

Mainstream school-age Education Sufficiency Report 2023

Sufficiency of Education Provision in Mainstream schools in Worcestershire

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Statutory Duties to mainstream pupils and schools

Under s13-14 Education Act 1996, Worcestershire County Council (WCC) has a duty to ensure there are sufficient school places to accommodate the children and young people who reside in the county and to ensure these places are of good quality, with sufficient capacity to promote parental preference and diversity. In addition, S315 of the Education Act 1996 requires that arrangements for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) be kept under review.

The 2011 Education Act requires that, where the need for a new school is identified, the Council should invite proposals to establish a free school, with the final approval given by the Secretary of State for Education.

Section 14 of the Education Act 1996 places a duty on Local Authorities to secure educational provision made for pupils aged 16 to 18 and over 19 years for those with special educational needs.

School place planning is crucial to ensuring the Council is able to meet its responsibility and support children within Worcestershire to access a good education. Forecasting is at the forefront of this process and ensures that we are able to work with key partners to build our education provision around the demands of a changing demographic landscape.

The Sufficiency & Place Planning (SPP) team carry out an annual forecast of pupil places based on information from the NHS known children data, school census information, Admissions and planned housing data, and this forms the basis for our School Capacity Return (SCAP).

The scope of this report

This report will assess the sufficiency of mainstream education provision for children aged 5 – 16, or National Curriculum year groups Reception to Year 11, who reside in Worcestershire. (For information about the sufficiency of provision for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, see the SEND Sufficiency Report 2023).

For the purpose of this report, sufficiency of provision is deemed as the schools being able to provide places for the children living in the planning area. This may not include all parental preferences, as some schools are oversubscribed due to parents applying from outside a school's catchment. Where provision is forecast to be significantly below the forecast demand it will be shown as 'insufficient'. Where there are repeated years forecast with numbers on roll less than half of total places available (Published Admission Numbers, or PANs) it will be deemed an 'oversupply' of provision.

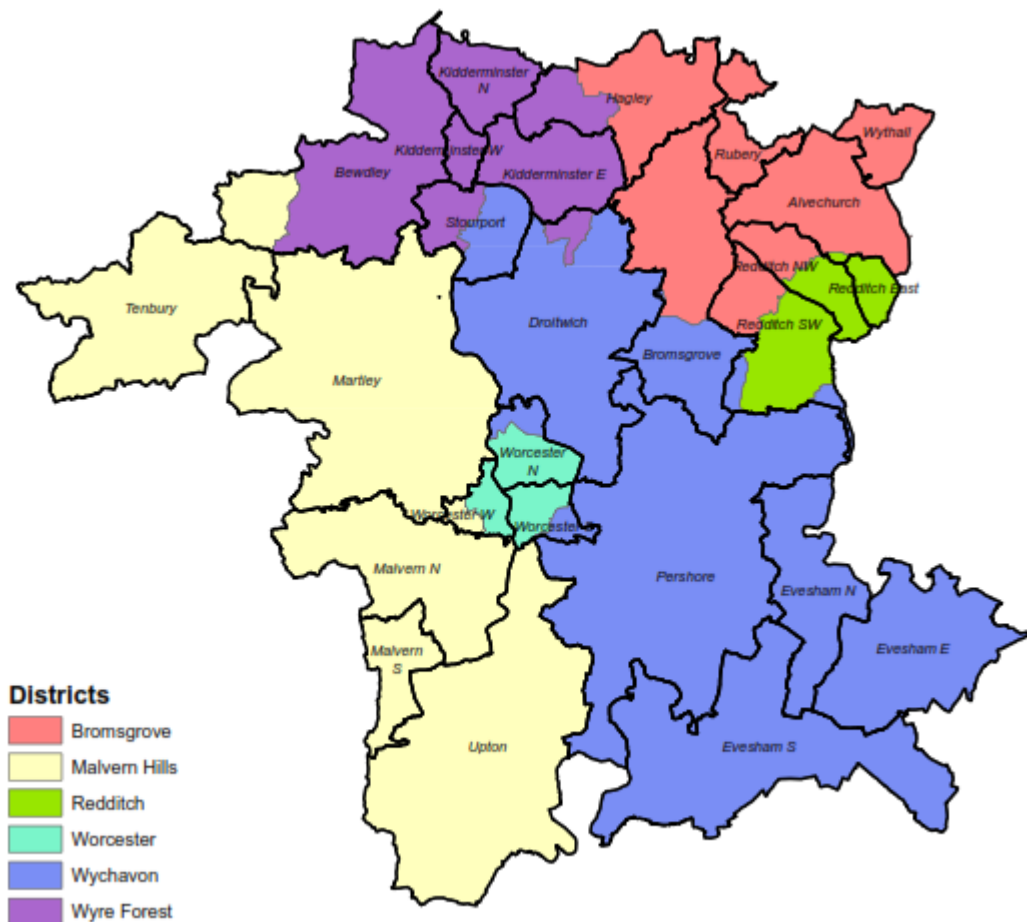
This report details by each phase of education in each Education Planning Area (EPA) where forecasts indicate sufficient, insufficient or an oversupply of school places to meet the forecast demand based on known children living in the areas, five-year trends including parental preferences, and the additional pupil yields expected from approved housing growth applications.

For First and Primary forecasts, we have 5 years' worth of pre-school aged 'known children' numbers – this known children data is based on registrations with GP surgeries in Worcestershire, and supports the forecasting of numbers for the next 4 academic years. For Middle, High and Secondary we have many more years' worth of known children data and numbers on roll in the First, Primary and Middle Schools to understand trends and parental preference – this data supports the forecasting of pupil numbers further into the future.

The organisation of mainstream education provision in Worcestershire

Worcestershire currently operates 26 Education Planning Areas (EPAs) that are made up of schools located in close proximity to each other, which pupils could reasonably attend. The use of EPAs allows WCF to assess more accurately the current and future pupil demand for school place provision. Map 1 below shows how these Education Planning Areas relate to District Council boundaries.

Map 1 - Education Planning Areas



Worcestershire is unique in the range of education tier structures available to families in the county. In areas which operate a two-tier model, children enter primary school at reception and transfer to a secondary school at the start of Year 7. Other areas operate a three-tier model, where children enter first school at reception, transfer to a middle school at the start of Year 5 or 6, depending on the age range of the middle school, and then transfer to high school at the start of Year 8 or 9, depending on the age range of the high school.

Some EPAs operate both two tier (primary and secondary) and three tier (first, middle and high) in the same area, providing families with a choice. This includes some catholic school provision and some other schools that have sought to change their age range. In addition to this, a number of secondary and high schools in the county also offer sixth form provision.

The table below summarises the predominant model in operation in each Education Planning Area:

Figure 1 Worcestershire Education Tiers by EPA

Two-tier model Primary Years R-6 Secondary Years 7-13	Three-tier model A First Years R-4 Middle Years 5-8 High Years 9-13	Three-tier model B First Years R-4 Middle Years 5-7 High Years 8-13	Three-tier model C First Years R-5 Middle Years 6-8 High Years 9-13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bewdley • Hagley • Kidderminster • Malvern • Martley • Rubery • Stourport • Tenbury • Upton • Worcester • Wythall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alvechurch • Bromsgrove • Redditch*† 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Droitwich* • Pershore* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evesham*

*EPA also has primary school(s)

†EPA also has a secondary school

Operational surplus of provision

Worcestershire County Council aims to maintain a 5% surplus capacity in any Education Planning Area, in line with recommendations from the National Audit Office¹. A level of surplus places should be maintained to offer a degree of parental choice while still ensuring efficient but also flexible provision planning.

In addition, a surplus allows for in-year migration of pupils into and out of schools and reduces the number of school place appeals. In 2023, 3.1% of first/primary pupils enrolled at their school after the start of the Autumn term – this pupil mobility was less for middle schools (1.6%) and high/secondary schools (2.1%) but for all phases, mobility rates have increased over the last four years, underscoring the need for spare places in at least one of the schools in each phase in each EPA for such pupils.

¹ [2013-nao-school-places.pdf \(education-uk.org\)](https://www.education-uk.org/2013-nao-school-places.pdf)

Demand for provision of Mainstream education across Worcestershire

Birth rates in Worcestershire have been falling since a peak in 2012 of 6,400 babies under 1 year old registered with GPs in the county. There was a dip in 2020 of 5,305, most likely related to COVID, then births returned to usual numbers. In 2023 there were 5,408 babies under 1 year old in Worcestershire.

There were 86,158 children between 0-19 years of age in total in Worcestershire in 2015-2016 rising to 89,648 in 2021-2022. Of these, 76,828 were in state-funded mainstream primary and secondary schools in 2015-2016 rising to 80,164 in 2021-2022.

This is 89.4% of the total number of children living in Worcestershire as opposed to a national average over the same years of 91.3%. The difference is mainly a larger percentage of pupils in independent schools.

In 2021 there were 7,509 pupils in mainstream independent schools, making up 8.5% of the total resident in the county. This proportion is stable, slightly less than the 8.7% in 2017. The national proportion is 6.5% of pupils in independent schools.

2.5% of all pupils (aged 5-16) resident in the county attend special schools or alternative provision (both public funded and independent). This increased from 1.7% in 2017. Both are over the national average of 1.4%. Much more on this subject can be found in the SEND Sufficiency Report.

