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St.ANDREWS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, DEARNLEY,
PROPOSED ENLARGEMENT AND ADDITION OF A NURSERY CLASS.
CONSULTATION DOCUMENT
9th September 2013

INTRODUCTION

1. The Governing Body of St.Andrew's CE Primary School and Rochdale Local Authority have withdrawn proposals published on 6th July 2013 for the establishment of a nursery class and the enlargement of the school.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.
2. 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.
3. 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 THE CURRENT AGE RANGE AND SIZE OF THE SCHOOL?

4. The current age range of the school is 4-11, and the Admission Number is 30, with a capacity of 210 places. The school currently has 228 children on roll.

WHAT IS PROPOSED?

5. The proposed Nursery Class would be for 26 Full-time Equivalent (FTE) children, changing the age range of the school from 4-11 to 3-11, and the enlargement of the school would be to increase the admission number for each new successive year group to 45, from the current 30.
6. The proposals for the new nursery are put forward by the governing body of St.Andrew's and the proposals for the enlargement of the school are put forward by Rochdale Local Authority. If approved these proposals would be implemented from 1st September 2014. All relevant information and documentation can be found on the Council website at: <http://consultations.rochdale.gov.uk/research/standrewsprimary> and on the school website at: www.standrewsce.rochdale.sch.uk

HOW WILL THE NURSERY CLASS BE ORGANISED?

7. The Nursery class would have 26 FTE places, and would be a separate unit within the Foundation Stage. The main features would be:
 - *Staffing- 1 Teacher/ 1 Teaching Assistant*
 - *Daily sessions: 8:45 - 11:45 am; 12:30 - 3:30 pm.*
 - *Children would be entitled to 15 hours provision, which would be either morning or afternoon sessions.*
 - *The Curriculum will be the Early Years Foundation Stage which is currently followed*

in Reception. Nursery children would work alongside Reception children with opportunities for joint work wherever possible.

- *Admission Criteria are the standard local authority admission criteria for admission to a nursery class, a copy of which is on the consultation website. Please note that admission to the Nursery Class does not give priority for admission to the school.*
- *Only children aged 3 who will become four in that academic year will be admitted.*
- *Children will be a full part of the school and would therefore wear school uniform.*
- *There will be no before or after school care offered.*

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A NURSERY CLASS?

8. The benefits to the school and children of the Nursery Class will be:

- *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. Last year's cohort came from 13 different nurseries/childcare providers.*
- *Early identification of vulnerable groups. This will mean that the needs of new children can be identified as early as possible.*
- *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 (ref. parent surveys 2010 and 2011).*
- *Developing strong and effective parental links from the earliest possible opportunity.*
- *Standards throughout school will be raised because older children will have opportunities to interact with younger children.*
- *Provision for Reception pupils would be enhanced, e.g. outdoor provision.*
- *Creation of links with other providers that are facilitating the new two year old entitlement.*
- *Ease of access for families who already know and trust the school.*
- *Opportunities for existing staff to enhance CPD.*

ARE MORE NURSERY PLACES JUSTIFIED?

9. The Local Authority's Childcare Sufficiency Assessment for 2013 indicates that, overall, in Wardle and West Littleborough Ward (the location of the school) there are currently just enough places to meet the free entitlement for 3-4 year olds, and the take up of entitlement places is high. It should be noted that the adjacent Smallbridge and Firgrove Ward has a shortage of places for 3-4 year olds, and a low take up rate. Littleborough Lakeside clearly has more places than currently eligible children, with not all of the eligible children taking up their entitlement. Taken across the three wards there is an overall shortage of places, as well as about 90% take up of the entitlement. The map at **Appendix ONE** shows the Ward boundaries in relation to the school.

