

CONSULTATION PAPER

Need for Extra Primary School Reception Class Places from now until September 2016

ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP

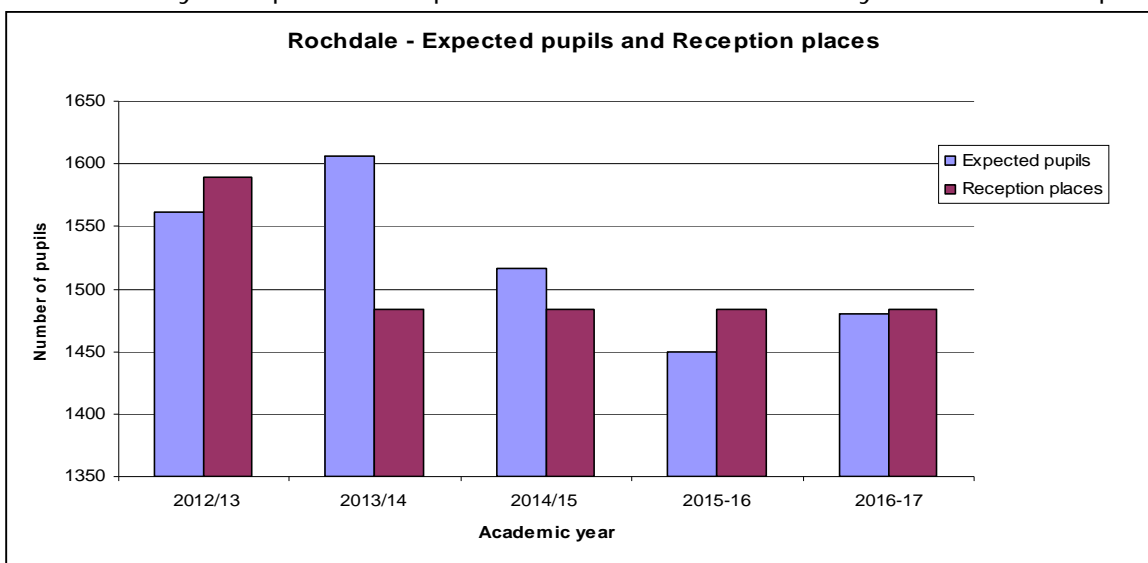


To: Parents and carers of children in Rochdale Township, Headteachers, staff and governors of Rochdale Township primary schools, Early Years providers, Rochdale Township Councillors, Secondary Headteachers, Secretaries of Recognised Trades Unions, Manchester and Salford Dioceses.

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 Rochdale 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?



School year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015-16	2016-17
Expected pupils	1561	1606	1517	1449	1480
Reception places	1589	1484	1484	1484	1484

We made sure there were enough places this September by putting extra places at Sandbrook, Lowerplace, Belfield and Whittaker Moss Primary Schools. The graph shows that from 2013, extra places are likely to be needed in the Rochdale Township:- 122 in September 2013 and 33 in September 2014. In 2015 and 2016 there should be enough places. The proposal is to put extra places at Whittaker Moss, Sandbrook, Lowerplace and Greenbank for September 2013.

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, and based on past trends, looks at the proportion of those children who then take up Reception Class places. In some recent years this percentage has been high, so we expect this trend to continue. The projected Reception Class intakes do not take account of the possible effect of any new housing at this stage. The information we have suggests that the biggest increase in births has generally been in the western and northern parts of the Township.

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 need. 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. Each year the Authority will need to look closely at the number of applications for places in the Township.

6. How many places are there at each school now?

Planned Admission Number (PAN) capacity for Rochdale schools is:

School	PAN	School	PAN	School	PAN	School	PAN
Bamford A	45	All Saints CE VA	30	St Peter's CE VC	60	St John's CE VA Thornham	10
Whittaker Moss	35	Heybrook	90	Brimrod	30	Alice Ingham RC VA	24
Norden	60	Belfield	45	Marland Hill	60	Holy Family RC VA	30
Caldershaw	30	Kentmere	45	Ashfield Valley	30	Sacred Heart RC VA	30
Meanwood	60	Hamer	45	Sandbrook	60	St Gabriel's RC VA	30
Spotland	60	Broadfield	60	St Mary's CE VC	30	St John's RC VA	30
Shawclough	60	Deeplish	60	Castleton	30	St Patrick's RC VA	45
Healey F	30	Lowerplace	60	St Edward's CE VC	50	St Vincent's RC VA	60
Greenbank	60						

VA-voluntary aided, VC-voluntary controlled, F-foundation, A-Academy

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

	Sept 2013	Sept 2014	Sept 2015	Sept 2016
Current Reception admission places	1484	1484	1484	1484
Expected pupil numbers	1606	1517	1449	1480
Extra Places Needed	122	33	-35	-4
Where more extra places might be available	Whittaker Moss+25 Sandbrook +30 Lowerplace +30 Greenbank +30 St. Edwards' CE +2 Possible need for further places in the Spotland / Falinge area	Whittaker Moss +10 St. Edwards' CE +2 Possible need for further places in the Spotland/Falinge area	Whittaker Moss +10 St. Edwards' CE +2 Unlikely that further places will be needed to meet birth-led demand.	Whittaker Moss +10 St. Edwards' CE +2 Unlikely that further places will be needed to meet birth-led demand.

