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To: Headteachers of all Rochdale MBC Schools, Secretaries of Recognised Trades Unions,  
Diocesan Authorities

Dear Colleague,

**FOR INFORMATION:** The purpose of this document is to inform schools of the outcome of the consultation on the need for additional Reception Class places as agreed by Cabinet on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Please note the decision is subject to the normal call-in arrangements for Cabinet decisions. For Headteacher colleagues, I would be grateful if you would bring this to the attention of your Chair and governors. This document is available on the Rochdale MBC website at: [http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/consultations/education\\_-\\_consultations.aspx](http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/consultations/education_-_consultations.aspx)

**STRATEGY TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL RECEPTION  
CLASS PLACES FROM SEPTEMBER 2010**

1. **Summary Table of additional Reception Class place demand** over the next 4 years, and the schools where increases in pupil numbers might be accommodated and comments on how the additional places might be provided.

*Notes: The range of demand is the September projection (based on places offered) and the October projection (actual NOR). PAN= Planned Admission Number. FE= Form of Entry (30 children), NOR= Number on Roll.*

<b>HEYWOOD Township</b>	<b>Expected Reception Pupil Numbers:</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
	352	368	390	375
<i>Total Reception Places 2009= 370</i>	<b>Extra Places Needed:</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
	Should be enough places overall	0-5 places	20 places (1 FE) to 27 places (1FE)	5 -12 places (up to ½FE)
	<b>Places to be provided at:</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
	None planned, monitor only.	Harwood Park and/or St. Joseph as needed	Woodland 30 places	Woodland 15 places
Woodland <i>Current PAN= 60</i>	School can accommodate 1 FE in each of the years as required (2012, 2013). Will require building feasibility on most cost-effective way of adding the extra pupils. <b>Action: No action this year. Consider PAN increase for 2012.</b>			
Harwood Park <i>Current PAN= 45</i>	School would consider exceeding admission number in 2011 if needed. Small number can be accommodated within existing class organisation. <b>Action: monitor applications for 2011 admission round.</b>			
St. Joseph's RC <i>Current PAN= 45</i>	School would consider exceeding admission number in 2011 if needed. Small number can be accommodated within existing class organisation. <b>Action: monitor applications for 2011 admission round.</b>			