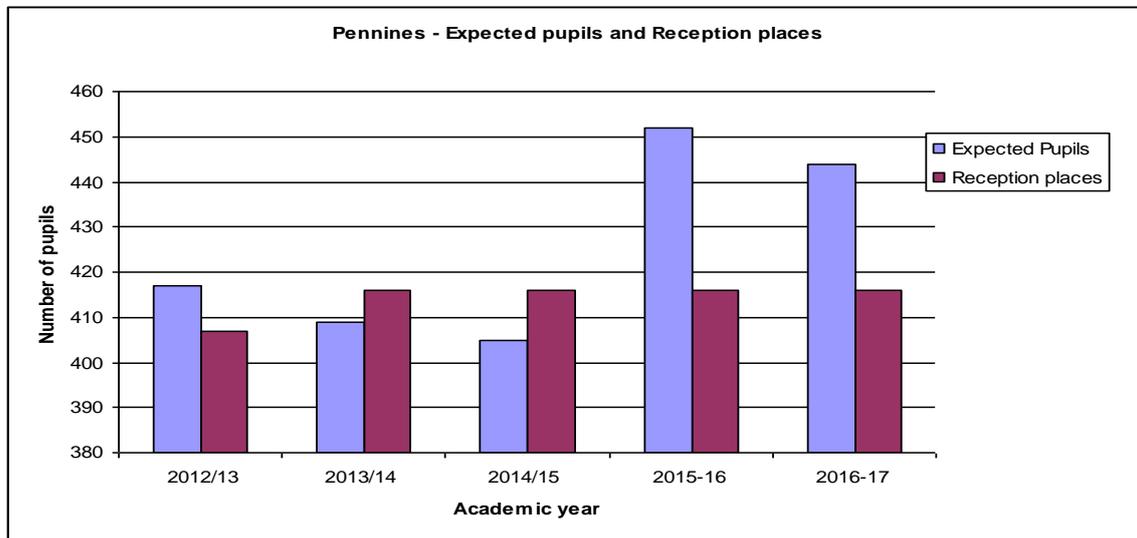
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WARD	No. of Eligible 3-4 Year Olds	Places	Coverage %	No. taking free entitlement	% taking free entitlement
Wardle & West Littleborough	168	172	102%	185	110%
Smallbridge & Firgrove	389	244	62.7%	304	78.1%
Littleborough Lakeside	201	280	140%	187	93%
Totals	758	696	91.8%	676	89%

11. Additional factors that support an increase in the number of nursery places are that the child population is growing, and the extension of the free 15 hours entitlement to 2 year olds will mean that more places will be needed in the future. The recommendation in the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment for both Wardle & West Littleborough and Smallbridge & Firgrove Wards is to increase the number of providers offering free entitlement. The expansion of the school provides a cost-effective and timely opportunity to make more places available in the Township.

WHY ARE MORE MAINSTREAM SCHOOL PLACES NEEDED?

12. The demographic trend for Pennines Township suggests that there are enough places in the Township as a whole for both 2013 and 2014, but more places will be needed in 2015 and 2016. The geography of the Township is such that the pattern of demand varies across the different localities. A more detailed analysis of birth distribution and current pattern of preferences suggests a need for extra places to address both demographic and an element of preference demand. The graph below shows how many Reception Class places there are now and how many children are expected across the Township as a whole.



School Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Expected pupils	417	409	405	452	444
Reception places	407	416	416	416	416
Extra Places Needed	n/a	7 spare	11 spare	36 needed	28 needed

13. Attached as **Appendix TWO** are birth distribution maps and a summary of births by ward in the Township. These maps show the number of children born in each locality at lower level super output area for admission to the relevant year group. Taken together with the table in paragraph 14 below, it demonstrates the need for additional places at locality level in each of 2013 and 2014 as well as the longer term.
14. The table below sets out the birth, place availability and preference situation across the Township in September 2012, together with the position for 2013. For 2014 and 2015 it shows the birth and place availability. That level of detail will not be available until September 2013 but birth data at **Ward level** indicates an increase in demand for 2016 compared to 2015 in Littleborough Lakeside (up by 21 births) and Smallbridge and Firgrove (up by 12 births). However births in Wardle and West Littleborough are down by 8 births and Smallbridge and Milnrow and Newhey by 16 births). The overall position remains that across the township an extra form of entry will be needed to match demographic demand in 2016.