Figure 2 Summary of pupil numbers in Worcestershire by type of establishment (gov.uk)

Type of education provision	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
State Funded Nursery*	69	69	80	118	113	107	112	98
State Funded Primary	41,406	41,916	42,450	42,660	42,783	42,541	42,354	42,496
State funded Secondary	35,422	35,512	35,436	35,946	36,510	37,212	37,810	38,164
Non-maintained Special	79	74	71	67	64	70	74	70
State-funded Special†	1,289	1,372	1,228	1,332	1,385	1,517	1,524	1,641
Alternative Provision	85	151	131	142	150	119	108	141
Independent	7,808	7,610	7,482	7,449	7,310	7,213	7,509	7,588
Total	86,158	86,704	87,089	87,862	88,464	88,851	89,648	90,285
Mainstream funded %	89.2%	89.3%	89.4%	89.5%	89.6%	89.8%	89.4%	89.4%
Special	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	1.9%
Independent & Non- Maintained Independent Special Schools	9.2%	8.9%	8.7%	8.6%	8.3%	8.2%	8.5%	8.5%

*Maintained nursery classes and school only

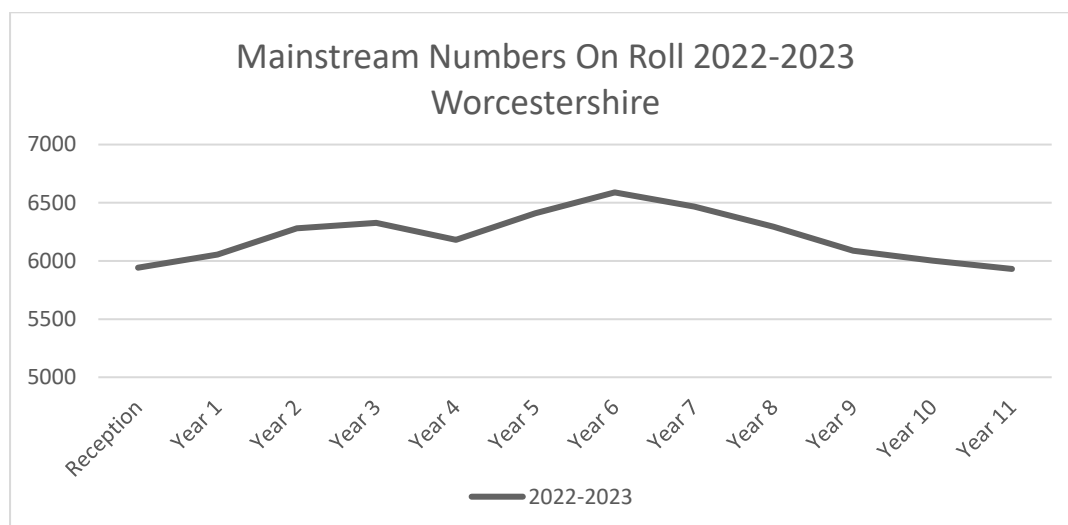
†See SEND Sufficiency Report 2023

The steady rate of general population growth contributes to a steady rise in numbers at both primary and secondary mainstream schools. This is slightly offset by the numbers of pupils also attending independent, special and alternative provision schools.

These figures do not include pupils on roll in secondary schools in sixth form, years 12 and 13. Most secondary or high schools in the county have sixth forms, but there are also sixth form colleges which fall outside the school census.

In 2022, there were a total of 970 children of compulsory education age (5-16) being Electively Home Educated, of which 55 had Education & Health Care Plans. There were also 424 children of compulsory education age listed as missing education.

Figure 3 Numbers of pupils on roll at mainstream schools in Worcestershire 2022-23



The pupil numbers on roll from October 2022 show a peak number of pupils in year 6, which is now in year 7 (academic year 2023/24). This peak, seen below in figure 4, will move through middle schools and secondary schools and in some planning areas this cohort will reach the high school intake year 9 (for Bromsgrove, Evesham and Redditch) in September 2025.

Figure 4 Number of pupils on roll in Worcestershire secondary age groups (Year 7 – 11) 2010 – 2022, with forecast numbers on roll 2024-2028

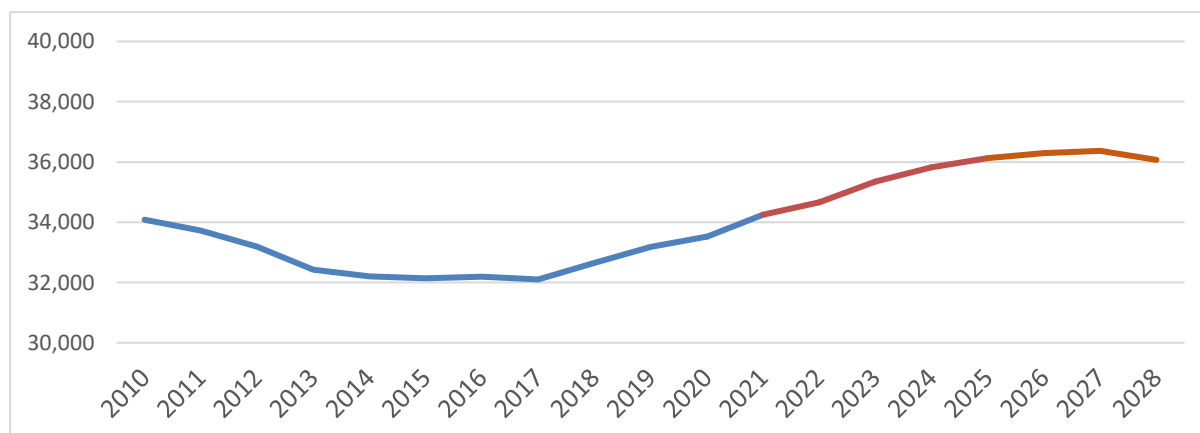
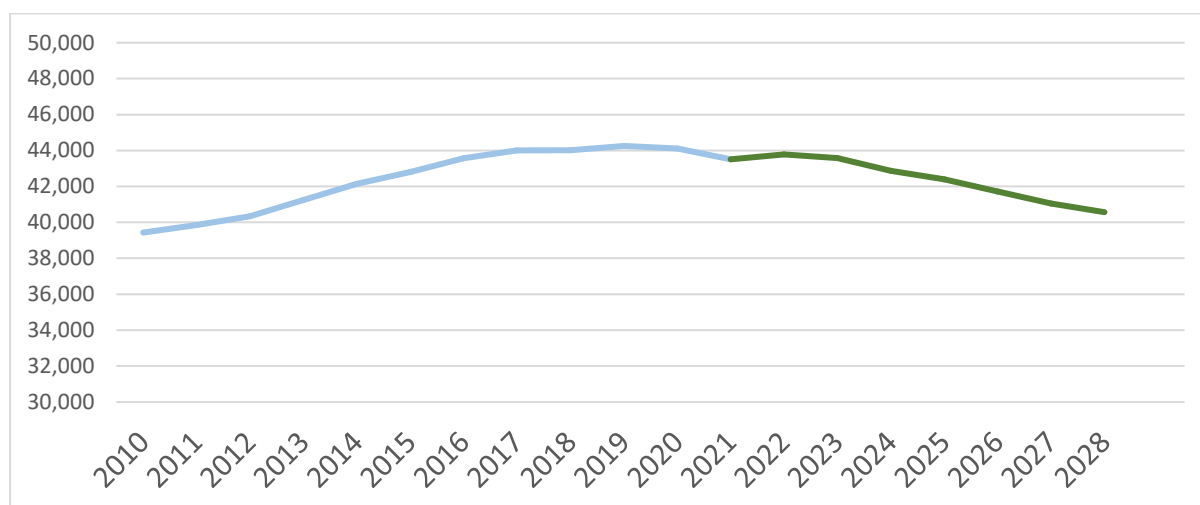


Figure 5 Number of pupils on roll in Worcestershire primary age groups (Reception to Year 6) 2010 – 2022, with forecast numbers on roll 2024-2028



Conversely, the numbers on roll in first and primary schools are falling, as shown in figure 5 above. This is a national demographic trend at the moment, though it is offset by large numbers of local housing in specific areas, which is discussed later in the report. Housing developments of a reasonably large scale, with 2 or more bedrooms per dwelling, tend to attract young families, where we can predict an additional 5 pupils per year group per year per 100 dwellings.

The county is mostly rural with thinly spread population and 82 primary or first schools classed as small² or rural. Two (2) first or primary schools have fewer than 30 pupils on roll and a further three (3) have fewer than 50 pupils.³ Much of the mainstream school population is concentrated in the urban areas around Worcester (19%) and Redditch (15%) and to a lesser extent, Bromsgrove and Kidderminster (both 9% of the total county).

Migration

Between May and November 2022, an additional 275 school-aged pupils arrived in Worcestershire and applied for a school place where their originating country was known to be outside Europe. It is possible that other pupils came from outside the country but did not apply for a school place.

Of these pupils, 7 came via the Afghan Resettlement Programme, all of whom were placed in Bromsgrove (where they were offered housing). 45 pupils originated in Africa, 16 of which were admitted to schools in Worcester. 28 pupils from the Middle East (Syria to the Gulf States) similarly included 14 who were admitted to schools in Worcester. 95 pupils arrived from Ukraine, dispersed widely throughout the county with some concentrations in Bromsgrove, Malvern and Worcester. 60 pupils arrived from India, mostly admitted to schools in Redditch.

² Schools with 100 pupils or fewer – DfE March 2019 research brief and The National Association of Small Schools

³ Total Number on Roll from October 2023 school census

Cross-border Admissions

These tables show migration between local authorities. Worcestershire has several county neighbours including Warwickshire, Birmingham and Dudley which have the most pupils commuting to and from Worcestershire for their school provision. More details concerning the most significant cross-border pupil flows are discussed by planning area later in this report.

Map 2 Worcestershire's neighbouring Local Authorities



Figure 6 Cross border home to school migration – 2021 – Primary Age group

From LA	To LA	Phase	Pupils
Birmingham	Worcestershire	Primary	503
Worcestershire	Birmingham	Primary	347
Dudley	Worcestershire	Primary	181
Worcestershire	Dudley	Primary	108
Solihull	Worcestershire	Primary	22
Worcestershire	Solihull	Primary	227
Warwickshire	Worcestershire	Primary	110
Worcestershire	Warwickshire	Primary	497
Gloucestershire	Worcestershire	Primary	162
Worcestershire	Gloucestershire	Primary	181
Herefordshire	Worcestershire	Primary	118
Worcestershire	Herefordshire	Primary	154
Shropshire	Worcestershire	Primary	81
Worcestershire	Shropshire	Primary	76

Figure 7 Cross border home to school migration – 2021 – Secondary Age group

Birmingham	Worcestershire	Secondary	799
Worcestershire	Birmingham	Secondary	316
Dudley	Worcestershire	Secondary	461
Worcestershire	Dudley	Secondary	41
Solihull	Worcestershire	Secondary	46
Worcestershire	Solihull	Secondary	60
Warwickshire	Worcestershire	Secondary	69
Worcestershire	Warwickshire	Secondary	1061
Gloucestershire	Worcestershire	Secondary	114
Worcestershire	Gloucestershire	Secondary	352
Herefordshire	Worcestershire	Secondary	257
Worcestershire	Herefordshire	Secondary	46
Shropshire	Worcestershire	Secondary	139
Worcestershire	Shropshire	Secondary	128

Housing

New housing developments will also have an impact on demand for provision to meet the needs of children who come to live in these developments. Worcestershire is seeing a significant level of new housing either being built or planned as the popularity of the county grows. The sufficiency assessments in this report take account of the 5 year land supplies of the six District Councils in Worcestershire (specific sites listed for housing development over a five year period).

