

# CONSULTATION PAPER

## Need for Extra Secondary School Places from September 2018 until September 2027 in PENNINES and ROCHDALE TOWNSHIPS

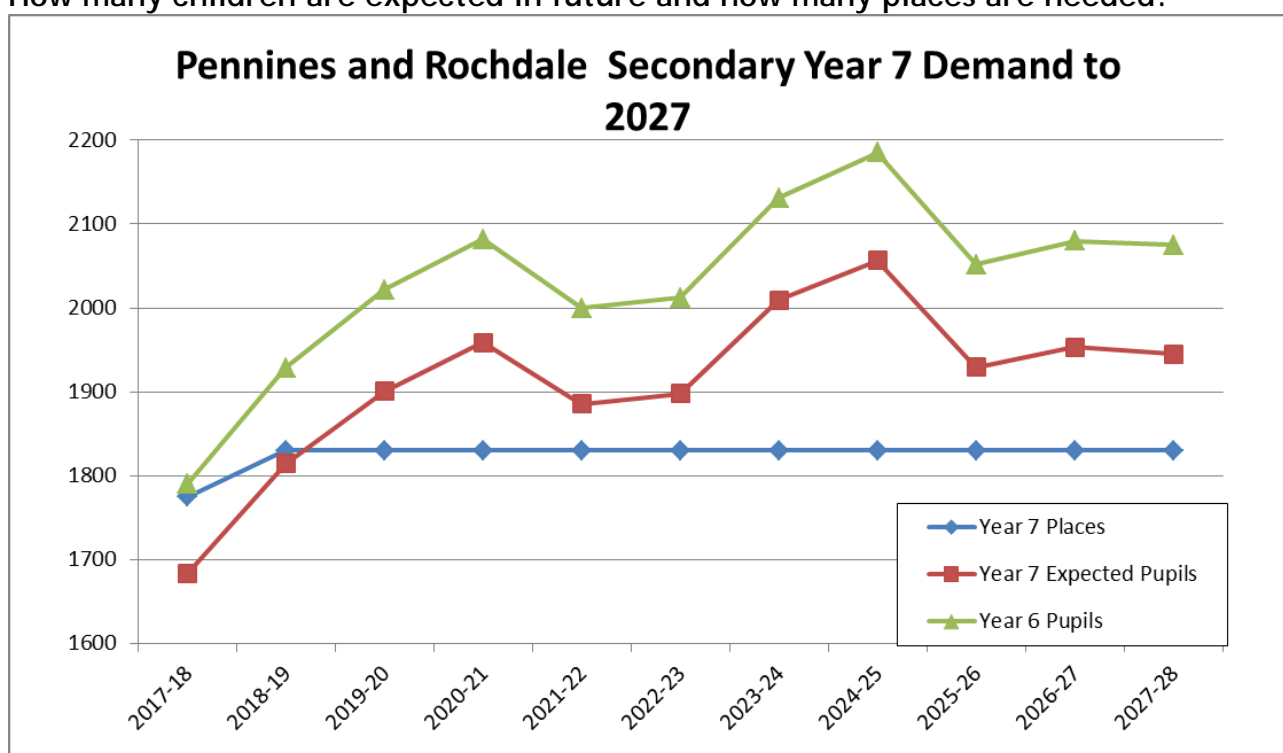


*To: Parents and carers of children in Pennines and Rochdale Townships, Headteachers, staff and governors of all schools in the Townships, Township Councillors, Secretaries of Recognised Trades Unions, Manchester and Salford Dioceses, The Methodist Church, Local MPs, Youth MP and Youth Cabinet.*

### 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 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?



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Pennines and Rochdale											
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Extra Places Needed			-71	-129	-55	-68	-179	-227	-99	-123	-115

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 significant numbers of Rochdale children seeking places at schools outside the borough. Currently there are 8% fewer Year 7 children in the Rochdale and Pennines Township secondary schools than were in Year 6. 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 seven secondary schools in Pennines and Rochdale Townships. Already an extra 30 places are available at Kingsway Park and Falinge Park from 2017. The places available in 2018 are:

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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Options	Proposals for 2019 onwards: i) Establish a new 180 place Free school in the area by 2022 ii) 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										

### 7. Where can I find out more?

This letter concerns 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**.