Area /Locality (not Ward)	September 2012 Admission				September 2013 Admission					September 2014 Admission			September 2015 Admission		
	Births	Places	First Preferences	Places Offered	Births	Places	Shortfall/ surplus	First Preferences	Places Offered 2nd September	Births	Places	Shortfall/ surplus	Births	Places	Shortfall/ surplus
Littleborough	123	140	124	130	125	140	+15	121	131	114	140	+26	123	140	+17
Wardle	40	30	40	30	36	30	-6	32	30	37	30	-7	41	30	-11
Smithy Bridge	103	90	84	102	88	90	+2	93	102	98	90	-8	98	90	-8
Milnrow	100	105	86	104	108	105	-3	92	103	94	105	+11	110	105	-5
Newhey	52	51	68	51	48	51	+3	57	58	59	51	-8	59	51	-7
TOTAL	418	416	402	417	405	416	+11	395	411	402	416	+12	431	416	-15
Smallbridge area schools:															
Smallbridge	155	114	119	115	126	114	-12	119	120	106	114	+8	111	114	+3

15. Cabinet has agreed that, subject to feasibility, 15 additional places should be provided in September 2014 at St.Andrew's to meet the increased local demographic demand for additional school places.
16. The current position for September 2013 Reception admissions (as at 2nd September) is set out below. There have been a number of late applications to date which mean that there are not enough places in the two localities. To address the issue in the northern part of the township, additional places will be allocated at St.Andrew's CE for this September, otherwise the Authority will not be able to offer places within a reasonable distance. There are currently 6 late applications in the Milnrow/Newhey area that cannot be placed within current admission numbers. Further late applications are likely, up to the start of the Autumn Term. As can be seen from the table, there is only one school in the Littleborough area with vacant places. It's location at the edge of the borough means that for a number of children, this would be outside a reasonable walking distance.

School	PAN	Places offered	School	PAN	Places offered	School	PAN	Places offered
Littleborough	60	60	St.Andrew's CE VC	30	33	Crossgates F	45	45
Stansfield Hall CE VC	20	6	Smithy Bridge F	60	60	Milnrow Parish CE VA	30	28
Holy Trinity CE VA	30	31	St.James' CE F	30	30	Moorhouse	30	30
St.Mary's RC VA	30	30	St.Thomas' CE VA	21	23	Newhey	30	30
Smallbridge area schools:								
Kentmere	45	45	Hamer	45	45	Alice Ingham	24	30

17. The expected number on roll by year group for September 2013 as at 6th September is as follows:

Part of PENNINES	PAN 2013			PAN 2012			PAN 2011			PAN 2010			PAN 2009			PAN 2008			PAN 2007		
	Rec	places left		Year 1	places left		Year2	places left		Year3	places left		Year4	places left		Year5	places left		Year6	places left	
Littleborough	60	0	60	61	0	60	60	0	60	59	1	60	46	14	60	58	2	60	53	7	
StansfieldHall CEVC	9	11	20	14	6	20	8	12	22	11	9	22	9	11	22	14	6	22	16	6	
Holy Trinity CE VA	31	0	30	29	1	22	33	0	22	19	3	22	32	0	22	33	0	22	20	2	
St Andrew'sCE VC	37	8	30	44	18	30	30	0	30	31	0	30	27	3	30	31	0	35	28	7	
Smithy Bridge	60	0	60	60	0	60	60	0	60	58	2	60	60	0	60	60	0	60	57	3	
St James' CE F	30	0	30	30	0	30	30	0	30	30	0	30	27	3	30	30	0	30	31	0	
St Mary's RC	30	0	30	30	0	30	30	0	30	30	0	30	29	1	30	28	2	30	28	2	
kentmere	45	0	45	45	0	45	45	0	45	42	3	45	42	3	45	42	3	45	32	13	
Hamer	45	0	45	44	1	45	45	0	38	41	0	38	37	1	38	31	7	38	37	1	
Alice Ingham	30	0	24	20	4	24	28	0	24	22	2	24	21	3	24	26	0	24	15	9	

HOW WILL THE PROPOSALS BE FUNDED?

