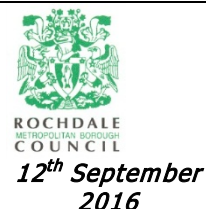


CONSULTATION PAPER

Need for Extra Secondary School Places from September 2017 until September 2026 in HEYWOOD and MIDDLETON TOWNSHIPS

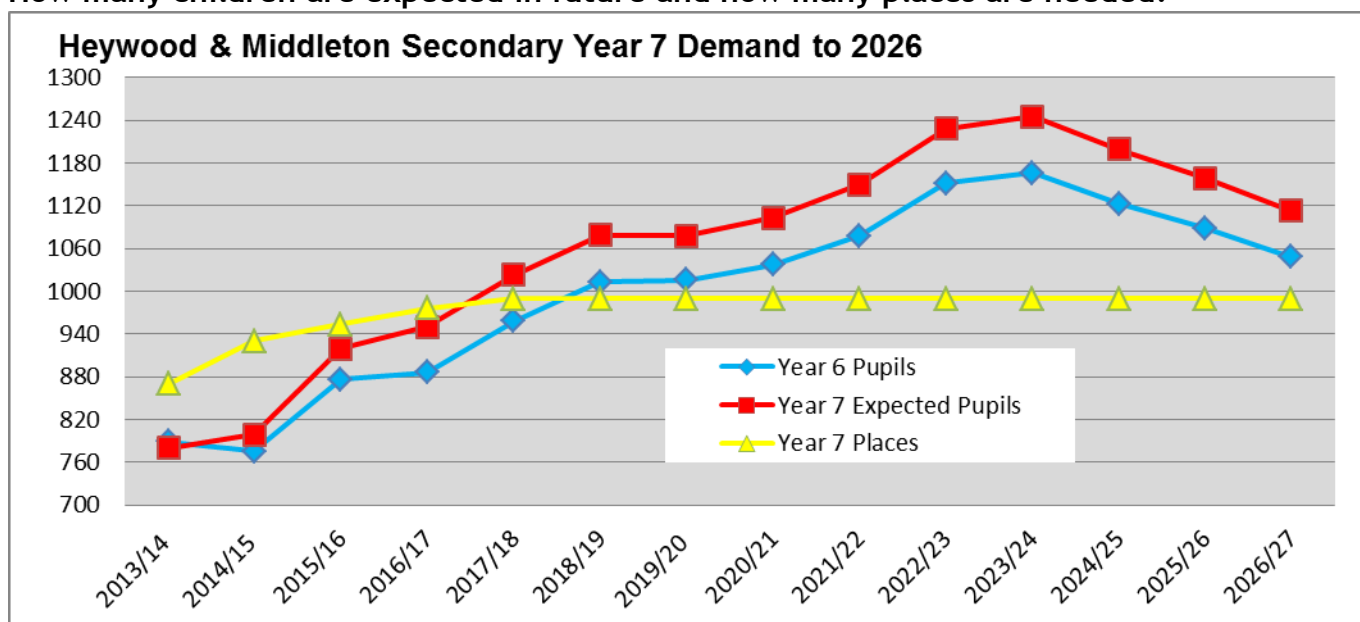


To: Parents and carers of children in Heywood and Middleton Townships, Headteachers, staff and governors of all schools in the Townships, Township Councillors, Secretaries of Recognised Trades Unions, Manchester and Salford Dioceses, The Methodist Church, Local MPs, Youth MP and Youth Cabinet.

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 Heywood and Middleton 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?



	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Year 6 Pupils	789	776	876	886	958	1013	1016	1037	1078	1152	1166	1123	1089	1048
Year 7 Expected Pupils	780	799	920	950	1023	1079	1078	1103	1150	1228	1245	1199	1159	1113
Year 7 Places	870	930	954	976	990	990	990	990	990	990	990	990	990	990
Extra Places Needed					-33	-89	-88	-113	-160	-238	-255	-209	-169	-123

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 Heywood and Middleton children seeking places at schools outside the borough. Currently there are nearly 8% fewer Year 7 children in the Heywood secondary schools than were in Year 6. Outward movement from Heywood Township is primarily to Bury and Middleton. However, there are currently 13% more Year 7 children in Middleton secondary schools than were in Year 6. Outward movement from Middleton is primarily to Oldham. There is now a significant inward movement into Middleton schools mainly from Manchester. 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 Year 7, 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 five secondary schools in Heywood and Middleton Townships. Already an extra 30 places have are to be available at each of Cardinal Langley RC and Holy Family RC CE College for 2017. The places available in 2017 will be:

Siddal Moor	210	Middleton Technology	270	St.Anne’s CE Academy	150
Holy Family RC CE College	150	Cardinal Langley RC	210		

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 2017 onwards: i) Provide an additional 30 places – options to be explored at existing schools ii) Provide an additional 30 places at Cardinal Langley from 2020 with the support of the Diocese and Governing Body iii) Establish a new 150 place Free school in the area iv) Consider measures to meet the peak shortfall of nearly 240 places for 2022									

7. Where can I find out more?

This letter concerns Heywood and Middleton 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

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 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**.