The DfE provides guidance on the securing of contributions from housing developers to fund additional education infrastructure to mitigate the impact of their developments. Worcestershire County Council’s [Education Planning Obligations Policy](#) (‘section 106 policy’), which is approved by Cabinet, details how required contributions are calculated for early years, mainstream school, SEND and post-16 provision needs. Contributions can be spent on enhancing provision at existing settings, or where the impact of very large developments is of a scale to warrant it, the creation of new establishments.

Overview of current assessment of sufficiency

Mainstream school provision across Worcestershire is currently sufficient overall.

- First and Primary phase provision is forecast to be sufficient in 13 of 26 EPA sub-divisions across the county. There is forecast to be insufficient provision in 7 areas, and overprovision in 6 areas.
- Middle phase provision is forecast to be sufficient in 6 of 10 EPA sub-divisions across the county. There is forecast to be insufficient provision in 3 areas, and overprovision in 1 area.
- High & secondary phase provision is forecast to be sufficient in 11 of 14 EPA sub-divisions across the county. There is forecast to be insufficient provision in the remaining 3 areas.

See the phase by EPA maps below for details.

- 84% of schools are rated as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, compared to 82% in 2022.
- 98.4% of Primary school children received an offer from one of their three preferences for September 2023 - this is better than for September 2022 for Primary (97.9%), which was close to the 2022 England average of 98.0%.
- There was also a small increase in the percentage of children applying for a Secondary school place receiving an offer from one of their three preferences: 95.0% for September 2023 compared to 94.2% for September 2022. The national average for 2022 was 93.4%.

Figure 8 Sufficiency of First & Primary EPAs

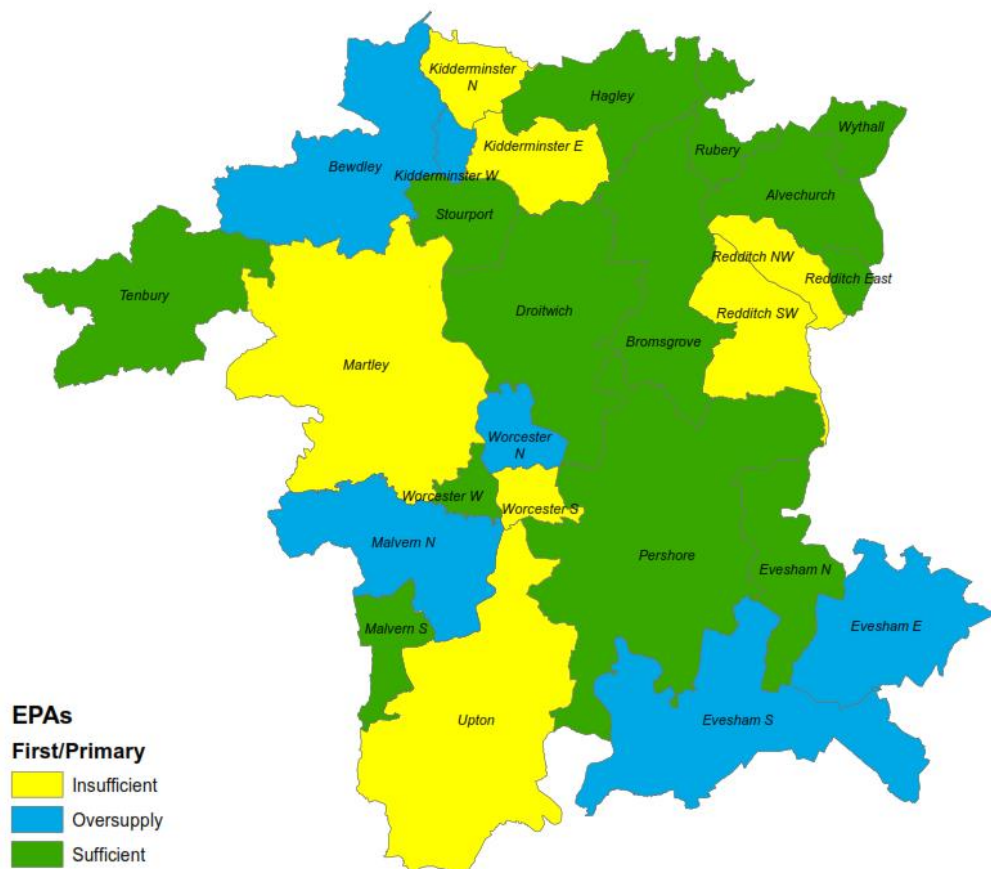


Figure 9 Sufficiency of Middle EPAs

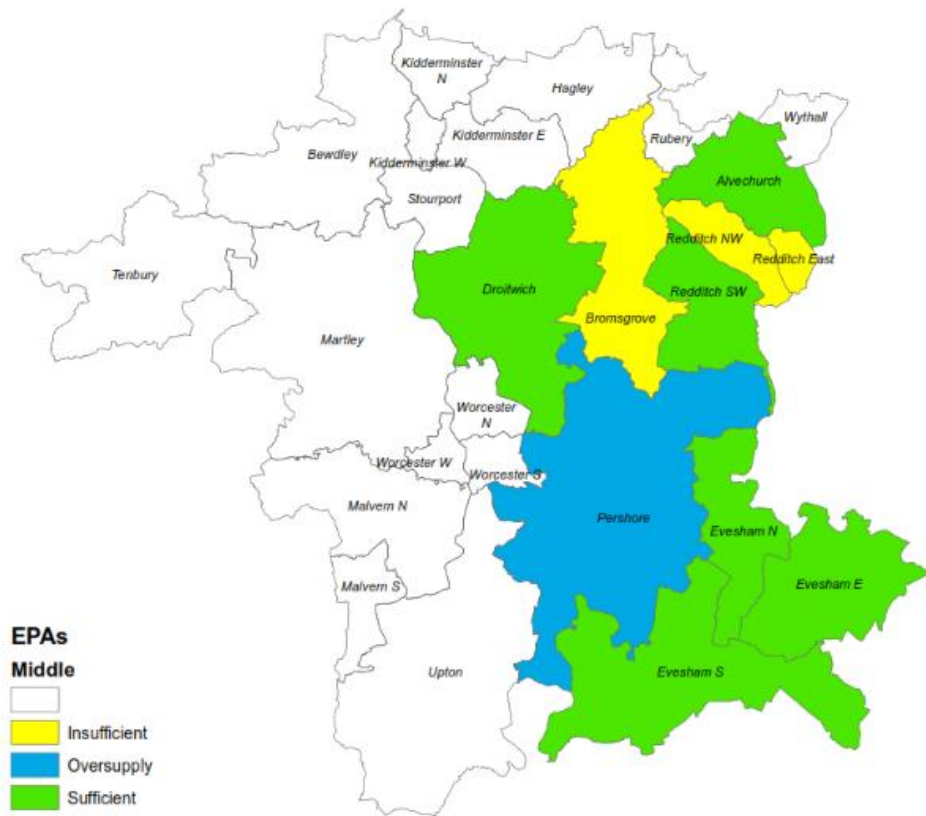
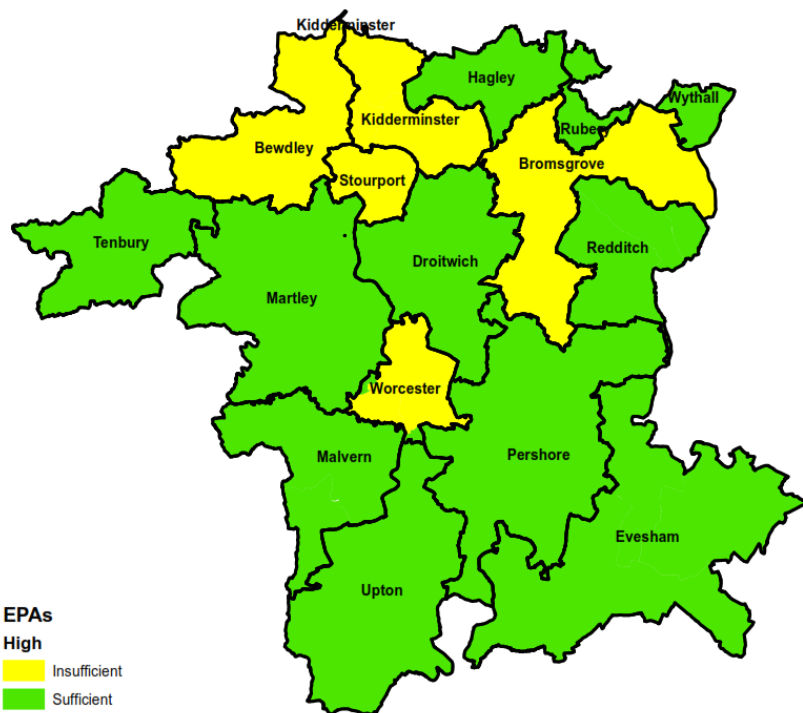


Figure 10 Sufficiency of High & Secondary EPAs



Forecasting methodology

The forecast for each EPA takes into account demographic growth in each area, new housing developments, average pupil transfer rates and pupil migration patterns. The forecasting data used for the 2023 Mainstream school age sufficiency report includes GP registrations from September 2021, the October 2021 school census and the 5 Year Land Supply Reports from each district council within Worcestershire. The forecast number of pupils generated from new housing is not as predictable as demographic growth and therefore greater care is taken when considering these forecasts. In a longitudinal study of several Worcestershire housing developments over 10 years, it was discovered that the pupil yield is higher for primary school aged pupils than for secondary school aged pupils.

Pupil place forecasting and school capacity data is provided to the DfE via the national SCAP survey (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-school-capacity>).

For further information on school place forecasting in Worcestershire please visit [School statistics and data collection | Worcestershire County Council](#), where there is a countywide forecast for 2023 and beyond using 2022 data.

