

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 has published statutory proposals to provide an additional 30 places in Reception year group from September 2016. This will mean that there will be 120 Reception class places from then onwards.

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. The recent consultation identified concern about the need for extra space to accommodate traffic and travel. The Local Authority is working with the Governing Body to provide permanent extra classrooms and related facilities. A school travel plan is being produced to address the travel to/from school concerns.

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 from September 2016.

Is Bowlee Park the only school affected?

The Council already 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. 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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REPRESENTATION REPLY SLIP - PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF

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Further information & Consultation

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 statutory 4 week representation period starting on 3rd December 2015. This ends at midnight on 30th December 2015.

Who takes the decision?

Cabinet made the decision on Monday 30th November 2015 to publish statutory proposals. There is a 4 week representation meeting starting on 3rd December 2015. At the end of this statutory representation period, Cabinet will then make the final decision in accordance with statutory guidance and regulations on Monday 25th January 2016.

How can I make my views known?

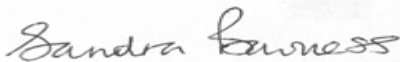
You can make your views known by completing the reply slip below or by writing to the Local Authority by letter or e-mail at the address below. If you want to ask questions about the proposals, meetings have been arranged as follows-

Drop-in Meeting for Staff, Parents, and Interested Parties	Monday 7 th December 2015 @ 3:45-4:45pm	Buttermere Room
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The closing date for comments is midnight on 30th December 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 - REPRESENTATION REPLY

I SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 30 PLACES AT BOWLEE PARK SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER 2016 WITH A VIEW TO A PERMANENT ENLARGEMENT TO A FOUR FORM ENTRY.	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.