

## Local Context – January 2018

Chilwell Croft Academy (CCA) is situated in Newtown, Birmingham just north (15 minutes walk) of the city centre. The area is ethnically, culturally and linguistically extremely diverse.

Aston ward, in which Newtown lies, is in the most deprived 5% of areas in the UK. Aston ward lies within the Ladywood constituency and 47% of children are defined as being in poverty. This is significantly above the UK rate of 25.1%. The constituency has the highest child poverty rates of all the city's constituencies.

The constituency is also very ethnically diverse, with 68% of the population being from a BME background compared to 42% for Birmingham.

In terms of housing, 36% is owner occupied compared to 60% nationally. The percentage of those residents who are economically active (54%) is 16% less than those nationally (70%). There is a large amount of temporary housing in the area surrounding the school.

Birmingham and Solihull NHS Trust data for the same year shows mortality rates and hospital admission rates to be generally higher than the Birmingham average. Mental health hospital admissions were one of the highest in Birmingham and had been progressively increasing over the previous five years.

Aston has very few open, green spaces.

The diversity and deprivation outlined above is reflected in the make-up of the school community. We have over 30 different ethnic backgrounds listed – with the largest being black Somali, black Sudanese and black African. There are eight different religions represented, the largest being Muslim at 71%. There are 47 different languages listed on the most recent census. 61% of pupils have English as an additional language, of which 23% are new to English or in the early stages of acquisition.

74% of pupils are eligible for pupil premium. 58 pupils (14%) have a special educational need.

The school roll has grown in the last three years from 389 to 414, but mobility remains a significant issue for the school. This academic year in the autumn term alone 29 pupils joined the school. Of our current Yr6, only 66% have been with us since Reception, with 12% joining in Yr5 or 6.