Forecasting accuracy

The DfE groups local authorities into statistical neighbours where scale, demographics and population density are similar. We can expect education statistics such as forecasting accuracy to be similar. Figure 11 compares forecasts of pupil numbers for 1 year ahead and 3 years ahead at primary and secondary school levels with the actual pupil numbers in these later years, including the statistical neighbours for Worcestershire. Worcestershire ranks 10th place for 1 year ahead and 8th for 3 years ahead which suggests that there is a pattern of over-forecasting mainstream school place demand, but that this can be improved upon. We have improved the forecast methodology this year to reduce this trend.

Figure 11 Forecasting Accuracy by local authority – source DfE scorecards

Local Authority	Primary				Secondary			
	1 year %	1 year Rank	3 year %	3 year Rank	1 year %	1 year Rank	3 year %	3 year Rank
East Sussex	-0.2	3	1.5	3	0.4	3	1.8	3
West Sussex	-0.2	4	3.0	7	0.7	7	4.8	9
Leicestershire	-0.2	2	6.6	11	0.5	4	5.9	11
Dorset	0	1	2.4	6	-0.4	2	2.1	4
Gloucestershire	-0.6	7	5.2	9	0.7	6	4.0	7
Warwickshire	3.6	11	5.3	10	2.9	11	5.7	10
Essex	0.5	6	2.2	5	0.8	9	2.6	5
Hampshire	-0.5	5	2.0	4	-0.5	5	0.1	1
Kent	-0.8	9	-0.1	1	-0.2	1	0.6	2
Worcestershire	1.0	10	4.1	8	1.1	10	4.7	8
Staffordshire	-0.8	8	1.3	2	0.7	8	3.1	6

In general, the WCC forecasts have overestimated the pupil numbers for reception school places by 1% when forecasting for the following year and by 4% when forecasting 3 years ahead. The accuracy of the forecasts improves further when forecasting for middle and secondary school places; this can be expected as pupils are usually already in attendance at feeder first or primary schools.

It takes approximately two years to consult, design and build additional capacity into mainstream schools, therefore any decisions made to change the size or structure of a school is based on an average 98% accuracy of actual requirements for places. When forecasting three years into the future, this accuracy is within 95% respectively for first / primary Schools, and 95% for middle and secondary Schools. This means we are able to plan to within a 95% confidence the place requirements of all our mainstream schools over the next four years.

However, several of Worcestershire's statistical neighbours have been more accurate than this. In 2022 we amended the forecast methodology to eliminate any double-counting of additional pupils from housing growth, and we also increased the number of planning areas to help improve accuracy of forecasting at a planning area level.

For each EPA, WCF historically aimed to remain within this 95% accuracy or 0.5 Forms of Entry (FE) (15 places) for each intake point, whichever is greater. For reception intake, this was achieved in every year over the last five years in 8 out of previous 16 planning areas when forecasting two years ahead. As more recent housing completions slowed, the Droitwich reception forecast was overestimated. Pershore and Upton, like Droitwich, had overestimated pupil number growth when housing completions slowed. At times, reception numbers fell in Evesham further than forecast. Martley actual numbers of pupils have varied by up to 20% year on year. The border planning areas, Hagley, Wythall and Rubery, were over forecast based on significant demand for places from out of county pupils, but there are sufficient places for in-area pupils. Forecasts for middle school intake for all three-tier planning areas were accurate within this margin over the last five years.

This was achieved in 3 out of the previous 16 planning areas. In Pershore in 2019 90% of year 6 pupils from 2 years previous progressed into the year 8 intake at Pershore High School. In 2021 this dropped to 80%, contributing to an over-forecast in this planning area. Tenbury High, a solo rural high school, was under-forecast but on two occasions admitted more out-of-county pupils than expected. Conversely Wythall High, another border solo high school, was over forecast on the basis of out-of-county demand, but there are sufficient places for in-area pupils. When out-of-area demand is not likely to increase capacity, the methodology for forecasting is now to cap the forecast at the Published Admission Number (PAN)⁴.

The annual School Capacity Return (SCAP) submits to the DfE the numbers of forecast pupil places and each school's current capacity (pupil places available). This data underpins the DfE's basic need funding allocation, which is a grant to the local authority to finance the creation of new school places to meet demographic growth.

The number of primary pupils in Worcestershire LA has grown by 11.3% since 2010, the number of secondary pupils by 2.1%.

⁴ Published Admission Number (PAN) is the number of pupils in each year group that the admission authority has agreed will be admitted without causing problems for the school

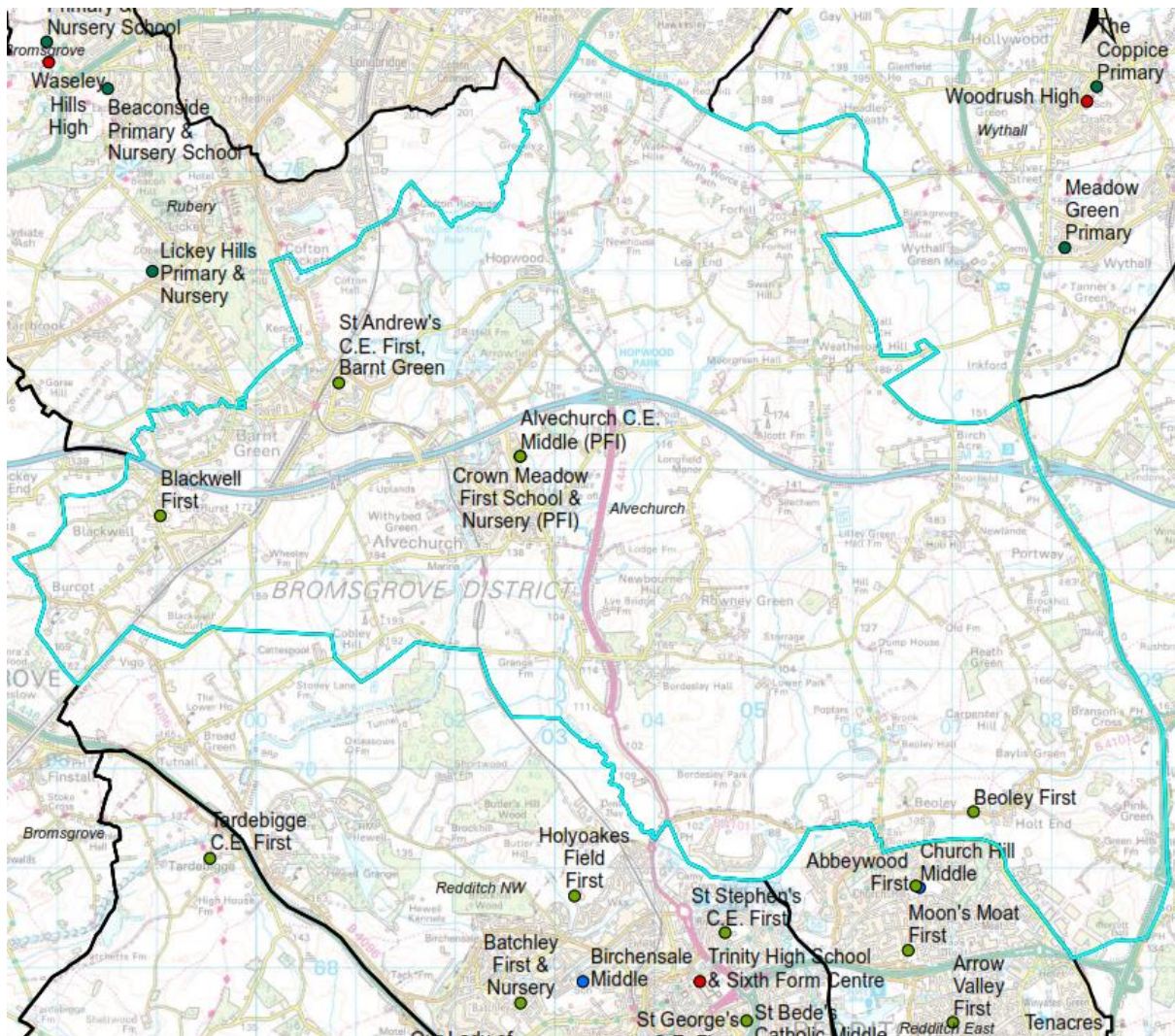
Across the county there are forecast to be 12% spare primary places and 11.5% spare secondary places in 2024/25. Since pupils can be expected to travel only so far to their school it is possible to have both a basic need for more places in one location and spare places in another nearby.

Worcestershire LA estimated that an additional 133 primary and 139 secondary places are required for the academic year 2024/25. This resulted in the basic need funding allocation of £5.3m for 2024/25.

Bromsgrove District

The district of Bromsgrove has 5 Education Planning Areas (EPAs), with Bromsgrove itself having the largest number of schools and pupils. Bromsgrove and Alvechurch are 3 tier, with Alvechurch middle feeding into one combined Bromsgrove High EPA. Hagley, Rubery and Wythall are all 2 tier EPAs.

Alvechurch Education Planning Area



2% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Alvechurch EPA, with two schools deemed as 'Outstanding' and the rest deemed as 'Good'.

This is a large area of mainly greenbelt between Birmingham, Bromsgrove and Redditch. Birth rates are falling. There are no large housing developments approved in this area.

Alvechurch – First

First school places are forecast to be sufficient in Alvechurch EPA

There are few schools, but they are all popular and take in many pupils from outside the catchments. Over 5 years, there were on average 4 pupils per year attending Blackwell First School from the Lickey Hills catchment and 15 attending St Andrew’s CofE First School, Barnt Green.

Beoley First School is just outside Redditch and typically hosts an average of 13 pupils from Redditch per year, two-thirds of its PAN. The Redditch pupils usually go on to attend Redditch middle and High schools.

Numbers on roll are high but are forecast to decrease over time. As many pupils on the roll of schools within the Alvechurch EPA continue to apply from outside of area there are no forecast sufficiency issues.

Figure 12 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Alvechurch First EPA

PAN 155	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4
Oct-17	156	155	153	150	145
Oct-18	154	154	155	153	150
Oct-19	155	156	155	153	156
Oct-20	154	154	152	153	153
Oct-21	154	154	151	146	154
Oct-22	155	154	154	150	149
Oct-23	142	155*	153	152	151
Oct-24	146	143	154	151	154
Oct-25	133	146	141	152	153
Oct-26	123	132	145	139	154

*Yellow cells have forecast numbers on roll at or above 95% of PAN

Alvechurch – Middle

Middle school places are forecast to be sufficient in Alvechurch EPA

There is one middle school within the Alvechurch Education Planning Area, Alvechurch CE Middle School. The Middle School feeds into both North and South Bromsgrove High schools, which are in the Bromsgrove EPA.

