

Children's Services
Early Help and Schools Service

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To: Parents/Pupils/Staff and Governors of South Street Nursery School, Parents/Pupils/Staff and Governors of Heybrook Primary School, Headteachers and Governing Bodies of all Rochdale Borough Schools, Secretaries of Recognised Trades Unions, Diocesan Authorities, the Methodist Church, MPs for Rochdale Borough, Youth MP, Heybrook Children's Centre, Early Years Childcare Providers and Rochdale Borough Councillors.

Dear Sir/Madam,

**PROPOSED CLOSURE OF SOUTH STREET NURSERY SCHOOL, ROCHDALE AND
PROPOSED CHANGE IN AGE RANGE OF HEYBROOK CP SCHOOL, ROCHDALE TO SET UP
REPLACEMENT NURSERY PLACES.**

The reason for this letter is to tell you that the Local Authority is considering the need to close South Street Nursery School with effect from 31st August 2016, and to set up replacement nursery places at Heybrook CP School with effect from 1st September 2016. The Local Authority wants to hear your views before it takes the decision to publish legal proposals.

What is being proposed?

The proposal is to:

- Permanently close South Street Nursery School from 31st August 2016; and
- Set up new nursery places at Heybrook CP School by changing the age range to 2-11 years from 1st September 2016. These places could either be on the site of Heybrook CP School or by keeping the current South Street Nursery School building.

Why does the Local Authority want to do this?

The reason for considering the proposal to close South Street Nursery School is because of the long term financial viability of the Nursery School. The Local Authority believes that the provision of nursery places at Heybrook CP School would provide a more cost effective option without losing available places. The Local Authority also recognises that many children attending South Street Nursery School have siblings at Heybrook Primary School and this proposal would help many parents.

What would happen and when?

The proposal for South Street Nursery is to close from 31st August 2016. To enable the new nursery provision to be set up at Heybrook CP School, a feasibility study will be undertaken to show how the places can be provided either on the Heybrook site or the South Street site. The proposal for the new nursery provision is with effect from 1st September 2016.

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How is my child affected?

Older nursery children at South Street Nursery School, who will be moving to Reception classes next September, are not affected. Younger children at South Street Nursery School will be offered places at the new provision at Heybrook CP School for September 2016.

Further information & Consultation

The full consultation paper and other documents are available on the Local Authority Website at

<https://consultations.rochdale.gov.uk/council-wide/nursery-provision>

There is a 4 week consultation period starting on 6th November 2015. This ends at midnight on 3rd December 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 close South Street Nursery School and set up replacement provision at Heybrook CP 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?

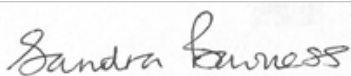
You can make your views known by completing the reply slip below or by writing to the Local Authority by letter or e-mail at the address below. If you want to ask questions about the proposals, meetings have been arranged as follows-

South Street Nursery School	Open Drop-in for Parents, and Interested Parties	<u>EITHER</u> Thursday 12th November 2015 @ 11am-12pm <u>OR</u> Thursday 12th November 2015 @ 3pm-4pm
	Meeting for Staff	Tuesday 10th November 2015 @ 11:45am
Heybrook CP School	Open Drop-in for Parents, and Interested Parties	Wednesday 18th November 2015 @ 3:30pm-7pm
	Meeting for Staff	Wednesday 18th November @ 3:20pm
	Meeting for Student Council	Wednesday 2nd December 2015 @ 1.30pm

The closing date for comments is midnight on 3rd December 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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South Street Nursery & Heybrook CP School - CONSULTATION REPLY

I SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE SOUTH STREET NURSERY SCHOOL AND SET UP NEW NURSERY PLACES AT HEYBROOK CP SCHOOL	YES	
	NO	
IF A NURSERY CLASS IS SET UP AT HEYBROOK CP SCHOOL I WOULD PREFER IT TO BE LOCATED AT	Heybrook School site	
	South Street site	
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.