8. Where can I find out more?

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

http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/consultations.aspx

You can also get a copy by writing to the address below.

9. Making your views known:

Your views on the following will be helpful,

* are we proposing enough extra places?

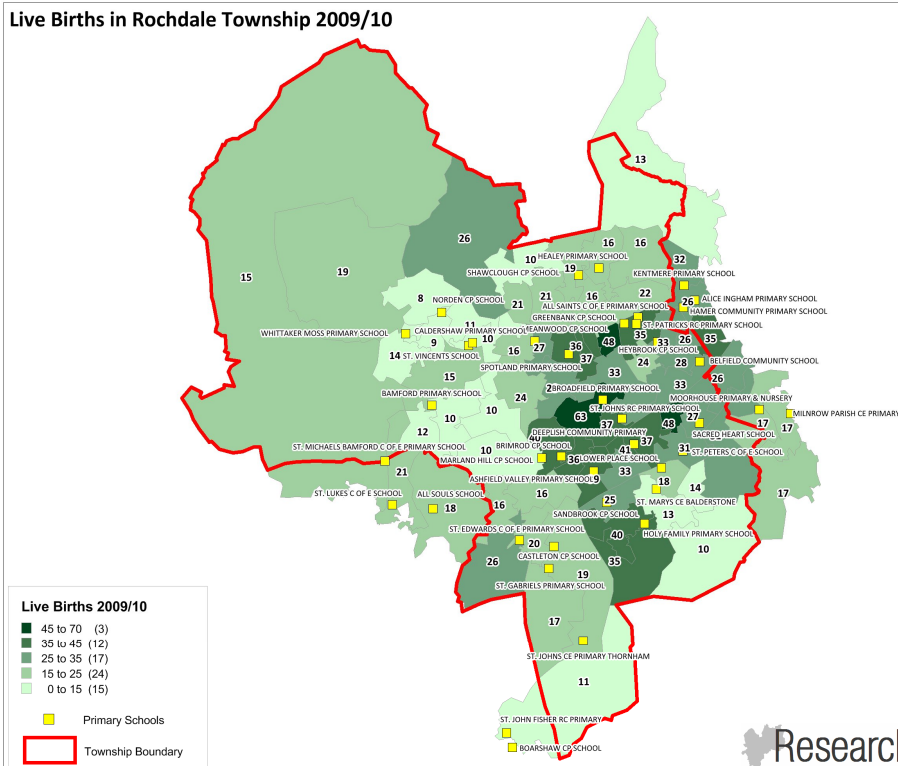
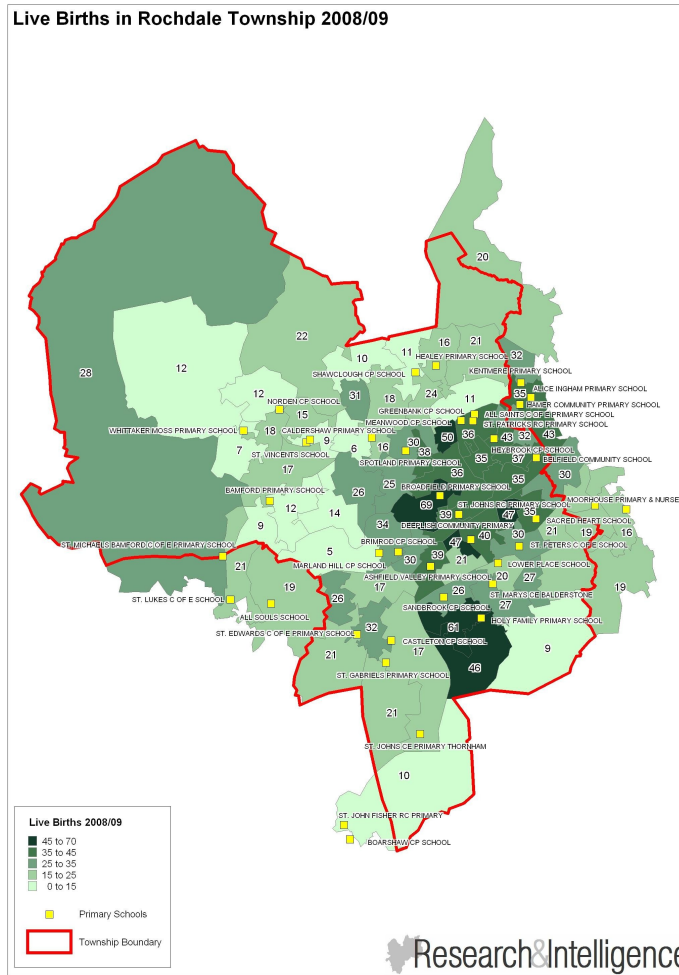
* are the places in the right locality to meet need?

