

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,

CONTINUATION OF NURSERY PROVISION AT SOUTH STREET by EXTENDING THE AGE RANGE OF HEYBROOK COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL and CLOSING SOUTH STREET NURSERY SCHOOL.

The reason for this letter is to tell you that Rochdale Borough Council intends to ensure the continuation of nursery provision at South Street through the legal mechanism of closing South Street Nursery School and extending the age range of Heybrook Community Primary School.

Rochdale Local Authority has today published statutory proposals to close South Street Nursery School with effect from 31st August 2016, and to set up replacement nursery places at Heybrook CP School at the existing South Street Nursery School site with effect from 1st September 2016.

The legal proposals are to:

- (i) Make a significant alteration to Heybrook CP school to change the age range of the school from 4-11 to 2-11 and provide an additional site for the replacement nursery provision at South Street Rochdale OL16 2EP with effect from 1st September 2016; and as a linked proposal.
- (ii) Discontinue South Street Nursery School with effect from 31st August 2016.

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 under Heybrook CP School would provide a more cost effective option without losing available places.

REPRESENTATION REPLY SLIP - PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF

What would happen and when?

The proposal for South Street Nursery is to close from 31st August 2016. On 1st September 2016, Heybrook CP would establish replacement nursery provision in the South Street buildings, so there is a continuation of provision.

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 under Heybrook CP School in the South Street building for September 2016.

Further information & Consultation

The full consultation papers 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 representation period starting on Wednesday 27th January 2016. This ends at midnight on Tuesday 23rd February 2016.

Who takes the decision?

Yours Faithfully

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At the end of the statutory representation period, Cabinet will then make the final decision taking account of any submissions made in accordance with statutory guidance and regulations on Monday 14th March 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-

South Street	Open Drop-in for Parents, and	Wednesday 3 rd February 2016 @ 11am-12pm and	
Nursery	Interested Parties	Wednesday 3rd February 2016 @ 3pm-4pm	
School	Meeting for Staff	Wednesday 27 th January 2016 @ 11:45am-12:45pm	
Heybrook CP	Open Drop-in for Parents,	Tuesday 2 nd February 2016 @ 8:30am-9:30am	
School	Staff and Interested Parties		

The closing date for comments is midnight on Tuesday 23rd February 2016.

Comments should be sent to 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.

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South Street Nursery & Heybrook CP School - REPRESENTAT	ION REPLY		
I SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO KEEP NURSERY PROVISION AT SOUTH	YES		
STREET BY SETTING UP REPLACEMENT PROVISION MANAGED BY HEYBROOK			
CP SCHOOL IN THE EXISTING SOUTH STREET BUILDING	NO		
COMMENTS:			

I am connected with

SOUTH STREET / HEYBROOK