



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 and 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 has published statutory proposals to provide 30 additional places in Reception year group from September 2016. This will mean that there will be 90 Reception places from then onwards.

What is being proposed?

The proposal is to enlarge Sandbrook CP School by providing an additional 30 places in each new year group. The enlargement of the school would be to increase the admission number to 90 from September 2016 for each new successive year group, from the current admission number of 60.

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. 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 prepared to address the travel to/from school concern.

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 2 classrooms and ancillary accommodation from September 2016.

Is Sandbrook CP School the only school affected?

The Council already needs to provide extra places in 2016 and 2017 at the schools 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 the Local Authority believe that this should be a permanent arrangement.

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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 statutory representation period starting on 5th December 2015. This ends at midnight on Friday 1st January 2016.

Who takes the decision?

Cabinet made the decision on Monday 30th November 2015 to publish statutory proposals which means that there is a 4 week statutory representation period starting on 5th 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 25th January 2016.

How can I make my views known?

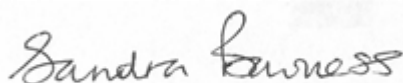
You can make your views known by completing the reply slip below or by writing to the Local Authority by letter or e-mail at the address below. If you want to ask questions about the proposals, meetings have been arranged as follows-

Drop-in Meeting for Parents, and Interested Parties	Monday 14 th December 2015 @ 2:30-4:00pm.	School Community Room
Drop-in Meeting for Staff	Wednesday 9 th December 2015 @ 3:30-4:30pm.	School Community Room
Meeting for Student Council	Wednesday 9 th December at 2015 2:15pm-3:15pm.	School Community Room

The closing date for comments is midnight on Friday 1st January 2016.

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 - REPRESENTATION REPLY

I SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 30 PLACES AT SANDBROOK CP SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER 2016 AS 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.