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CHILDREN, SCHOOLS & FAMILIES
 Early Help and Schools
 Sue Eastwood Head of Schools

Date: 9th September 2013

To: Parents, Pupils, Staff of St Andrew's CE School, Headteachers and Governing Bodies of Pennines and Rochdale Township Schools, Secretaries of Recognised Trades Unions, neighbouring Local Authorities, Manchester and Salford Diocesan Authorities, The Methodist Church, 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this letter is to tell you that the Governing Body of St.Andrew's CE Primary School and Rochdale Local Authority have withdrawn proposals published on 6th July 2013 for the establishment of a nursery class and the enlargement of the school. This is because the exact legal consultation procedure was not followed before those proposals were published. This decision was taken before Rochdale Council considered the published proposals.

The Governing Body of St.Andrew's CE and Rochdale Local Authority have therefore decided to start fresh consultation on proposals to establish a 26 full-time equivalent place nursery class and to enlarge the school by admitting up to 45 children in each new year group with effect from September 2014

All responses received in the earlier consultation will be carried forward and considered as part of this fresh consultation. Interested parties can also submit additional comments.

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.

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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. 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 is available on the school website at: www.standrewsce.rochdale.sch.uk and the Local Authority Website at <http://consultations.rochdale.gov.uk/research/standrewsprimary>. There is a 6 week consultation period starting on 9th September 2013. This ends at midnight on 20th October 2013.

Who takes the decision?

After the close of the consultation, the Governing Body of St.Andrew’s will consider responses to the proposal for the establishment of a nursery class and decide whether to publish statutory proposals. The Cabinet of Rochdale Council will consider responses to the proposal for the enlargement of the school and decide whether to publish statutory proposals. If the decision is taken to publish proposals there would then be a further 6 week representation period, at the end of which the Local Authority will make the final decision in accordance with Statutory Guidance and Regulations.

How can I make my views known?

The Local Authority is co-ordinating all responses to the consultation. If you have already submitted comments these will be considered again. You make further comments if you wish. You can make your comments and 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 3rd October 2013	Venue- School Hall
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The closing date for comments is midnight on 20th October 2013

Comments should be sent to robert.aspinall@rochdale.gov.uk , or in writing to Robert Aspinall, Floor 4, Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council, Early Help & Schools, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, ROCHDALE OL16 1XU

Yours Faithfully

Sue Eastwood
Head of Schools
Early Help and Schools



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 Robert Aspinall, Early Help & Schools, Floor 4, Number One Riverside, Smith Street ROCHDALE OL16 1XU.