PROPOSAL FOR A NURSERY PROVISION AT ST. LUKE’S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

**Notice is given that St. Luke’s Church of England Primary School, Queen’s Park Road, Heywood, Lancashire, OL10 4XB intends to change the age range of the school to add a nursery class.**

1. The name and contact address of the local authority or governing body publishing the

Proposals:

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| Governing Board: *St. Luke’s CE Primary School*Address: St. Luke’s CE Primary School, Queen’s Park Road, Heywood, Lancashire, OL104XBDate of Publication of Proposals for Consultation: Wednesday 17th July to Friday 30th August 2024. |

1. The name, address and category of the school that is proposed to be altered:

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| Address: St. Luke’s Church of England Primary School, Queen’s Park Road, Heywood, Lancashire, OL10 4XBCategory of school: Voluntary Controlled CE  |

1. The date in which the proposed changes will take effect in terms of both the buildings and additional place provisions:

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| *1st September 2025.* |

1. The place to which representations can be made, and by when:

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| *Any person can make representations on the proposal by using the following link to the consultation page* *on the school website:* [www.stlukesceprimary.co.uk](http://www.stlukesceprimary.co.uk) *or by sending them by midnight on 30th August 2024 to: office@stlukesceprimary.co.uk or by writing to St. Luke’s CE Primary School, Queen’s Park Road, Heywood, Lancashire, OL10 4XB**Any person can make representations on the proposal by using the following link to the council consultation website at* <https://consultations.rochdale.gov.uk/research/nursery-provision-st-lukes-coe> *or by sending them by 30th August 2024 to: office@stlukesceprimary.co.uk or by writing to St. Luke’s CE Primary School, Queen’s Park Road, Heywood, Lancashire, OL10 4XB* |

1. What is proposed?

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| *The proposal is for the addition of a 26 FTE nursery class for 3-4 year olds at St. Luke’s CE Primary School with effect from 1st September 2025.* |

1. School capacity and places- current pupil numbers and admissions- (distinguishing between compulsory and non-compulsory school age pupils), age range, sex, and special educational needs (distinguishing between boarding and day pupils) for whom provision is currently made:

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| Maintained nursery settings are based on school sites. They offer teacher-supported learning through play - based around the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum for 3-4-year-olds prior to their entry into school. This proposal presents an exciting opportunity to offer high-quality education to 3-4-year-olds on-site. St. Luke’s CE Primary School is a mainstream Primary school and in September 2025 will be fully two-form entry with 420 pupils on roll from Reception to Year 6 based. The current age range of the children is 4-11 and does not include a nursery.  |

1. Why do we want to make the change(s)?

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| Reasons for the addition of a 26 FTE nursery class.This provision will contribute to the Local Authority’s Early Help agenda, in a part of the borough where levels of deprivation are high. The objectives and benefits to the school and children of the Nursery Class are as follows: * To facilitate better transition for the children.
* The school currently takes from a number of different settings which does not allow for efficient transfer of information and can lead to social and emotional difficulties when settling in to their new school.
* Early identification of vulnerable groups. This will mean that the needs of new children can be identified as early as possible.
* Early identification of speech and language difficulties that can be addressed earlier.
* Consistent baseline data. This will improve standards and outcomes for children because time saved on transition logistics will be spent on providing for their needs.
* There will be continuity of provision which will reflect the ethos and culture of the school.
* Current parents have expressed as desire for a nursery on the premises
* Developing strong and effective parental links from the earliest possible opportunity.
* Ease of access for families who already know and trust the school.

The opening of a nursery will also support the increase of 30 hours funded childcare for working families in the local area. |

1. The need for a change of age range - a statement and supporting evidence about the need for change of age range at the school including whether there is sufficient capacity to accommodate additional pupils in the current school:

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| From September 2025 there will be an increase in demand for nursery places. Working families will be entitled to 30 hours funded childcare, this has increased from 15 hours. We are supporting the government initiative and families in the local area by proposing to open a nursery class for 26 children aged 3-4.  |

1. Implementation of the Proposals

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| *It is anticipated that the opening of the nursery provision at St. Luke’s CE Primary will not require an additional classroom to be built, it will just require the adaption of toilet facilities. We will also need an additional teacher.**Funding for the Nursery class will be through EYNFF 15- and 30-hour funding. It is also anticipated that some funding will be received through the Early Year Supplementary Grant and Early Years Pupil Premium Grant.* *The class which will be a Nursery class and will be expected to open in September 2025 and will mean that the class structure moving forward for the school will be as follows:**EYFS - Nursery class with 26 children.* *Reception to Y6 will be 2 form entry with 60 children in each cohort (14 classes in total)**With a maximum school capacity of 446* |