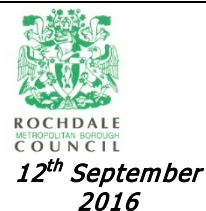


# CONSULTATION PAPER

## Need for Extra Secondary School Places from September 2017 until September 2026 in PENNINES and ROCHDALE TOWNSHIPS

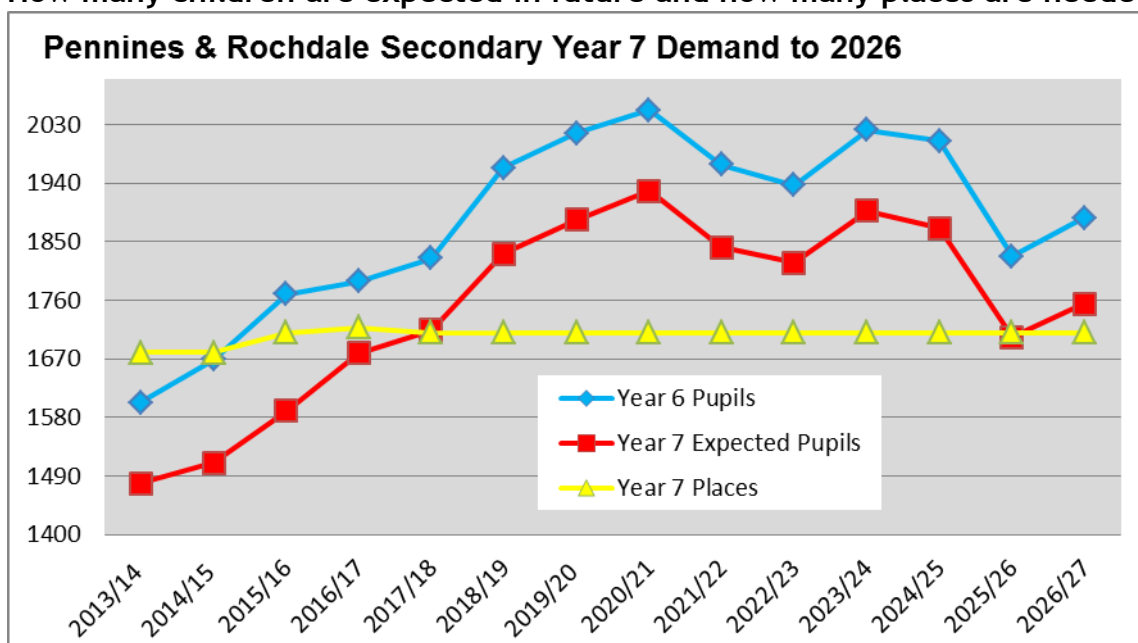


*To: Parents and carers of children in Pennines and Rochdale Townships, Headteachers, staff and governors of all schools in the Townships, Township Councillors, Secretaries of Recognised Trades Unions, Manchester and Salford Dioceses, The Methodist Church, Local MPs, Youth MP and Youth Cabinet.*

### 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 Pennines and Rochdale 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	1603	1669	1769	1789	1824	1963	2017	2052	1968	1937	2021	2005	1827	1886
Year 7 Expected Pupils	1479	1510	1590	1679	1714	1831	1884	1928	1841	1818	1897	1871	1703	1754
Year 7 Places	1680	1680	1710	1718	1710	1710	1710	1710	1710	1710	1710	1710	1710	1710
Extra Places Needed					-4	-121	-174	-218	-131	-108	-187	-161	7	-44

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 Rochdale children seeking places at schools outside the borough. Currently there are 16% fewer Year 7 children in the Rochdale Township secondary schools than were in Year 6. Outward movement from Rochdale Township is to Bury, Lancashire and Pennines Township. There are currently 4% more Year 7 children in Pennines secondary schools than were in Year 6. The inward movement is mainly from Rochdale Township and Calderdale. 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 Year7, 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 seven secondary schools in Pennines and Rochdale Townships. Already an extra 20 places are available at Hollingworth from 2016. The places available in in 2016 are:

Hollingworth	270	Kingsway Park	240	Oulder Hill	300
Wardle	240	Falinge Park	248	Matthew Moss	180
		St. Cuthbert's RC	240		

### 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 at Falinge Park ii) Provide an additional 30 places at Kingsway Park with the support of the Trust and Governing Body iii) Establish a new 120 place Free school in the area									

### 7. Where can I find out more?

This letter concerns Pennines and Rochdale 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](http://consultations.rochdale.gov.uk/extra_secondary_places)

You can also get a copy by contacting Robert Aspinall at [robert.aspinall@rochdale.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:Robert.aspinall@rochdale.gov.uk) by **MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016**.