18. The expansion of the school would be through new build, in addition to the additional accommodation already provided this year. The capital funding for the expansion would be met by the Local Authority through the Authority's Capital Programme. Revenue funding for the Nursery Class would be through the Early Years Single Funding Formula, and revenue funding for additional Reception pupils in the school will be through the Fair Funding Formula. Further, separate, capital funding has been prioritised to address building condition issues in other schools in the Borough and Pennines Township.

WHAT CONSULTATION WILL BE UNDERTAKEN?

19. Consultation on these proposals will be in accordance with statutory guidance. The consultation documents are available on the School and Local Authority Websites. The following groups of people and individuals will be consulted:

- * *Parents and Carers of children at St. Andrew's CE School, Dearnley*
- * *Staff at the school*
- * *St. Andrew's Parochial Church Council*
- * *Headteachers & Governing Bodies of all Pennines and Rochdale Primary and Secondary Schools*
- * *Private & Voluntary Early Years Providers in a 2 mile radius of the school*
- * *Secretaries of Recognised Trades Unions*
- * *Pennines Township Councillors*
- * *MP for Rochdale*
- * *Manchester Church of England Diocese*
- * *Salford Roman Catholic Diocese*
- * *the Methodist Church- Rochdale and Littleborough Circuit*
- * *neighbouring Local Authorities*

HOW CAN I MAKE MY VIEWS KNOWN TO THE GOVERNING BODY & THE LOCAL AUTHORITY?

20. 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. An open drop-in session has been arranged for interested parties, to be held on Thursday 3rd October between 3.00pm and 5.00pm at the school. The consultation will take place between 9th September 2013 and midnight on 20th October 2013. Responses to the consultation should be sent to Robert Aspinall, by e-mail at robert.aspinall@rochdale.gov.uk or by post to Robert Aspinall, Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council, Early Help & Schools, Floor 4, Number One Riverside, Smith Street ROCHDALE OL16 1XU.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT?