* would you suggest something different about the need for extra Reception places?

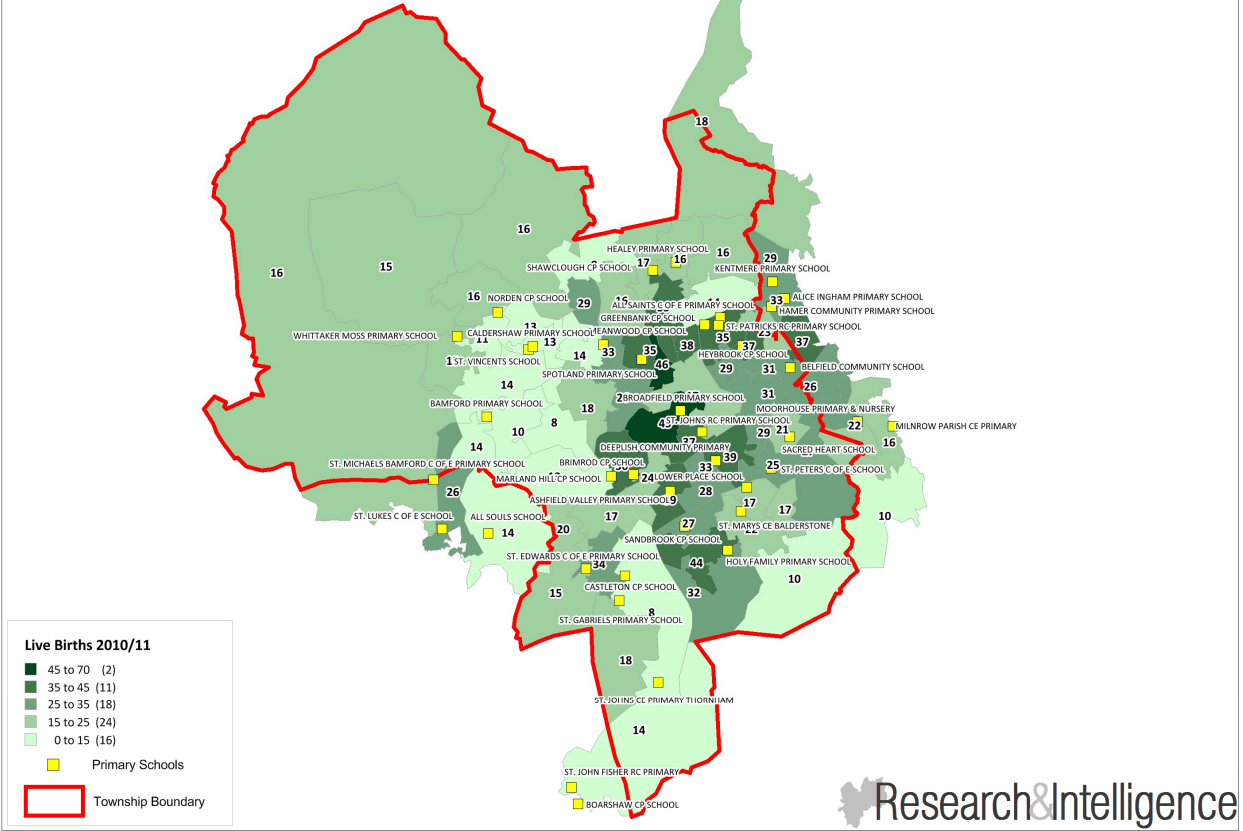
After the closing date a report will go to Cabinet for a final Decision.

Please send any comments or responses directly to Dawn Jennings at the following address:
 Support for Learning Service, PO Box 70, Municipal Offices, Smith Street, ROCHDALE, OL16 1YD.
 e-mail: dawn.jennings@rochdale.gov.uk or via the RMBC consultation page (as above),
 by Friday 21st December 2012