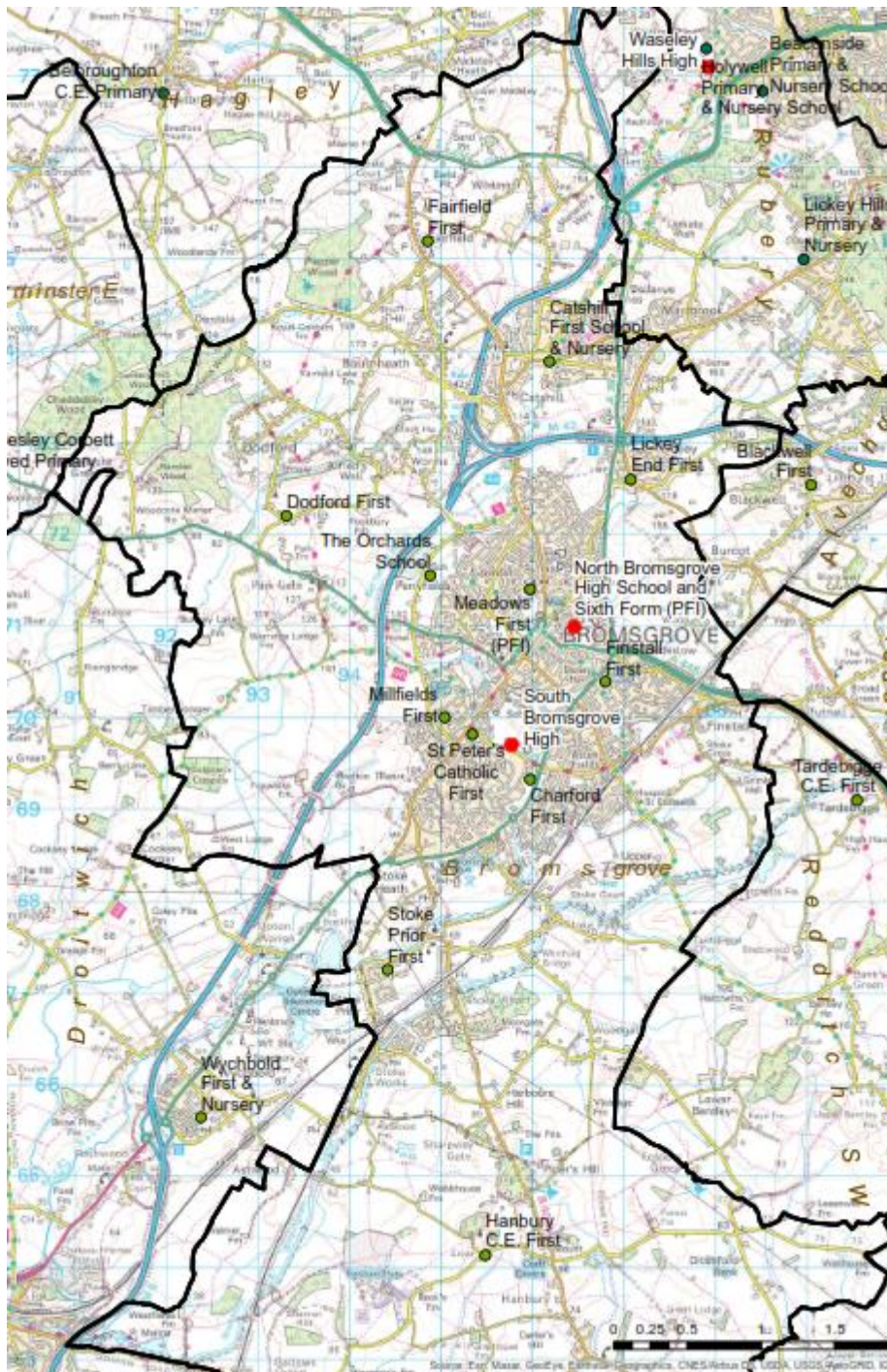
The middle school attracts pupils from its feeder schools which include some pupils from outside the area. The total numbers of known children are less than its PAN of 110, therefore the school has sufficient provision. Since few pupils currently travel from Bromsgrove to Alvechurch, the provision of additional places in Alvechurch are unlikely to mitigate demand pressure in Bromsgrove.

Figure 13 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Alvechurch Middle EPA

PAN 110	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8
Oct-17	112	111	106	104
Oct-18	110	113	101	103
Oct-19	114	111	107	107
Oct-20	111	110	104	109
Oct-21	115	110	105	102
Oct-22	112	115	111	103
Oct-23	111	111	109	111
Oct-24	113	111	107	110
Oct-25	114	112	105	107
Oct-26	113	114	107	106
Oct-27	114	113	108	107
Oct-28	104	113	107	108
Oct-29	107	104	108	108
Oct-30	97	106	99	108

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Bromsgrove Education Planning Area



The Bromsgrove Education Planning Area is made up of the town of Bromsgrove and the surrounding rural areas. The majority of the area sits within Bromsgrove District Council but also covers a small area of Wychavon. The planning area is served by twelve (12) First Schools (Years R-4), four (4) Middle Schools (Years 5-8) and two (2) High Schools with Sixth Forms (Years 9-13).

9% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Bromsgrove EPA, with 35% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 59% deemed as 'Good'.

Bromsgrove – First

First school places are forecast to be sufficient in Bromsgrove First EPA up to 2026, however major new housing will require additional school places

There are high numbers of pupils in the town of Bromsgrove and a strong parental preference for those living in the town to attend schools outside the town. Birth rates have been stable for the last 5 years.

Figure 14 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Bromsgrove First EPA

PAN 585	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4
Oct-17	544	579	530	551	510
Oct-18	528	549	579	541	555
Oct-19	561	535	559	580	544
Oct-20	555	557	530	552	583
Oct-21	543	557	561	526	541
Oct-22	540	558	569	563	533
Oct-23	541	545	562	570	564
Oct-24	555	546	549	563	571
Oct-25	551	567	558	557	572
Oct-26	552	562	578	565	565

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Figure 15 - Forecast demand for Reception places in Bromsgrove Town 2022 – 2026

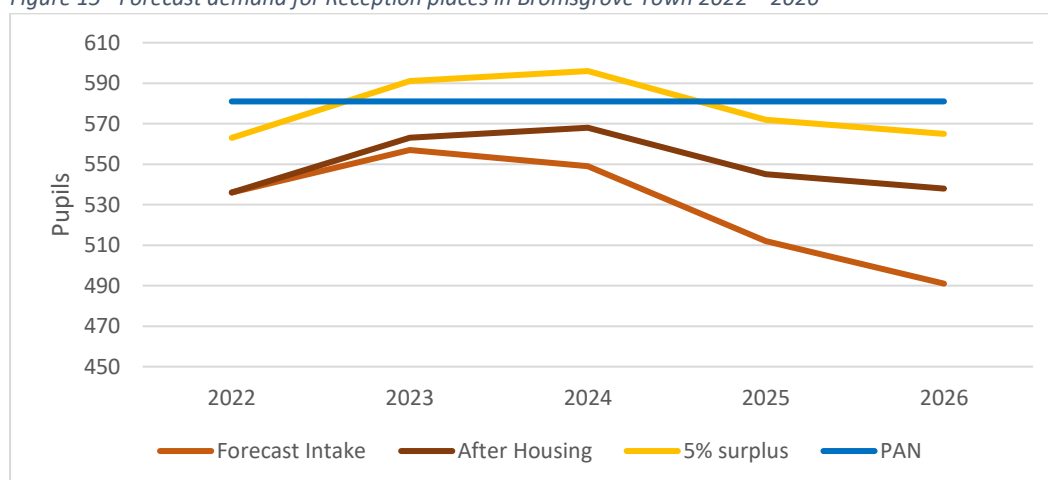


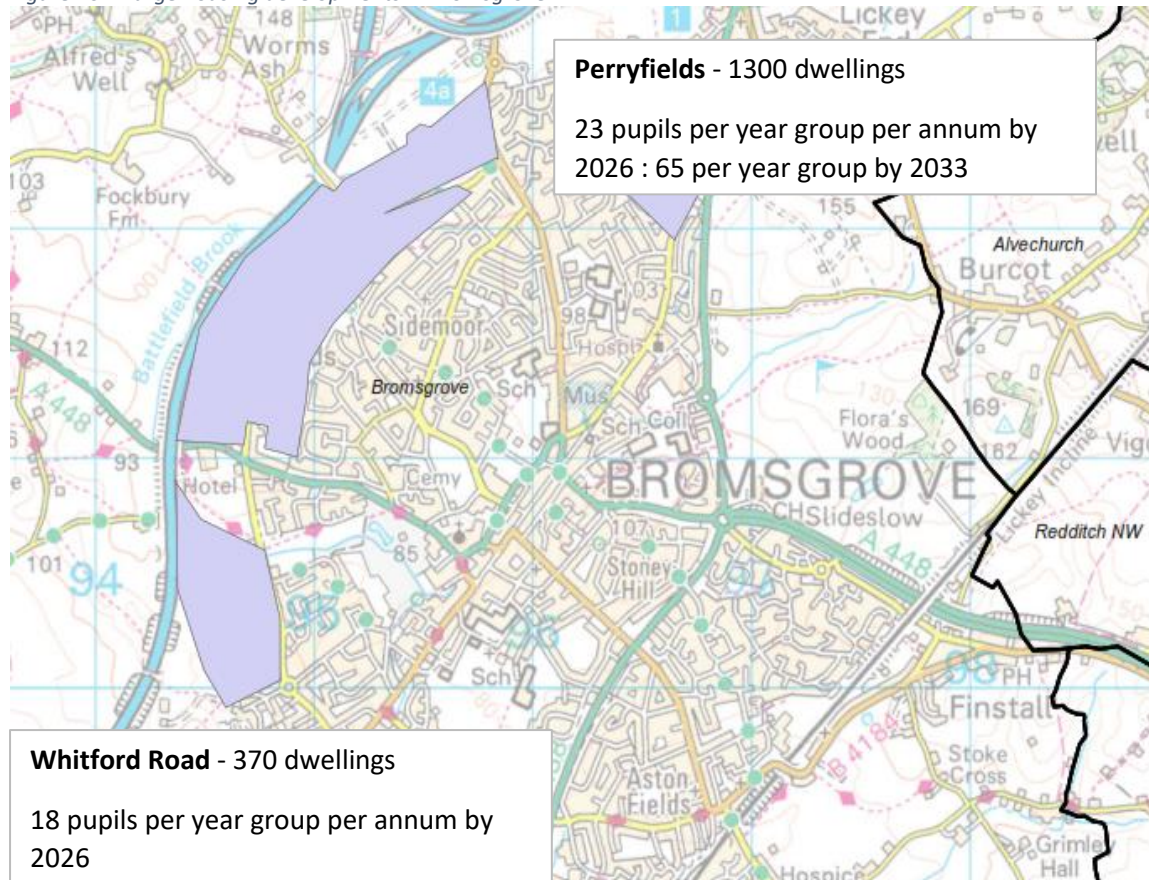
Figure 15 shows a forecast for the Bromsgrove EPA including expected impacts from housing up to 2026.

