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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 are available on our website at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools.

Informal Consultation:

In order that you can be fully involved in the informal consultation process, 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 can contact the Council on 0300 123 5012. In addition, meetings have been arranged at Macclesfield High School and Tytherington High School specifically for parents and carers of children on the roll of the two schools and those who have children due to start in September 2010 or who will shortly be applying for school places for admission in September 2011. You may have received a letter from the high school informing you of this. These meetings will begin with a presentation. The presentation will then be followed by informal meetings with officers to provide you with an opportunity to feedback your thoughts and comments about the options being consulted on. Your feedback 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.

The meetings will take place at **Macclesfield High School** on **Tuesday 13 July** and **Tytherington High School** on **Thursday 15 July**. There will be two sessions available at each school:

Session 1 will begin at **5.00pm** and will finish at **6.30pm**.
Session 2 will begin at **6.30pm** and will finish at **8.00pm**.

A tear off slip is provided below. To confirm your attendance at one of these meetings, please complete the slip and return it to Macclesfield High or Tytherington High schools **by Monday 12 July**. Alternatively, you can telephone the school to confirm your attendance by ringing Macclesfield High School on 01625 383100 or Tytherington High School on 01625 610220.

Your feedback is extremely important to us therefore, if you are unable to attend one of these initial meetings, you can provide feedback by e-mail to **SOCS@cheshireeast.gov.uk**; or in writing to the address at the top of this letter, by telephone to 0300 123 5012, or fax to 01270 686491. Additional meetings are planned for September allowing you further opportunity to contribute to your views. You will be shortly be able to access information on the times and venues for these meetings on our website.

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

Yours sincerely



Lorraine Butcher
Head of Service Children and Families

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Name			
Child's Current School			
<i>Please indicate below which meeting you plan to attend:</i>	Please tick (✓)		
	SESSION 1 5.00pm - 6.30pm	SESSION 2 6.30pm - 8.00pm	
MACCLESFIELD HIGH SCHOOL on TUESDAY 13 JULY			
TYTHERINGTON HIGH SCHOOL on THURSDAY 15 JULY			