**Appendix 3-Proposed Reduction in PAN for St. Elisabeth’s CE Primary School, Reddish**

St Elisabeth’s initially grew from a single form (30 PAN) school to 45 back in 2015. However, in recent years, there has been a gradual decline in applicants to the school which culminated in a significant reduction for the 2022 intake.

Today, numbers across the school stand at:

Nursery 14

Rec - 26

Year 1 - 40

Year 2 - 38

Year 3 - 44

Year 4 - 35

Year 5 - 36

Year 6 – 39

As you can see, all year groups are under subscribed.

**Implications**

St. Elisabeth’s is a grade 2 listed building dating back to the 19th century. As a result, the costs to run and maintain the school are considerable and far more than more modern school premises.

In addition, the school is currently staffed to receive 45 children each academic year, but as the figures show, this is currently unsustainable.

In total, there are 57 places available within the school (excluding Nursery). At a minimum cost implication of £4000 per child, this equates to a loss of £228,000. This year alone, the shortfall in Reception has resulted in a drop in funding of approximately £76,000.

**Predicting Future numbers**

Admission numbers in Stockport are not predicted to rise for the coming years and further reductions are expected. Also, due to the current Ofsted grading for the school, St. Elisabeth’s is not currently able to attract a greater number of applicants from a wider geographical area.

**Conclusion**

Reducing the PAN to 30 provides the school with an opportunity to manage its resources more effectively and restructure staffing to match the reduced demand for places. Without a reduction, the school will be faced with an ever-increasing shortfall in funding and a growing deficit in its budget.

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