

To: Parents, Pupils, Staff of St Andrew’s CE School, Headteachers and Governing Bodies of Pennines Township Schools, Secretaries of Recognised Trades Unions, neighbouring Local Authorities, Diocesan Authorities, MP for Rochdale, Pennines Township Councillors, Private and Voluntary Early Years Providers, St.Andrew’s PCC.

Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A NURSERY CLASS and SIGNIFICANT ENLARGEMENT AT St. ANDREW’S CE SCHOOL, DEARNLEY.

The reason for this letter is to tell you that the Local Authority is considering setting up a Nursery Class at St.Andrew’s CE Dearnley following a request by the Governing Body. The Local Authority also wants to increase the intake at the school to 45 in each new year group from September 2014. Before it takes the decision to publish legal proposals, the Local Authority wants to hear your views about the proposals.

What is being proposed?

The proposals are: to set up a new nursery class for 26 full-time equivalent children; and to increase the intake at the school to 45 children in each new Reception Year from September 2014. This is a change in the age range of the school from 4-11 to 3-11, and also a significant enlargement of the school.

Why does the Local Authority want to do this?

The governing body of St.Andrew’s CE has asked the Local Authority to consider setting up a Nursery Class at the school. In recent years a number of parents have asked whether the school could provide a nursery class. This part of the borough is an area of increasing deprivation, and the establishment of a nursery class will help improve outcomes for children in the school. The Local Authority also wants to expand the school to provide a total of 45 places in each new Reception year group from 1st September 2014 because of the increase in the number of children in the Township.

What would happen and when?

The new nursery class would have 26 places available for each of the morning and afternoon sessions. The Admissions criteria will be the standard Local Authority criteria for admission to a nursery class. The nursery would be staffed by a Teacher and a Teaching Assistant.

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The 15 extra places for Reception intakes would be in accordance with the admission policy of the school. The school will have two classes in Reception year group, and then three classes of up to 30 children in Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2), with a similar organisation as children progress in to Key Stage 2. To provide the Nursery Class and extra school places, additional teaching and other accommodation will be needed at the school. A feasibility has been undertaken, and capital funding will be provided through Rochdale Local Authority.

Further information & Consultation

The full consultation paper and the report to the Executive Member for Children Schools and Families are available on the Local Authority Website at <http://consultations.rochdale.gov.uk/research/standrews/> . There is a 6 week consultation period starting on 19th April 2013. This ends at midnight on 17th June 2013.

Who takes the decision?

After the close of the consultation, Cabinet will consider all responses received. It will decide whether to publish statutory proposals to open a nursery class and increase the size of the school. If Cabinet decides to publish proposals, at the end of a further 6 week representation period the Local Authority will then make the final decision in accordance with Statutory Guidance and Regulations.

How can I make my views known?

You can make your views known by completing the reply slip below, or by writing to the Local Authority by letter or e-mail at the address below. If you want to ask questions about the proposals, a meeting has been arranged as follows-

Open Drop-in for Parents & carers & interested parties	Starts 3.00pm until 5.00pm on Thursday 2nd May 2013	School hall
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The closing date for comments is midnight on 17th June 2013

Comments should be sent to dawn.jennings@rochdale.gov.uk, or in writing to Dawn Jennings, School Support Officer, Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council, Schools Service, Number One Riverside, Smith Street ROCHDALE OL16 1XU

Yours Faithfully



Sandra Bowness
Service Director
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St.Andrew's CE School- CONSULTATION REPLY

I SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO ADD A NURSERY CLASS TO THE SCHOOL	YES	
	NO	
I SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE INTAKE OF THE SCHOOL TO 45	YES	
	NO	
COMMENTS:		
NAME- _____ CONNECTION TO THE SCHOOL:- _____		

Please return this slip to the school office- St.Andrew's CE, Dearnley, or to Dawn Jennings, Schools Service, Number One Riverside, Smith Street ROCHDALE OL16 1XU