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CHS SOUTH FREE SCHOOL PROPOSAL

The CHS Learning Trust proposes to establish a Free School in the Central / South area of Manchester to meet the growing demand for secondary school places. Ideally we would wish for our new school to be located near the borders of the Chorlton Park, Didsbury West and Old Moat wards. The working name for our school will be CHS South.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Please show your support for our CHS South Free School application by completing our online form [here](#).

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

There will be information meetings held at Chorlton High School on the following dates:

Thursday 15th September 2016, 6pm

Tuesday 20th September 2016, 7pm

WHAT ARE WE PROPOSING?

CHS South will be an eight-form entry, mixed, comprehensive school providing 240 places from Year 7 to Year 11. We propose to open the school in September 2018 with a full 240 place cohort in Year 7. We would then grow to full capacity over a five year period. We do not plan to provide sixth form / post-16 provision.

CHS South will:

- Be non selective following locally agreed admissions criteria
- Have a truly inclusive approach
- Offer an Arts rich, creative and academically rigorous curriculum
- Work collaboratively with other schools in our locality and across Manchester

WHY ARE WE PROPOSING THIS?

There is clear evidence of a shortfall in existing secondary school places across Manchester. In the Central / South areas of the city the Local Authority forecast that there will be a shortfall of at least 220 Year 7 places in 2018 which will increase to a shortfall of 460 Year 7 places in 2019.

We are aware of a continuing growth of primary place provision across this area of the city. This has been on a consistent upward trajectory since 2005 and looks set to continue to grow beyond 2017. This will make the need for additional secondary places across this area of the city more acute.

There is strong parental demand for the existing Chorlton High School within Manchester. Chorlton High School has been consistently oversubscribed over the past 4 years, with parents regularly having to appeal for places in Year 7 and for mid-year admissions.

Over recent years the total number of preferences for Chorlton High School has increased significantly with 833 preferences in 2015 and 897 preferences in 2016 for just 300 Year 7 places.

We have also seen the distance measure for successful applicants reduce from 2.5 miles in 2011, to 1.3 miles in 2016. Our prediction is that this will reduce further due to increased popularity of the school and the significant increase in school-aged population.

It is our opinion that the Central / South area of the city would benefit from additional capacity delivered by a strong provider with a good track record and evidence of effective school improvement. Our proposed application would address the Basic Need for additional secondary provision in this area of the city. We believe that parents and our local community would welcome this proposal.



WHY DO WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT?

We are in the process of submitting an application for our proposal to the Department for Education. We now need to demonstrate that there is sufficient parent and community support to justify the establishment of a new school. If you are interested in finding out more and wish to keep up to date with the proposed CHS South Free School application please complete our online form [here](#).