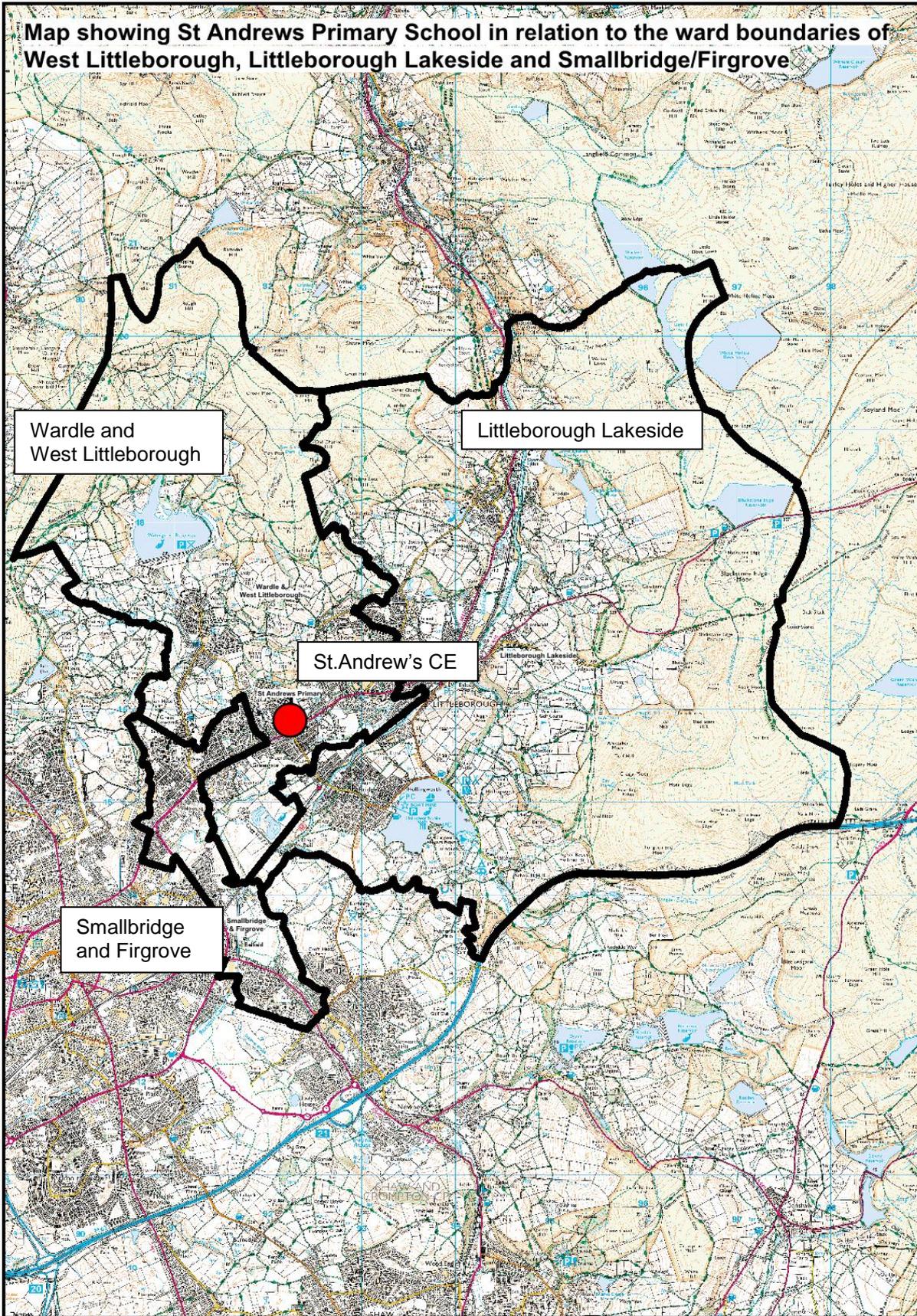
21. After the close of the consultation period, the Governing Body of St. Andrew's will consider responses to the proposal for the establishment of a nursery class and decide whether to publish statutory proposals. The Cabinet of Rochdale Council will consider responses to the proposal for the enlargement 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.

