



Children's Services
Early Help and Schools Service

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To: Parents, Pupils, Staff and Governors of Sandbrook 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, the Youth MP AND Children's Champion, Rochdale Borough Councillors, the Children's Centre.

Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSED ALTERATION:- EXTRA SCHOOL PLACES TO BE PROVIDED AT SANDBROOK CP SCHOOL, ROCHDALE.

The reason for this letter is to tell you that the Local Authority is considering the need for extra primary school places at Sandbrook CP School due to increased demand for primary school places within the Rochdale Township. The Local Authority would like to increase the number of places by 30 from September 2016 with a view for a permanent three form entry. 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 Sandbrook 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 60 to 90 from September 2016.

Why does the Local Authority want to do this?

The Local Authority feels that an extension to the existing Sandbrook CP School will provide sufficient primary school places within this part of Rochdale Township.

What would happen and when?

To enable the admission of extra children on the Sandbrook CP School site, the building will be extended and will provide an additional 3 classrooms and ancillary accommodation.

Is Sandbrook CP School the only school affected?

The Council needs to provide extra places in 2016 and 2017 in Rochdale Township. Sandbrook will provide 30 extra places in each of these two years. The admission number at Sandbrook has already been 90 in some recent years, and by continuing to do this means that the Local Authority must consider whether this should be a permanent arrangement. Sandbrook CP school is the only school involved in these proposals.

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Further information & Consultation

The full consultation paper and other documents are available on the Local Authority Website at <http://consultations.rochdale.gov.uk/council-wide/additional-places-sandbrook>

There is a 4 week consultation period starting on 8th October. This ends at midnight on Wednesday 4th 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, at the end of a further 4 week statutory representation period it will then make the final decision in accordance with Statutory Guidance and Regulations.

How can I make my views known?

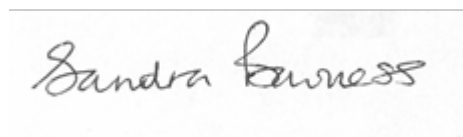
You can make your views known by completing the reply slip below or by writing to the Local Authority by letter or e-mail at the address below. If you want to ask questions about the proposals, meetings have been arranged as follows-

Open Drop-in Session for Parents, Staff and Interested Parties	2.30-4.30 Thursday 15th October	Community Room
School Council	1.45pm Thursday 15th October	School (Students Only)

The closing date for comments is midnight on Wednesday 4th 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.

Yours Faithfully



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Sandbrook CP School - CONSULTATION REPLY

I SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 30 PLACES AT SANDBROOK CP SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER 2016 WITH A VIEW TO A PERMANENT ENLARGEMENT TO A THREE 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.