Housing

There are two major housing developments in Western Bromsgrove on Perryfields Road and Whitford Road, totalling circa 1530 new homes. The legal agreement detailing the contributions required from the developer ('Section 106 Agreement') was signed for Perryfields on 12th July 2021 to include a new 2FE First School with nursery. The building of houses has begun with the social

housing being built out first. Completions of marketable homes are expected towards the beginning of Autumn 2024.

Figure 16 – Large housing developments in Bromsgrove



1,530 new dwellings are expected to yield an additional 70 pupils per First School year group by 2031, 26 (1 form of entry, or FE) of these by 2025 and 56 (2FE) of these by 2029. These forecast additional pupils will exceed the places available at the local schools from 2025, particularly the Orchard First School and Meadows First School. Ahead of the new school being delivered, the mitigation for places will include some pupils having to be offered school places further than 2 miles from home, therefore incurring transport costs for the LA.

Therefore, a new First school will be delivered on the Perryfields site to serve families moving onto this development currently planned for 2028. WCF aims to deliver a new school alongside the build-out of the Perryfields and Whitford Road development, to ensure the school is delivered in line with need and to ensure other local schools are not adversely affected.

The PAN of the schools in figure 15 does not include the planned Perryfields first school as it is not likely to open before 2026.

Bromsgrove – Middle

Middle school places are forecast to be insufficient in Bromsgrove Middle EPA

Figure 17 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Bromsgrove Middle EPA

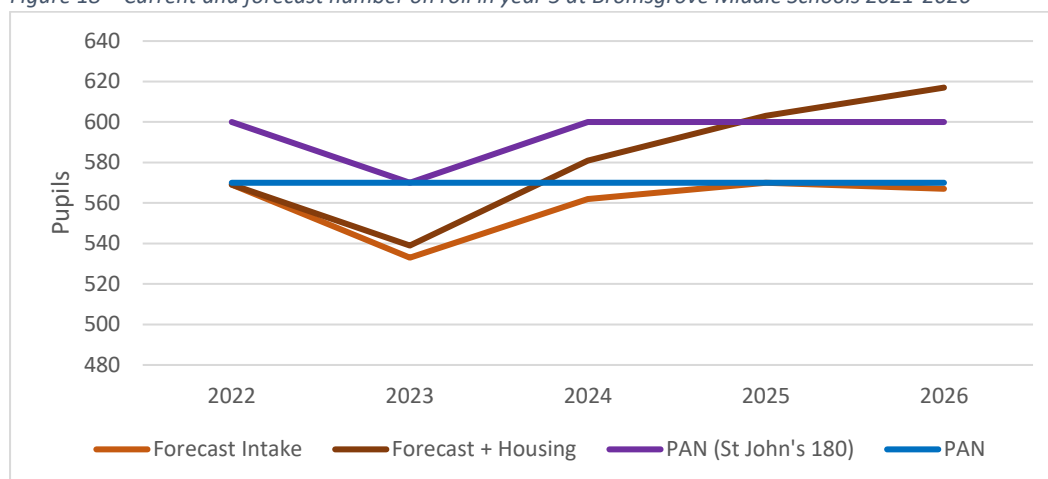
PAN 570	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8
Oct-17	546	539	500	493
Oct-18	533	543	528	486
Oct-19	566	542	551	522
Oct-20	543	568	539	550
Oct-21	606	545	559	533
Oct-22	564	610	544	554
Oct-23	548	567	606	537
Oct-24	581	551	564	599
Oct-25	595	591	556	564
Oct-26	595	605	594	555
Oct-27	588	604	607	593
Oct-28	590	591	601	600
Oct-29	604	593	588	594
Oct-30	593	608	590	582

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The middle schools in Bromsgrove were full in October 2023 and likely to be full or nearly full for the next few years and there are predicted to be more pupils arising from the new housing to the west of the town. The LA is working with the middle schools in Bromsgrove to identify options to create additional places by 2025 or 2026 (depending on St John’s Middle School).

Figure 17 shows the forecast number of pupils requiring a Year 5 place in Bromsgrove Middle Schools. The published total PAN for Year 5 in Bromsgrove is 570 and by 2024 the forecast number of pupils, including forecast additional pupils from new housing, requiring a Year 5 place is expected to exceed this. St John’s Middle School has taken 1FE (30 pupils) over the PAN of 150 for 2 of the past 3 years but is unable to increase to 180 every year. If St John’s Middle School can take up to 180 pupils in September 2024 and September 2025, the demand will not exceed the operating PAN of 600 until 2026.

Figure 18 – Current and forecast number on roll in year 5 at Bromsgrove Middle Schools 2021-2026



Recent pupil growth in Bromsgrove First Schools is now feeding through into the Middle Schools, especially St John’s and Aston Fields. Catshill Middle School has fewer pupils in feeder school year 4’s than its PAN.

An additional 1 Form of Entry (30 places) will be needed at one of the Bromsgrove town middle schools by 2026 and longer term a further 1FE may be required due to housing growth. Full feasibility studies have been completed at St John’s Middle and Aston Fields Middle School which confirm neither can be expanded further to meet demand. A feasibility study has concluded that Catshill Middle School can be expanded. The feasibility report for Parkside Middle School has recently been received. Parkside Middle School is one of the PFI schools in Bromsgrove. The costs and timescales for Catshill and Parkside now need to be considered fully against the available funding and demand for places to be available. The capital programme will be updated to reflect which schemes will be delivered.

Bromsgrove – High

High school places are forecast to be insufficient in Bromsgrove High EPA

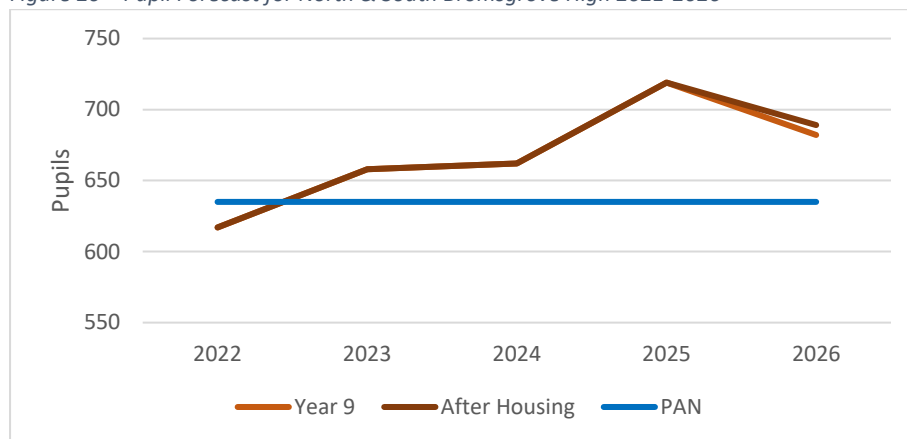
Figure 19 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Bromsgrove High EPA

PAN 635	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13
Oct-17	615	569	512	236	239
Oct-18	587	608	558	190	213
Oct-19	586	569	597	243	180
Oct-20	602	577	565	259	230
Oct-21	611	597	576	266	246
Oct-22	615	598	589	305	253
Oct-23	639	609	596	266	291
Oct-24	639	636	610	271	258
Oct-25	705	636	637	277	262
Oct-26	679	711	647	294	278
Oct-27	680	685	721	298	294
Oct-28	712	670	678	324	281
Oct-29	720	701	663	304	305
Oct-30	713	709	693	298	287

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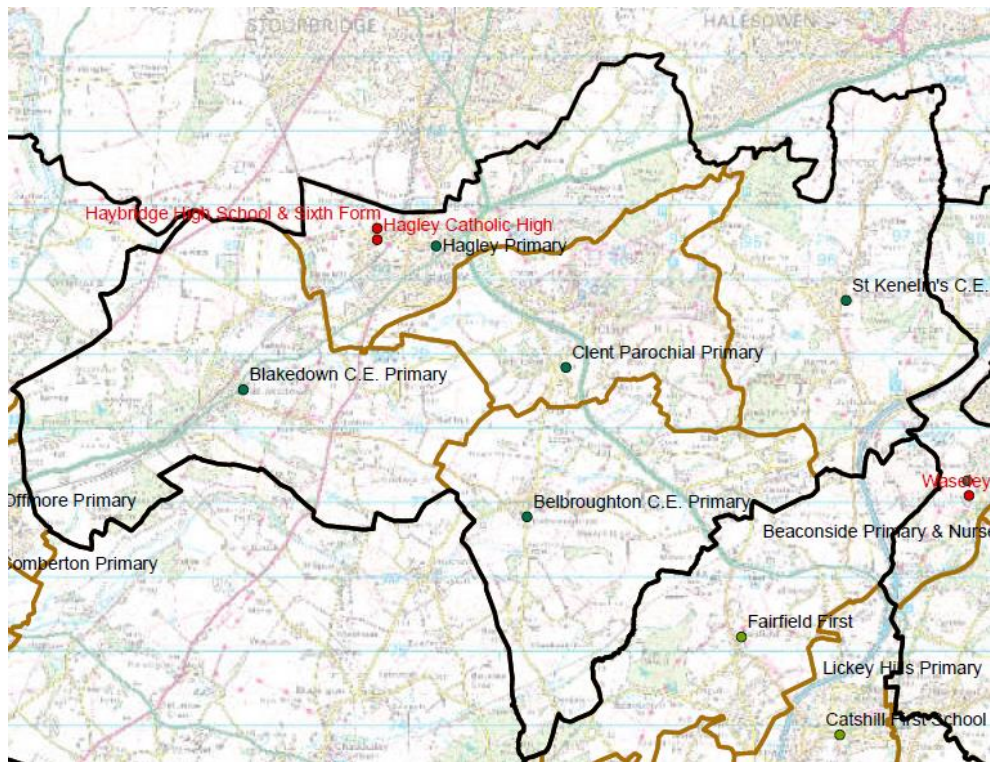
The high schools in Bromsgrove are likely to be full or nearly full for the next few years and there are predicted to be more pupils arising from the new housing to the west of the town. Based on current forecasts of pupils in middle schools, the combined PAN of both Bromsgrove High schools had insufficient Year 9 places for September 2023 and demand is forecast to continue to increase to a peak of 705 forecast Year 9 places for September 2025. There are on average 52 pupils of middle school age per year living in catchments feeding into North and South Bromsgrove High schools but attending schools elsewhere, including alternative provision and special schools, but few of these pupils are likely to attend Bromsgrove High Schools. Conversely there are on average 53 pupils per year living outside Bromsgrove catchments but attending Bromsgrove and Alvechurch middle schools. These are likely to apply to Bromsgrove High Schools and some are offered places despite the high demand at South Bromsgrove High. This is because many parents across both catchment areas apply to South Bromsgrove High. Any pupils from outside either catchment will therefore be allocated places at North Bromsgrove High should they apply here.

Figure 20 – Pupil Forecast for North & South Bromsgrove High 2021-2026



The LA is working with the high schools in Bromsgrove to identify options to create additional places for 2024 onwards. The feasibility reports for North Bromsgrove High and South Bromsgrove High have recently been received from BAM, both schools are PFI schools. The costs and timescales now need to be considered fully against the available funding and urgency for places to be available. The capital programme will be updated to reflect which schemes will be delivered.

Hagley Education Planning Area



The Hagley Education Planning Area covers the area to the Northeast of the county around the village of Hagley. The majority of the area sits within the Bromsgrove District Council but also covers a small area of the Wyre Forest. The planning area is served by five Primary Schools (Years R-6), and two Secondary Schools (Years 7-13).

Hagley – Primary

Primary school places are forecast to be sufficient in Hagley Primary EPA

4% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Hagley EPA, with all the schools deemed as 'Good'.

Birth rates appear to be stable though there were additional children from housing in 2020-2021. There are 2 small developments of 160 dwellings in total leading to an additional 7 primary school aged pupils by 2026.

On average, 22% of the pupils at Hagley Primary School come from outside Hagley Primary School's catchment (some from Kidderminster as well as Dudley). Eleven (11) per year group come from Dudley LA. Though frequently oversubscribed, Hagley Primary EPA is forecast to have sufficient places for known Worcestershire children in the planning area over the next 4 years.

Belbroughton Primary School takes in more than half of its intake from outside catchment including Kidderminster and Bromsgrove.

Figure 21 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Hagley Primary EPA

PAN 188	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Oct-17	178	186	188	177	173	175	175
Oct-18	170	179	190	189	182	172	178
Oct-19	168	175	182	195	195	185	177
Oct-20	185	176	177	183	191	192	187
Oct-21	184	186	179	177	186	191	191
Oct-22	187	186	189	180	181	188	187
Oct-23	167	191	189	191	183	181	189
Oct-24	181	170	194	191	194	183	182
Oct-25	187	184	173	196	194	194	184
Oct-26	198	190	187	174	199	194	195

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Hagley – Secondary

Secondary school places are forecast to be sufficient in Hagley Secondary EPA

Hagley Catholic High School provides secondary education for the catholic community for the whole of Wyre Forest and Hagley, though in practice it also hosts pupils from Dudley, Sandwell and Birmingham, due to the school's close proximity to Hagley Railway Station providing good transport links. 22% of pupils are from Wyre Forest District as opposed to Hagley and the majority, 71%, come from outside the county.

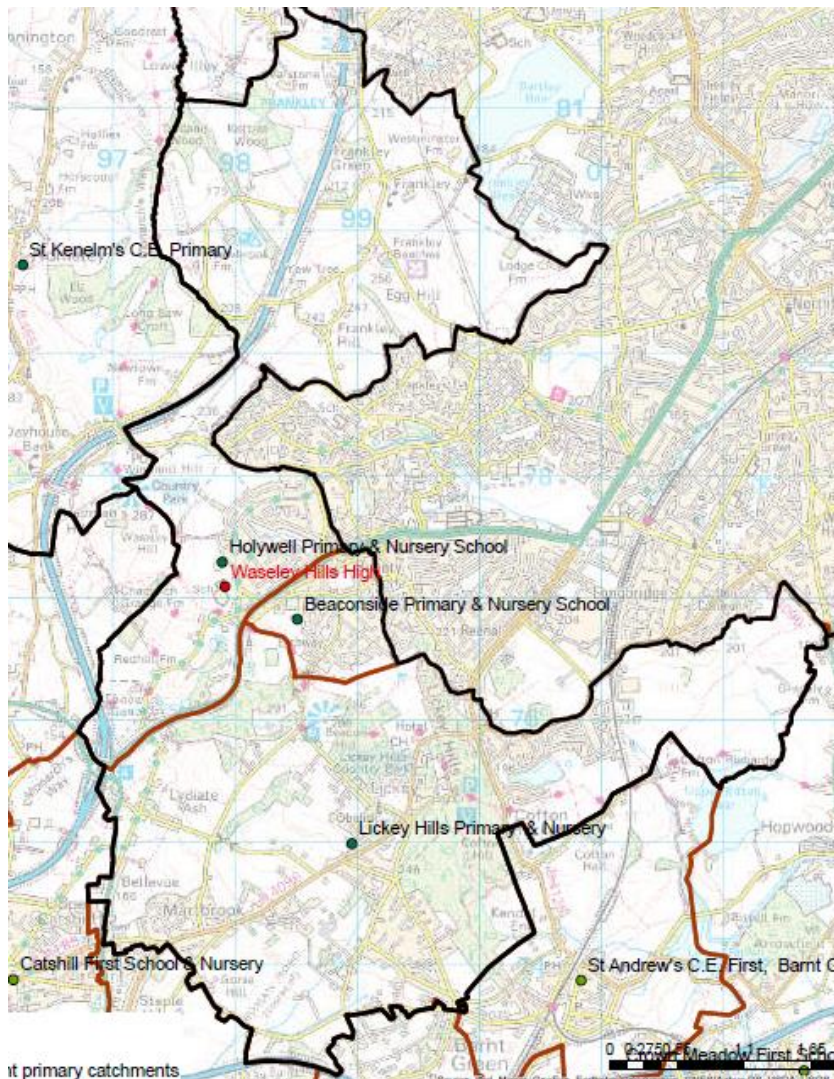
Haybridge High School is forecast to be close to full for the next 5 years, though as 15% of the intake on average comes from Dudley LA the school is sufficient for Hagley pupils. The school chose to increase its PAN from 190 to 210 in September 2023.

Figure 22 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Hagley Secondary EPA

PAN 400	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13
Oct-17	380	378	335	341	329	278	234
Oct-18	380	383	376	329	333	287	250
Oct-19	380	379	378	372	328	242	258
Oct-20	377	379	374	375	370	257	229
Oct-21	359	379	378	365	372	223	231
Oct-22	392	361	373	372	360	184	188
Oct-23	389	393	357	367	368	251	165
Oct-24	394	390	389	352	363	256	225
Oct-25	380	395	386	383	348	253	230
Oct-26	383	381	391	381	379	242	227
Oct-27	406	384	377	385	376	264	217
Oct-28	406	407	381	371	381	262	237
Oct-29	416	407	403	375	367	265	235
Oct-30	371	418	403	397	371	255	238

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Rubery Education Planning Area



The Rubery Education Planning Area is made up of the area directly north of Bromsgrove and supports much of the rural areas and villages in the very northeast of Worcestershire. The entirety of the area sits within the Bromsgrove District Council. The planning area is served by three Primary Schools (Years R-6), and one Secondary School. In total these schools offer 150 Reception places and 178 Year 7 places for 2021, along with Sixth Form provision.

Rubery - Primary

Primary school places are forecast to be sufficient in Rubery Primary EPA

2% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Rubery EPA, with two schools deemed as 'Good'.

On the border with Birmingham, all Rubery schools receive many applications from outside of the county. Many pupils residing in Rubery attend schools in Birmingham, Bromsgrove and Barnt Green. The Lickey Hills Primary School catchment area has numbers of known children greater than the school's PAN. Last year's sufficiency report used this fact to conclude the school was insufficient for

demand. However, on average 20 children per year group choose to attend St Andrew's First School in Barnt Green, and Catshill and Blackwell First Schools in the Bromsgrove planning area. These pupils tend to remain in the Bromsgrove pyramid through to the middle and high phases. There are also, on average, 20 children from the catchment area per year attending schools in Birmingham and around 8 Birmingham children per year attending Lickey Hills Primary School.

Figure 23 – Known Children in Rubery EPA Primary School Catchments

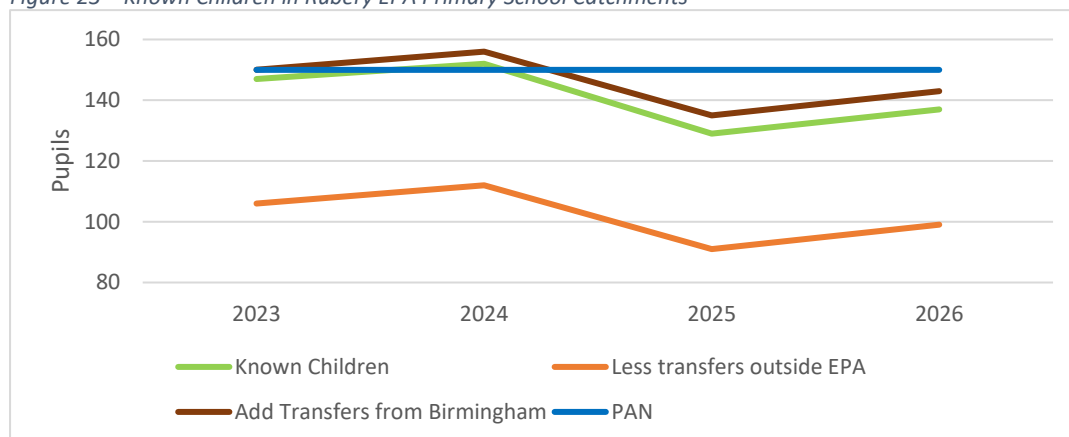


Figure 23 shows that known children numbers in the Rubery Planning Area are to be above the area's PAN in 2024. A strong parental preference for Alvechurch and Bromsgrove schools (on average 23 pupils per year group) and Birmingham schools (20 pupils per year group) means Rubery Primary EPA has sufficient places for the first preference applications from the catchment area. The light brown line on the chart shows the expected numbers of pupils from Rubery catchments. This forecast assumes a constant transfer of pupils between Rubery and Birmingham. Currently, on average attending Rubery schools, there are 91 pupils per year group resident in the EPA, 38 in Birmingham.