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9th September 2013

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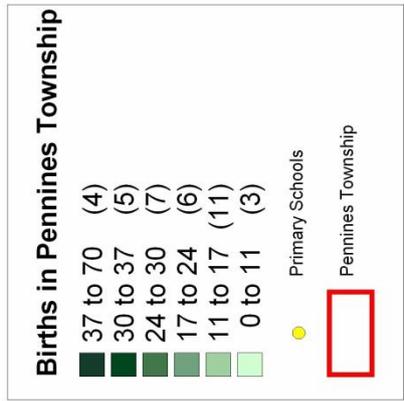
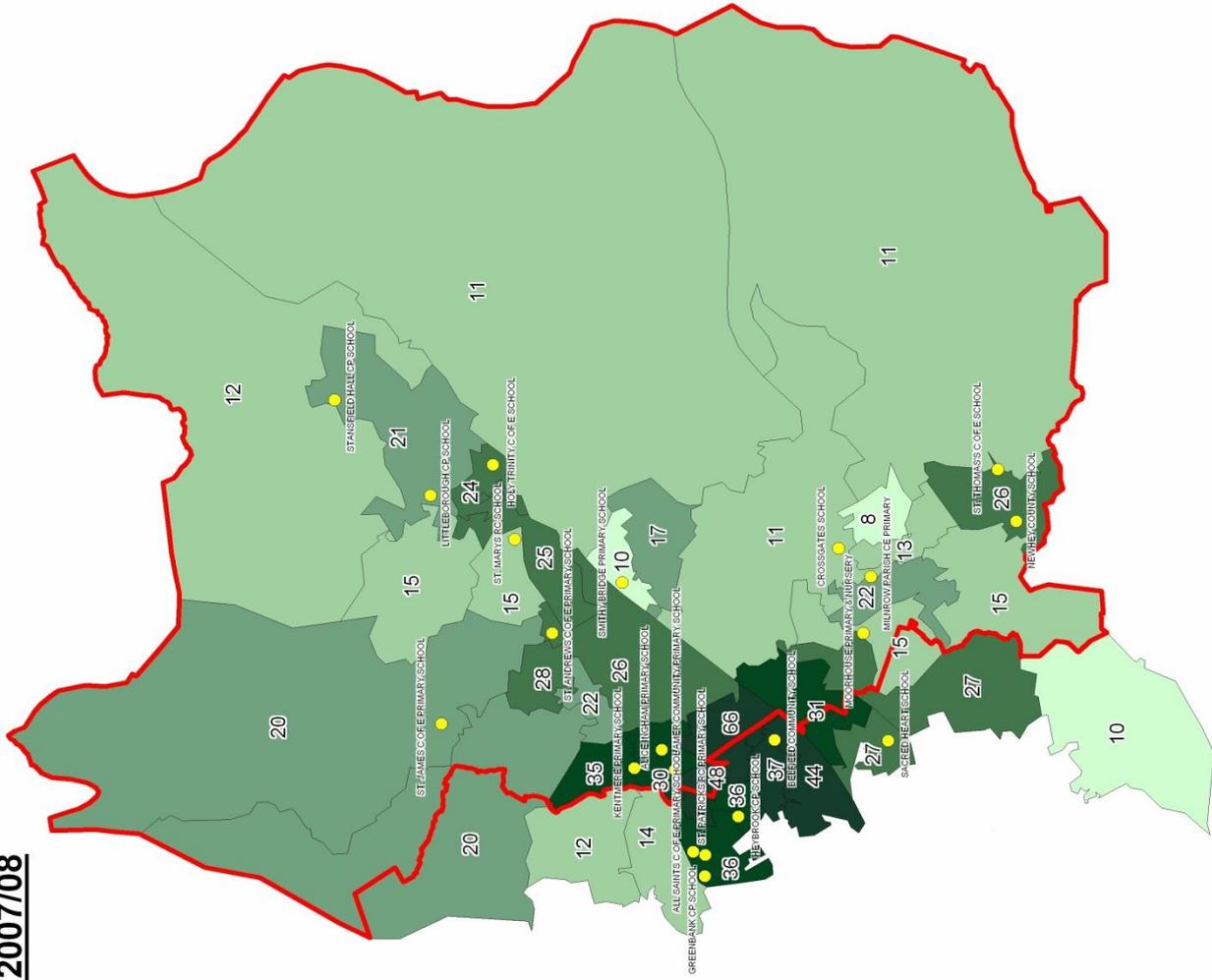
APPENDIX ONE: Ward Boundaries around St.Andrew's CE



