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Dear Parents or Carers

SECONDARY SCHOOL PROVISION IN MACCLESFIELD.

As you may be aware, the Council's Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children and Families Services met on 24 June to consider a request for permission to proceed with formal consultation on proposed changes to secondary school provision in Macclesfield. For some time now, discussions have been ongoing with Cheshire East officers, school governors and headteachers in Macclesfield aimed at strengthening local secondary provision whilst addressing the issue of a continued decline in pupil numbers resulting in surplus places in some of our schools. At this stage, a number of options were explored resulting in the preferred option of consultation on the closure of Macclesfield High School at the end of August 2011 and expansion of Tytherington High School utilising both school sites with effect from September 2011.

I am now writing to inform you that it was agreed at the meeting that a decision to commence formal consultation should be deferred to allow more detailed consideration of all other options. Informal consultation on all options will therefore continue up until 8 October 2010 whereupon a further meeting will be held to agree the next steps, which may include formal consultation on revised options. Full details about the decision of the meeting of 24 June are available on our website at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools.

Informal Consultation:

In order that parents and carers can be fully involved in the informal consultation process, meetings have been arranged on 13th and 15th July at Macclesfield High and Tytherington High schools specifically for parents and carers of children who will be attending the two schools in September or those may be completing applications for places at either of these two schools for admission in September 2011. Further meetings are being arranged for September and your attendance at these meetings would be welcomed. Information about the times and venues for these meetings will shortly be available on our website or by contacting the Council. Feedback from these meetings will be recorded as part of the informal consultation process for consideration by the Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Families Services for future decision-making in November.

In order that you can feedback your thoughts in the run up to these September meetings, a feedback form, together with a consultation document outlining the options for change has been published on our website. If you require hard copies please contact the Council on 0300 123 5012.

If you are a parent or carer of a child or children due to transfer to high school in September 2011, you will be completing your application for a school place this year between 1 September and the closing date of 31 October and may have concerns about future admissions that may be affected. Admissions officers will therefore be available at the September meetings to provide you with further information and to respond to any queries that you may have. Information will also be made available in the Council's information booklets, which will be published on our website from 1 September.

Your feedback is extremely important to us. Please visit our website to review the options presented and complete our feedback form or alternatively, send your comments by,

- e-mail to SOCS@cheshireeast.gov.uk ;
- in writing to the address at the top of this letter;
- telephone to 0300 123 5012; or
- fax to 01270 686491.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact the Council on 0300 123 5012.

Yours sincerely



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