

# CONSULTATION PAPER

## Need for Extra Secondary School Places from September 2018 until September 2027 in BOROUGH SUMMARY



*To: Parents and carers of children in Heywood, Middleton, Pennines and Rochdale Townships, Headteachers, staff and governors of all schools in the Townships, Township Councillors, Secretaries of Recognised Trades Unions, Manchester and Salford Dioceses, The Methodist Church, Local MPs, Youth MP and Youth Cabinet.*

### 1. What is this Letter about?

The Local Authority is looking at how many extra Secondary School places are going to be needed in the next few years for each new Year 7 group. The reason for this letter is to tell you how many extra places are likely to be needed in Heywood, Middleton, Pennines and Rochdale Townships, and to ask your views about where extra places should be provided.

### 2. How many children are expected in future and how many places are needed?

Borough	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
YEAR 7 Places	2790	2845	2845	2845	2845	2845	2845	2845	2845	2845	2845
Year 7 Expected Pupils	2694	2873	2987	3083	3094	3176	3299	3315	3215	3185	3212
Year 6 Pupils	2730	2912	3036	3127	3120	3199	3331	3356	3245	3231	3263
Extra Places Needed		-28	-142	-238	-249	-331	-454	-470	-370	-340	-367

In recent years there has been an increase in the number of children born in Rochdale Borough, and this increase in numbers will move through to the secondary sector. The demand for places is affected by cross boundary movement with significant numbers of Rochdale children seeking places at schools outside the borough. The projected pupil numbers reflect these trends.

### 3. What do you take into account to decide where to put extra places?

The Local Authority has to make sure there are enough school places for all children who need them. In deciding the number of extra places needed, it is assumed that all current Year 7 places will be filled. The Authority has taken into account a number of factors to decide where to put extra places, these are:- past trends in numbers of children moving from Year 6 to Year7, physical space in schools; scope to put in extra accommodation; and avoiding creating too many extra places in the long term.

### 4. How many places are there at each school now?

There are twelve secondary schools in Rochdale Borough. Already an extra 30 places are available at Kingsway Park and Falinge Park from 2017. The places available in 2018 are:

Siddal Moor (with possible +30)	210	Middleton Technology	270	St. Anne's CE Academy	160
Holy Family RC CE College	150	Cardinal Langley RC	210		
Hollingworth	270	Kingsway Park	270	Oulder Hill	300
Wardle	240	Falinge Park	270	Matthew Moss	240
		St. Cuthbert's RC	240		

### 5. How will you put extra space into schools and how will you avoid overcrowding?

It is expected that most schools would need additional accommodation in order to admit further children. For new school proposals accommodation will be in accordance with Government guidelines on space in schools.

## 6. Where are you thinking of putting extra new places?

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Extra classes Needed		1	5	8	8	11	15	16	12	11	12
Options	Proposal for 2018: i) Provide an additional 30 places at Siddal Moor in existing accommodation. Proposals for 2019 onwards: ii) Consult on an additional 30 (60 total) places at Siddal Moor by extending school Proposals for 2020 onwards: iii) Establish a new 180 place Free school in the Middleton area Proposals for 2022 onwards: iv) Establish a new 180 place Free School in the Rochdale area v) The shortfall in extra spaces will need to be sought through additional building at existing schools. Co-operation from secondary Academies will be vital to the provision of sufficient school places as options at LA maintained schools have been fully utilised.										
Total extra places		30	60	240	240	420	420	420	420	420	420
Deficit (-) / Surplus places		2	-82	2	-9	89	-34	-50	50	80	53
Classes needed*			3				1	2			

Extra capacity is definitely needed for 2019 and 2023/24 and will also be needed in the intervening years to enable in-year moves. Current spare capacity has been 4 FE across the borough and even with this spare local pressures have still be felt. Above the extra two schools all secondary schools will need to be approached to provide extra capacity.

## 7. Where can I find out more?

This letter concerns Heywood, Middleton, Pennines and Rochdale Townships. Information on the other townships and the full consultation paper is available on the Rochdale Council website at:

<http://consultations.rochdale.gov.uk/extra-secondary-places>

You can also get a copy by contacting Robert Aspinall at [robert.aspinall@rochdale.gov.uk](mailto:robert.aspinall@rochdale.gov.uk)

## 8. Making your views known:

Your views on the following will be helpful,

- \* are we proposing enough extra places?
- \* are the places in the right locality to meet need?
- \* would you suggest something different about the need for extra year 7 places?

After the closing date a report will go to the Council's Cabinet for a final decision.

Please send any comments or responses to: **Robert Aspinall, School Organisation & Development Team, Rochdale Borough Council, Schools Service, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU** or e-mail: [Robert.aspinall@rochdale.gov.uk](mailto:Robert.aspinall@rochdale.gov.uk) by **WEDNESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2017**.