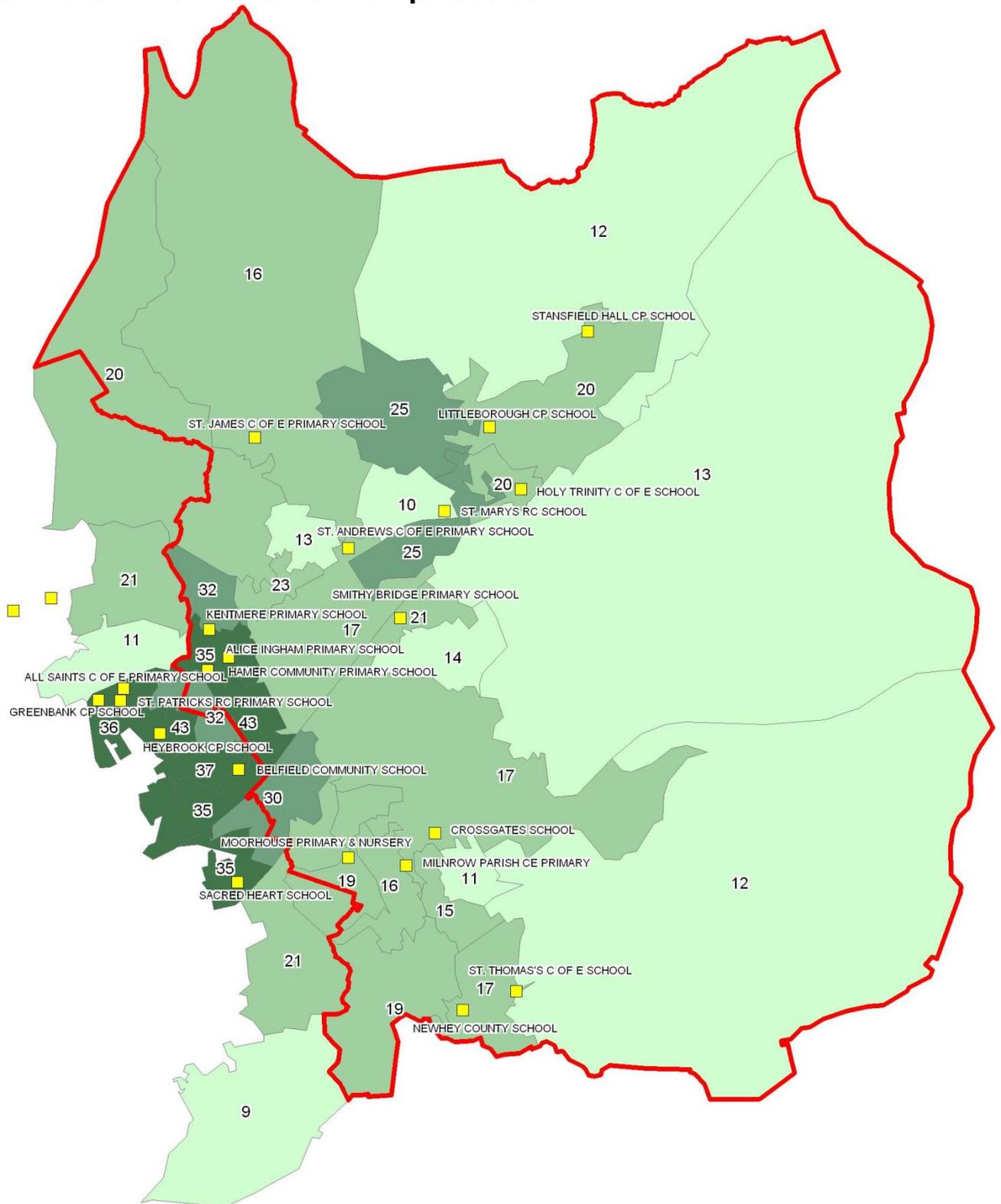
APPENDIX TWO: BIRTH DISTRIBUTION MAPS- PENNINES TOWNSHIP

Births 2007-08 for Admission Sept 2012

Births in Pennines Township 2007/08



Live Births in Pennines Township 2008/09



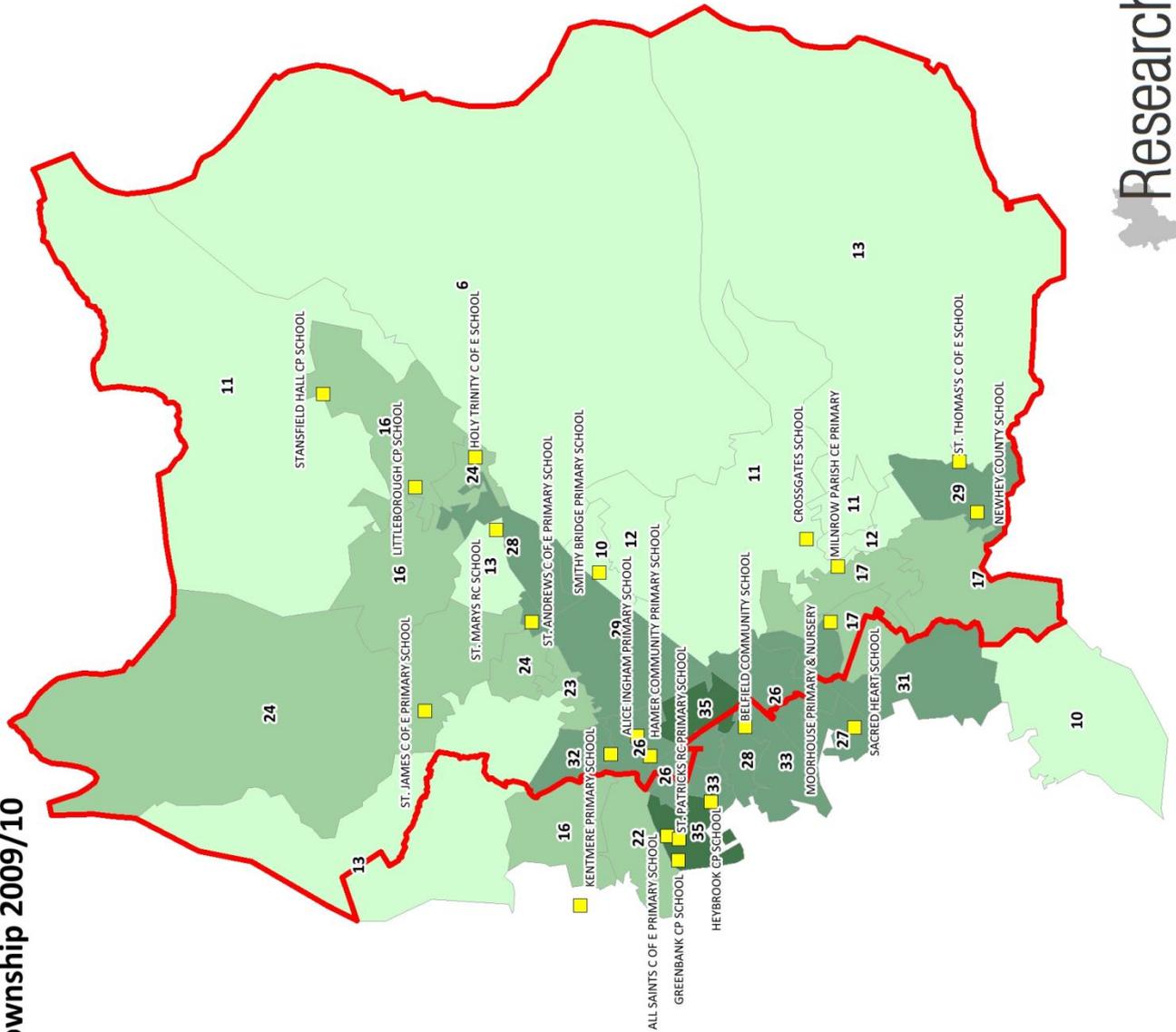
Live Births 2008/09

- 35 to 45
- 25 to 35
- 15 to 25
- 0 to 15

Primary Schools

Township Boundary

Live Births in Pennines Township 2009/10



Live Births 2009/10

- 35 to 45 (2)
- 25 to 35 (12)
- 15 to 25 (11)
- 0 to 15 (11)
- Primary Schools
- Township Boundary

BIRTH DATA BY WARD PENNINES TOWNSHIP

Pennines- Births by Ward

	births for admission in			
	Sep-13	Sep-14	Sep-15	Sept-16
Littleborough Lakeside	116	100	99	120
Milnrow and Newhey	108	115	130	114
Smallbridge and Firgrove	204	198	207	231
Wardle and West Littleborough	110	114	122	114
Total	538	527	558	579