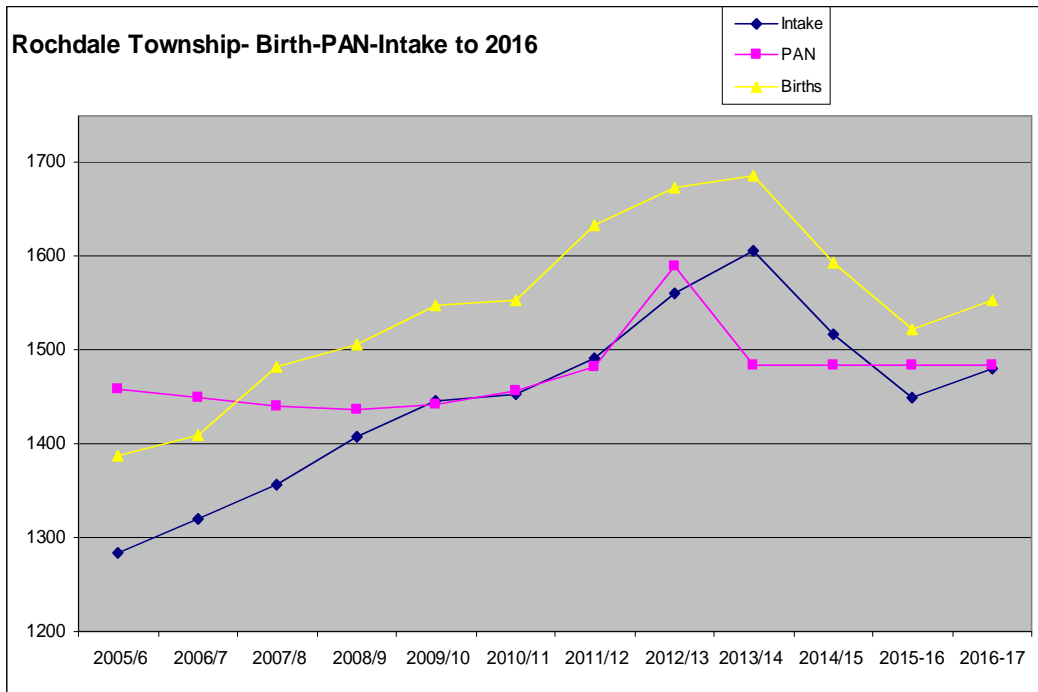
Maps showing the births within Rochdale Township for 2008 - 2011



Live Births in Rochdale Township 2010/11



Rochdale births to include years 2005 - 2017



PAN - Planned Admission Number

Rochdale admissions, preferences and appeals to September 2012

Sep-12	PAN	Extra	no.of	no.of	%	Places		No.of	No.	No.	Places	
Admissions		R	1st Prefs	1st prefs	1st prefs	at 15April		Appeals	Appeals	Appeals	at 21Sept	
School Name		Places	Rec'd	Offered	Offered	Offered	Vacant		Upheld	pending	Offered	Vacant
Rochdale												
All Saints CE	30	0	26	26	100%	30	0	4	0		30	0
Ashfield Valley	30	0	33	28	85%	30	0	1	0		29	-1
Bamford	45	0	56	38	68%	45	0	3	0		45	0
Belfield	45	0	52	42	81%	45	0	11	0		45	0
Brimrod	30	0	22	22	100%	25	-5				30	0
Broadfield	60	0	44	36	82%	45	-15				50	-10
Caldershaw	30	0	33	29	88%	30	0				30	0
Castleton	30	0	25	22	88%	26	-4				28	-2
Deeplish	60	0	46	42	91%	51	-9				51	-9
Greenbank	90	0	53	50	94%	57	-33				60	-30
Healey	30	0	37	28	76%	30	0	4	0		30	0
Heybrook	75	15	64	60	94%	85	-5				84	-6
Holy Family RC	30	0	27	27	100%	30	0	2	0		30	0
Lowerplace	60	30	47	46	98%	63	-27				72	-18
Marland Hill	60	0	63	49	78%	60	0	7	0		60	0
Meanwood	60	0	50	45	90%	54	-6				57	-3
Norden	60	0	48	47	98%	56	-4				58	-2
Sacred Heart	30	0	46	30	65%	30	0	4	0		30	0
Sandbrook	60	30	67	63	94%	73	-17				75	-15
Shawclough	60	0	64	51	80%	60	0	5	0		59	-1
Spotland	60	0	49	48	98%	54	-6				60	0
Whittaker Moss	35	25	52	48	92%	59	-1				60	0
St Edward's CE	50	0	53	48	91%	50	0	3	2		50	0
St John's CE, T'ham	10	0	9	9	100%	10	0				10	0
St Gabriel's RC	30	0	28	27	96%	30	0	1	0		30	0
St John's RC	45	0	35	33	94%	36	-9				38	-7
St Mary's CE	30	0	31	27	87%	30	0	2	0		30	0
St Patrick's RC	45	0	52	41	79%	45	0	6	0		45	0
St Peter's CE	60	0	65	52	80%	60	0	6	0		60	0
St Vincent's RC	60	0	54	53	98%	59	-1				60	0
Rochdale Total	1400	100	1331	1167	88%	1358	-142	35	2	0	1396	-104

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