal proposals, the Local Authority wants to hear your views about the proposals.

What is being proposed?

The proposal is to enlarge Bowlee Park CP School by providing an additional 30 places in each new year group from September 2016. This enlargement of the school would increase the admission number from 90 to 120 from September 2016.

Why does the Local Authority want to do this?

The Local Authority feels that an extension to the existing Bowlee Park CP School will provide sufficient primary school places within the Middleton Township.

What would happen and when?

To enable the admission of extra children on the Bowlee Park CP School site, the building will be extended in a 2 phase project. Phase 1 will provide 5 additional classrooms and an ICT suite plus ancillary accommodation and phase 2 will provide an additional 2 classrooms plus ancillary accommodation.

Is Bowlee Park the only school affected?

The Council needs to provide extra places in 2016 and 2017 at the schools in Middleton. Hollin will have an intake of 60 in 2016 and Boarshaw will have an intake of 60 in 2016 and 2017. For the long term, extra places will be needed at Bowlee Park to make sure there are enough places overall.

In the last few years Bowlee Park has gradually increased in size. This increase means that a statutory process must now be followed, and Bowlee Park is the only school involved in these proposals.

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Further information & Consultation

In the last few years Bowlee Park has gradually increased in size. This increase means that a statutory process must now be followed, and Bowlee Park is the only school involved in these proposals.

For more information on this consultation please visit the Council's website.

<http://consultations.rochdale.gov.uk/council-wide/additional-places-bowlee>

There is a 4 week consultation period starting on Wednesday 7th October 2015. This ends at midnight on Tuesday 3rd November 2015.

Who takes the decision?

After the close of the consultation, Rochdale Council's Cabinet will consider all responses received. It will decide whether to publish statutory proposals to increase the size of the school. If Cabinet decides to publish proposals, there will be a further 4 week statutory representation period, after which it will then make the final decision in accordance with Statutory Guidance and Regulations.

How can I make my views known?

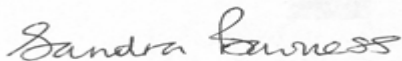
You can make your views known by completing the reply slip below or by writing to the Local Authority by letter or e-mail at the address below. If you want to ask questions about the proposals, meetings have been arranged as follows-

Meeting with School Council	22 nd October 2015 @ 2:15pm	School (Students Only)
Drop-in Session for Parents, Staff, and Interested Parties	22 nd October 2015 @ 3:00pm-6:00pm	Buttermere Meeting Room

The closing date for comments is midnight on 3rd November 2015.

Comments should be sent to robert.aspinall@rochdale.gov.uk, or in writing to Robert Aspinall, School Organisation & Development Team, Rochdale Borough Council, Schools Service, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU. You may also complete the on-line response form on the Council website.

Yours Faithfully



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Bowlee Park CP School - CONSULTATION REPLY

I SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE MORE SCHOOL PLACES AT BOWLEE PARK FROM SEPTEMBER 2016 ONWARDS.	YES	
	NO	
COMMENTS:		
NAME- _____ CONNECTION TO THE SCHOOL:- _____		

Please return this slip to: Robert Aspinall, School Organisation & Development Team, Schools Service, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU.