



## 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016, and to set up replacement nursery places at Heybrook CP School at the existing South Street Nursery School site with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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