<b>MIDDLETON Township</b>  <i>Total Reception Places 2009= 543</i>	<b>Expected Reception Pupil Numbers:</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
	546	593	574	567
	<b>Extra Places Needed:</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
	3-17 places	52-67 places (2FE)	31-45 places (1FE)	24-39 places (1FE)
<b>Places to be provided at:</b>				
<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	
Bowlee 15 places, monitor in light of any local admission pressures.	Bowlee 30 places, Hollin or Boarshaw 30 places, Some places St.Mary's RC	Bowlee 30 places Hollin or Boarshaw 15 places	Bowlee 30 places	
Bowlee <i>Current PAN= 60</i>	Governing Body Working Group agreed to support additional ½ FE in Sept 2010 if demand is there, and for 1FE thereafter as a permanent enlargement if needed. Can be accommodated within existing building structure in first instance. Requires building feasibility if it is to be a permanent increase. <b>Action: 2010 Actual applications to be monitored for Sept. 2010, and decision taken on whether there is a need to exceed the admission number. For 2011 consult on PAN increase to 90.</b>			
Hollin <i>Current PAN= 30</i>	Potential for 1 FE in 1 year, with co-operation from Newlands Special School. 1FE places would be needed in 2011, and possibly ½FE places in 2012. PFI building. Additional pupils in future years dependent on feasibility of reducing Newland capacity, or temporary classrooms on site. Need to take account of Newlands needs & nature of children. <b>Action: Consult on PAN of 60 for 2011</b>			
St.Mary's RC <i>Current PAN= 45</i>	Building work under way. School can accommodate small increases in demand from the Parish within existing class organisation. Decision on demolition of current "excess" space will be taken in Autumn 2010, depending on pupil numbers. <b>Action: School will monitor level of applications in each of 2010 and 2011.</b>			
Parkfield <i>Current PAN= 35</i>	School re-iterated desire to reduce intake to 30 and therefore ease real overcrowding in KS2 (class sizes are up to 35) increases at Bowlee etc make this achievable. <b>Action: Consult on PAN of 30 for 2011.</b>			
Boarshaw <i>Current PAN= 30</i>	Alternative location of additional places to Hollin.			
<b>ROCHDALE Township</b>  <i>Total Reception Places 2009= 1442</i>	<b>Expected Reception Pupil Numbers:</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
	1430	1504	1540	1496
	<b>Extra Places Needed:</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
	Just enough but need to monitor admissions	62- 66 places (2+FE)	98-102 places (3½ FE)	54-58 places (2FE)
<b>Places to be provided at:</b>				
<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	
None planned, monitor only in light of any local admission pressures	Heybrook 15 places Deeplish 15 places Lowerplace 30 places St.Patrick's 5 places <b>Possible places:</b> Alice Ingham 6 places Hamer 7 places	Heybrook 15 places Deeplish 15 places Lowerplace 30 places Greenbank 30 places Sandbrook 30 places <b>Possible places:</b> Alice Ingham 6 places Hamer 7 places	Heybrook 15 places Deeplish 15 places Lowerplace 30 places <b>Possible places:</b> Alice Ingham 6 places Hamer 7 places	
Heybrook <i>Current PAN= 75</i>	School supports planned ½FE permanent increase from 2011. Design for new build is 3FE. Additional pupils can be accommodated within existing class structure in 2011. <b>Action: Consult on PAN increase to 90 in 2011.</b>			
Lowerplace <i>Current PAN= 60</i>	School supports 1 FE temporary increase in 2011 same in 2012, then ½ FE in 2013. This will require provision of temporary classrooms on site. <b>Action: Consult on PAN increase to 90 in 2011, undertake feasibility for acquisition and location of temporary classrooms.</b>			

Hamer Current PAN= 38	Implication of increasing to 40 or 45 is 2 extra class bases. Needs feasibility to assess whether they can be developed within existing footprint without reducing Springside space and capacity. PFI building. Would be permanent addition of up to 7 places. Alternative is deployment of temporary classrooms if a short term increase proposed. <b>Action: Further consideration of Hamer's position in January in light of cost-effectiveness and Springside's needs.</b>			
Alice Ingham Current PAN= 24	School will consider increase to 30- implications of sustainability of Catholic numbers at this level of admissions. From LA point of view this would need to be permanent places (6 places increase). School has 7 class bases- but mostly small. Net Capacity needs re-measure. <b>Action: governing Body considering position, may not consult on PAN increase for 2011.</b>			
St.Patrick's Current PAN= 40	GB has already decided to increase to 45 from 2011. ( 5 places increase) <b>Action: No action from Local Authority required</b>			
Sandbrook Current PAN= 60	The Authority needs to consider an extra 30 admission places here (1 FE extra) in 2012 only, because of increase in births in the area. <b>Action; No action for 2011 admission, but feasibility of provision of extra class base on site for 2012.</b>			
Greenbank Current PAN= 60	School able to accommodate extra children within existing space – 2010 and 2011 if needed, but certainly 1 FE in 2012. School would consider permanent 2½ FE capacity if numbers warranted. <b>Action: Monitor overall level of applications in this part of the township in each of 2010 and 2011, and plan to exceed admission number if needed. Consider increase in PAN to 90 for 2012 only.</b>			
St.Mary's CE (Balderstone) Current PAN= 30	Need to consider in view of Balderstone-Kirkholt area growth. Serious space issues on site. School willing to accommodate 1FE additional pupils in 2012, but temporary classroom(s) would be needed. <b>Action: No Action for 2010 and 2011. Review need for additional places at the school in the context of proposed increases at Sandbrook and Lowerplace in 2012.</b>			
Deeplish Current PAN= 45	New build will add ½FE. School agreed it could take small number over the 45 in 2010 if needed. 2011 PAN of 60 (½FE extra) agreed with school. <b>Action: Consider exceeding PAN this September if additional pupils identified in area. Consult on PAN of 60 for 2011.</b>			
Shawclough Current PAN= 60	School agrees potential to take additional numbers short-term if needed. <b>Action: No action at present.</b>			
Belfield Current PAN= 40	Visit in January. More detailed analysis of 2012 births in Belfield/Newbold area needed.			
Sacred Heart RC Current PAN= 30	School considering future position because of change to parish boundaries, and therefore increase in parish-led demand. <b>Action: Governing Body to consider position.</b>			
St.John's RC Current PAN= 30	Can take additional children within current organisation. Would consider temporary increase in PAN to 40. <b>Action: Governing Body to consider whether to formally increase PAN in 2012 or before</b>			
<b>PENNINE Township</b>  Total Reception Places 2009= 401	<b>Expected Reception Pupil Numbers:</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
	378	414	425	409
	<b>Extra Places Needed:</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
	Enough places overall	13-34 places (1/2 FE to 1FE)	24-45 places (1FE to 1½FE)	8- 28 places (up to 1 FE)
	<b>Places to be provided at:</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
None planned. Monitor only.	Littleborough 30 places	Littleborough 30 places Moorhouse 15 places?	Littleborough up to 30 places	

