

CONSULTATION PAPER
Need for Extra Reception Places from September 2017 until
September 2019
HEYWOOD TOWNSHIP

12th September 2016

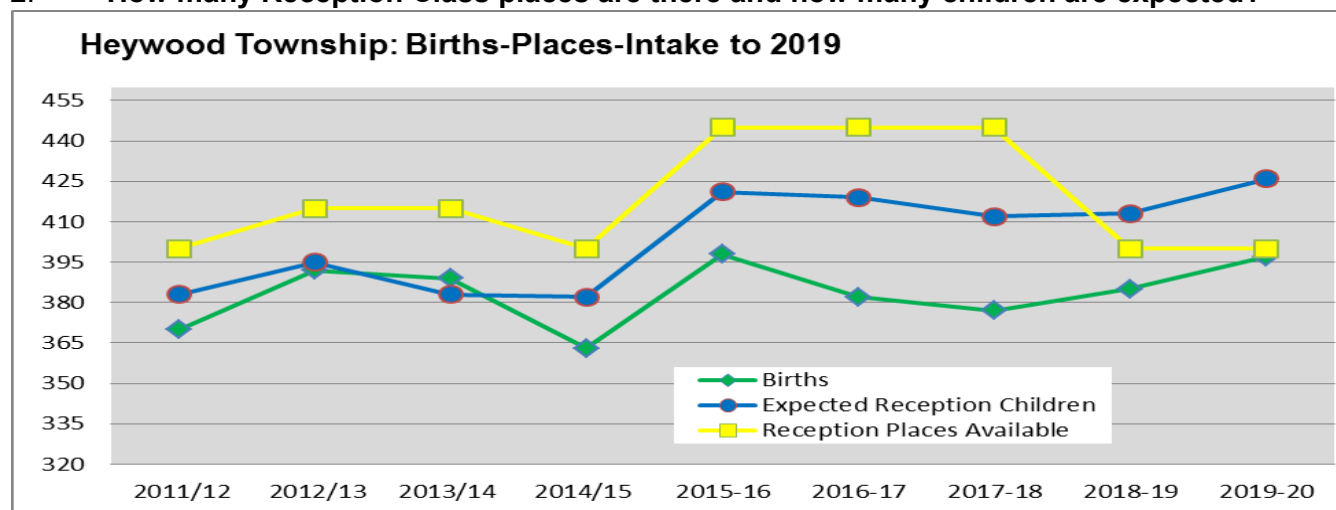


To: Parents and carers of children in Heywood Township, Headteachers, Staff and Governors of Heywood Township Primary Schools, Heywood Township Councillors, Secondary Headteachers, Secretaries of Recognised Trades Unions, Manchester and Salford Dioceses, The Methodist Church- Rochdale and Littleborough Circuit, Neighbouring Local Authorities, MPs for the Rochdale Borough.

1. What is this Letter about?

The Local Authority is looking at how many extra Reception Class places are going to be needed in the next few years. The reason for this letter is to tell you how many extra places are likely to be needed in Heywood Township, and to ask your views about where these places should be provided.

2. How many Reception Class places are there and how many children are expected?



NOTE: Projections include potential pupil yield from new housing, and are based on current approvals where the site is in development, with the numbers factored over 2 years from 2016/17.

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Births	370	392	389	363	398	382	377	385	397
Expected Reception Children	383	395	383	382	421	419	412	413	426
Reception Places Available	400	415	415	400	445	445	445	400	400

The graph shows that there will be an increase in demand for reception class places up to the 2019/20 admission year. This means that extra places are likely to be needed in the Township. An extra 30 places have been agreed for St. Luke's CE for 2017. Subject to agreement with the Governing Body, there would be an extra 15 places at St. Joseph's RC for 2017. Extra places need to be provided for 2018 and 2019.

3. Where do you get your information from and how accurate is it?

The Local Authority uses government figures on the **actual** number of children born in the township. Based on past trends the Authority then looks at the proportion of those children who take up Reception Class places. In the last two years 5% more children want Reception places in Heywood than were born in the Township and the projected numbers take this growth into account.

4. 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 Reception places will be filled. The Authority has taken into account a number of factors to decide where to put extra places, these are:- distribution of births; physical space in schools; scope to put in extra accommodation; making sure schools can comply with class size limits; and avoiding creating too many extra places. The proposals in the table below show the current thinking to meet the extra demand. **Alternative proposals and views are invited.**

5. How will you put extra space into schools and how will you avoid overcrowding?

The solution is likely to be different for each school. We will look at each school individually- some schools have more space than others and so extra places might be possible by using spare or under-used spaces. In some cases demountable classrooms might be needed or extensions to current buildings. Each year the Authority will need to look closely at the number of applications for places in the Township.

6. Where are you thinking of putting extra new places?

	Sept 2016	Sept 2017	Sept 2018	Sept 2019
Current Reception admission places agreed	445	445	400	400
Expected pupil numbers	417	410	413	426
Extra Places Needed		Enough places available with a margin of flexibility	13 minimum, but needs at least 30 to ensure margin for growth	26 minimum, but needs at least 45 to ensure margin for growth
Where more extra places might be available			<i>St Joseph RC- 15 places subject to agreement Either: St Luke's CE-30 places Or: Woodland CP 30 places</i>	<i>St Joseph RC- 15 places subject to agreement Either: St Luke's CE-30 places Or: Woodland CP 30 places</i>

7. How many Reception places are there in Heywood Schools now?

There are 445 Reception class places in Heywood schools this September 2016 as follows:

School	Places	School	Places	School	Places
Heap Bridge	25	Harwood Park	60	St Luke's CE VC	30
Woodland	60	All Souls CE VC	30	St Joseph's RC VA	45
Hopwood	60	St Michael's CE VA	30	St Margaret's CE VA	30
				Our Lady & St Paul's RC VA	30

8. Where can I find out more?

This letter concerns Heywood Township. Information on the other townships and the full consultation paper is available on the Rochdale Council website at:

<http://consultations.rochdale.gov.uk/extra-reception-places>

You can also get a copy by contacting Robert Aspinall at robert.aspinall@rochdale.gov.uk

9. 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 reception 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 **MONDAY 10th OCTOBER 2016.**