

CONSULTATION PAPER

Need for Extra Secondary School Places from September 2018 until September 2027 in HEYWOOD and MIDDLETON TOWNSHIPS

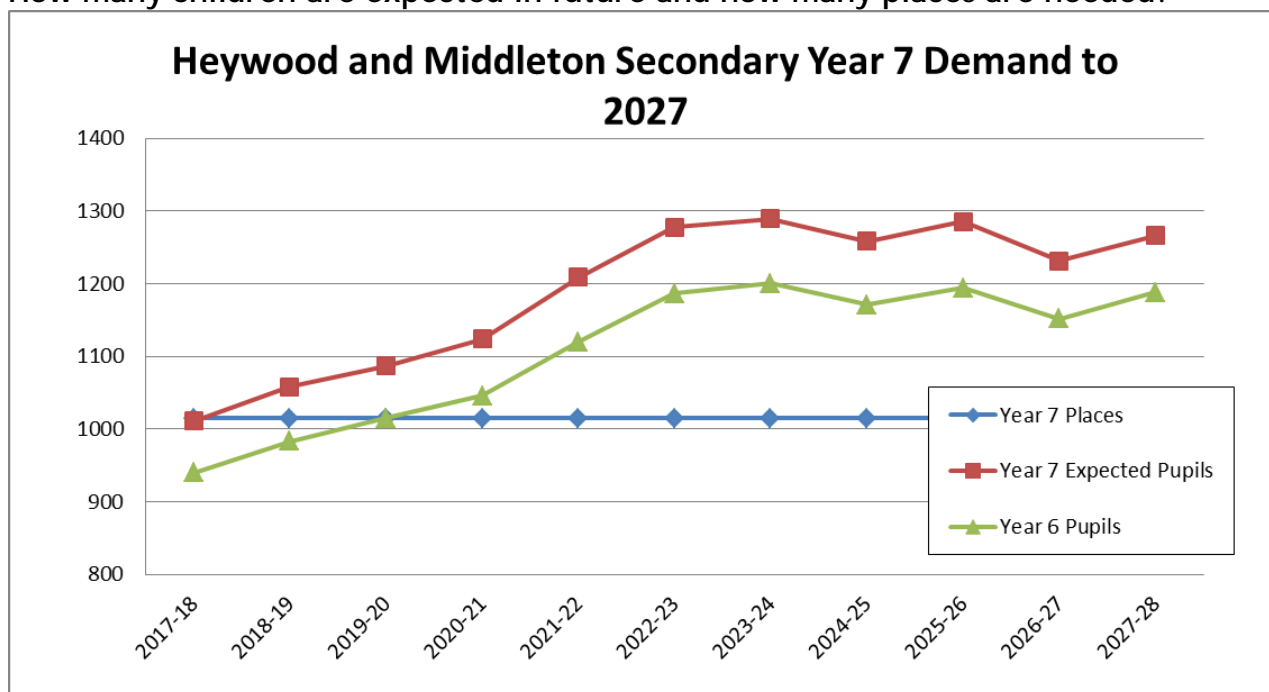


To: Parents and carers of children in Heywood and Middleton Townships, Headteachers, staff and governors of all schools in the Townships, Township Councillors, Secretaries of Recognised Trades Unions, Manchester and Salford Dioceses, The Methodist Church, Local MPs, Youth MP and Youth Cabinet.

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 and Middleton 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?



Heywood and Middleton	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	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015
Year 7 Expected Pupils	1011	1058	1087	1124	1209	1278	1290	1259	1285	1231	1267
Year 6 Pupils	940	983	1015	1046	1120	1187	1200	1171	1194	1152	1188
Extra Places Needed		-43	-72	-109	-194	-263	-275	-244	-270	-216	-252

In recent years there has been an increase in the number of children born in both Townships, and this increase in numbers will move through to the secondary sector. The demand for places is affected by cross boundary movement with significantly more children taking up places in Heywood and Middleton secondaries than attend Primary schools in the areas. There are currently 6% more Year 7 children in Middleton and Heywood secondary schools than were in Year 6. There is also now a significant inward movement into Middleton schools mainly from Manchester. 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 Year 7, 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 five secondary schools in Heywood and Middleton Townships. Already an extra 30 places have are to be available at each of Cardinal Langley RC and Holy Family RC CE College, and an extra 10 places at St Anne's Academy for 2017. The places available in 2018 will be:

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		

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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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 iii) Establish a new 180 place Free school in the Middleton area by 2020.										

7. Where can I find out more?

This letter concerns Heywood and Middleton 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

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 by **WEDNESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2017**.