Littleborough Current PAN= 60	School uncertain of level of demand given past experience. 1 FE extra is possible in the school, increase in births is Littleborough area. Need to consider exceeding PAN in 2011 based on actual level of applications in this part of Township. <b>Action: Monitor level of applications in township in each of 2010 and 2011. Consider PAN increase to 90 for 2012.</b>
Moorhouse Current PAN= 30	Space only available at expense of Sure Start, so additional temporary classroom would be needed. Query whether main demand would be here or nearer to Newbold/Belfield area. <b>Action: Further consideration to be given to this locality and whether Belfield area is more appropriate site for additional pupils.</b>

## 2. Summary of Actions for September 2010 admission (subject to monitoring actual admission applications and preferences)

Heywood Township: no action proposed.

Middleton Township: plan for an additional 15 Reception places at Bowlee CP.

Rochdale Township: no specific action as at January 2010, but need to monitor applications and preferences closely.

Pennine Township: no action proposed.

## 3. Summary of Actions for September 2011 admission

**3.1 Consultation on changed admission numbers** at the following schools:

Heywood Township: no changes proposed

Middleton Township: Bowlee CP PAN increase to 90  
Hollin CP PAN increase to 60  
Parkfield CP PAN reduction to 30

Rochdale Township: Heybrook CP PAN increase to 90  
Lowerplace CP PAN increase to 90  
St.Patrick's RC PAN 45  
Deeplish CP PAN increase to 60

Pennine Township: no changes proposed.

### **3.2 Other actions for admissions in 2011:**

Heywood Township:- monitor applications in 2011 admission round and consider need for any additional places to be at Harwood Park and/or St.Joseph's RCP

Middleton Township: -further consideration of need for 30 extra places to be at Boarshaw if places not provided at Hollin  
- St.Mary's RCP will monitor level of applications to meet Parish demand.

Rochdale Township:-further consideration of need for extra places to be at Hamer;  
-Alice Ingham consider whether to increase PAN for 2011;  
-Monitor overall applications in township and consider need for any further additional places at Greenbank

Pennine Township: - monitor applications in 2011 admission round.

#### **4. School Organisation Plan Refresh**

A stakeholder group comprising elected members, school representatives (headteachers and governors), trades unions and diocesan representatives will need to be convened to look fully at the supply and demand for primary and secondary school places. The remit for the group will be to analyse the supply and demand for primary and secondary school places in the borough and to consult on a revised School Organisation Plan for approval by Cabinet in the Autumn Term 2010.

If you have any queries on this document, please contact me directly.

Yours faithfully,

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