Figure 24 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Rubery Primary EPA

PAN 150	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Oct-17	142	151	150	154	142	144	151
Oct-18	150	153	154	141	152	132	140
Oct-19	151	150	155	153	149	140	134
Oct-20	151	145	148	155	150	143	140
Oct-21	155	154	144	151	149	140	135
Oct-22	133	157	146	147	144	142	143
Oct-23	148	135	156	145	145	135	141
Oct-24	162	150	134	155	143	136	134
Oct-25	144	164	149	133	153	135	135
Oct-26	159	146	163	148	132	144	134

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100 dwellings are being built in Cofton Hackett 2023-2025, adjacent to Longbridge in Birmingham. This is expected to add 5 primary pupils per year group by 2025. However, since this area is urban and near to several Birmingham schools it is unlikely the additional pupils will change pupil demand in the Rubery Primary EPA.

Rubery – Secondary

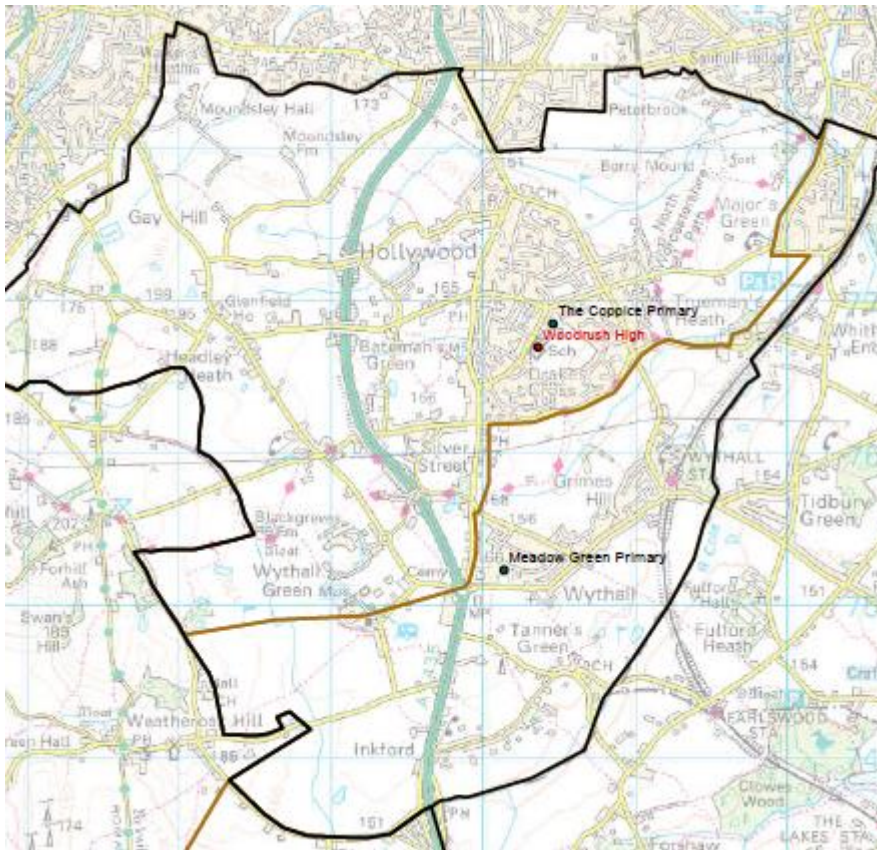
Secondary school places are forecast to be sufficient in Rubery Secondary EPA

The sole secondary school in the Rubery EPA is Waseley Hills High School with a PAN of 178. On average the school takes in all the pupils from feeder primary schools plus another 4%, with significant movements of pupils to and from Birmingham. There are sufficient places for all local pupils.

Figure 25 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Rubery Secondary EPA

PAN 178	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13
Oct-17	130	130	130	125	129	39	30
Oct-18	154	125	126	128	122	33	30
Oct-19	128	151	124	120	126	48	30
Oct-20	148	132	152	117	116	34	43
Oct-21	162	142	129	146	114	40	30
Oct-22	166	157	132	134	142	25	31
Oct-23	155	163	153	129	131	42	21
Oct-24	153	152	159	149	126	39	36
Oct-25	145	150	148	155	146	37	33
Oct-26	147	143	146	145	151	43	32
Oct-27	145	144	139	142	141	45	37
Oct-28	155	142	140	136	139	42	38
Oct-29	133	152	138	137	132	41	35
Oct-30	148	130	148	135	133	39	35

Wythall Education Planning Area



The Wythall Education Planning Area is located in the north-east of Worcestershire and is made up of the towns of Hollywood and Wythall and their surrounding rural areas. The area sits entirely within the District Council of Bromsgrove.

The area is served by two Primary Schools (Years R-6), and one Secondary School. In total these schools offer 135 Reception places and 180 Year 7 places for 2021, as well as Sixth Form provision. The area borders urbanised Solihull to the east and Birmingham to the north, both with several primary and secondary schools within walking distance. Tidbury Green Primary and Dickens Heath Primary in Solihull each feed into Woodrush High School and both attract pupils from Wythall EPA. There is also a catholic primary school in Solihull LA, Our Lady of the Wayside, which attracts pupils from Wythall EPA.

Wythall – Primary

Primary school places are forecast to be sufficient in Wythall primary EPA

2% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Wythall EPA, with one school deemed as ‘Outstanding’ and the rest deemed as ‘Good’.

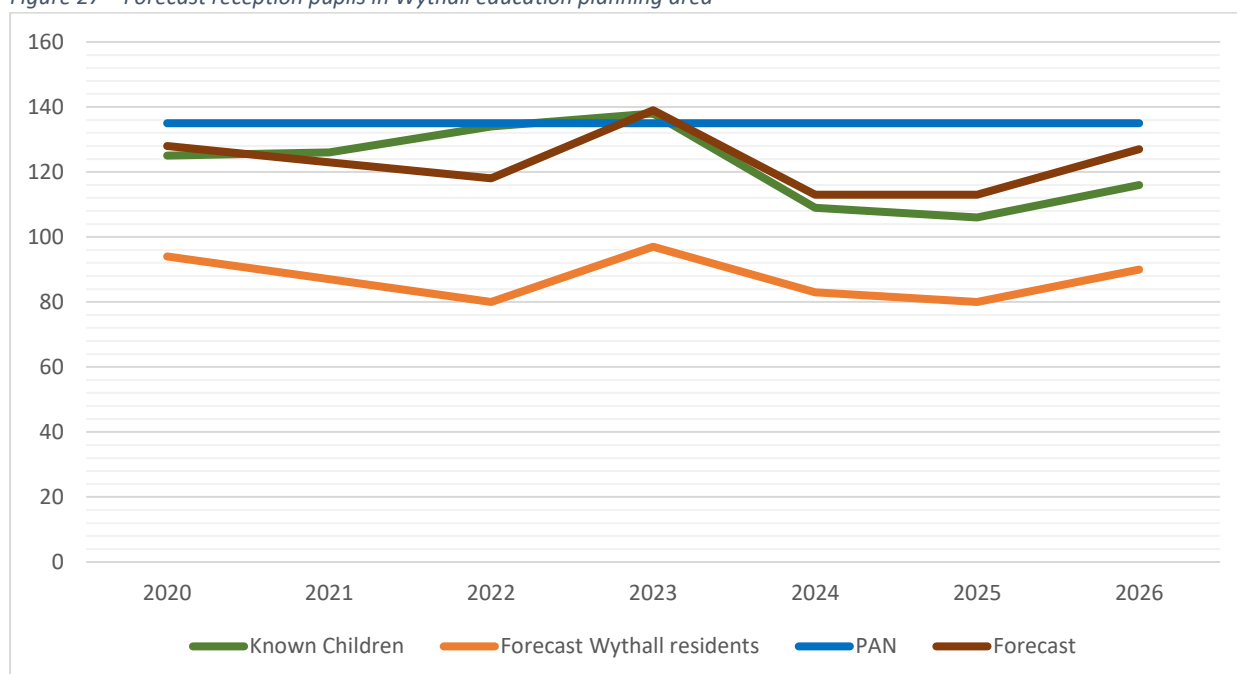
Known children and reception numbers rose steadily for some years peaking in 2023 but are since dropping.

Figure 26 – Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Wythall Primary EPA

PAN 135	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Oct-17	125	135	129	131	135	107	106
Oct-18	128	127	133	128	136	134	106
Oct-19	120	128	130	134	127	138	139
Oct-20	128	114	126	129	136	127	137
Oct-21	123	131	113	129	127	139	128
Oct-22	118	122	131	116	131	131	137
Oct-23	139	118	122	132	117	133	131
Oct-24	113	138	117	123	133	118	133
Oct-25	113	112	138	118	124	135	119
Oct-26	127	113	112	139	119	125	135

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Figure 27 – Forecast reception pupils in Wythall education planning area



On average over 5 years, 28 pupils on roll at the two Wythall primary schools were from outside the county. Over the same period 27 pupils living in the Wythall area attended schools outside the planning area. The result is an expected lower number of pupils than the combined PAN of both primary schools. Actual combined admissions in September 2023 were 128.

Wythall – Secondary

Secondary school places are forecast to be sufficient in Wythall Secondary EPA

Woodrush High School has 2 feeder schools in the county and 3 more outside the county. It does not have sufficient capacity for all current Year 6 across all feeder schools, but it does have sufficient capacity for all the Worcestershire pupils. Over a 5-year average, 46% of the pupils at Woodrush

High School (Years 7-11) are resident outside the county and 22% of Worcestershire pupils attend schools outside the county.

Figure 28 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Wythall Secondary EPA

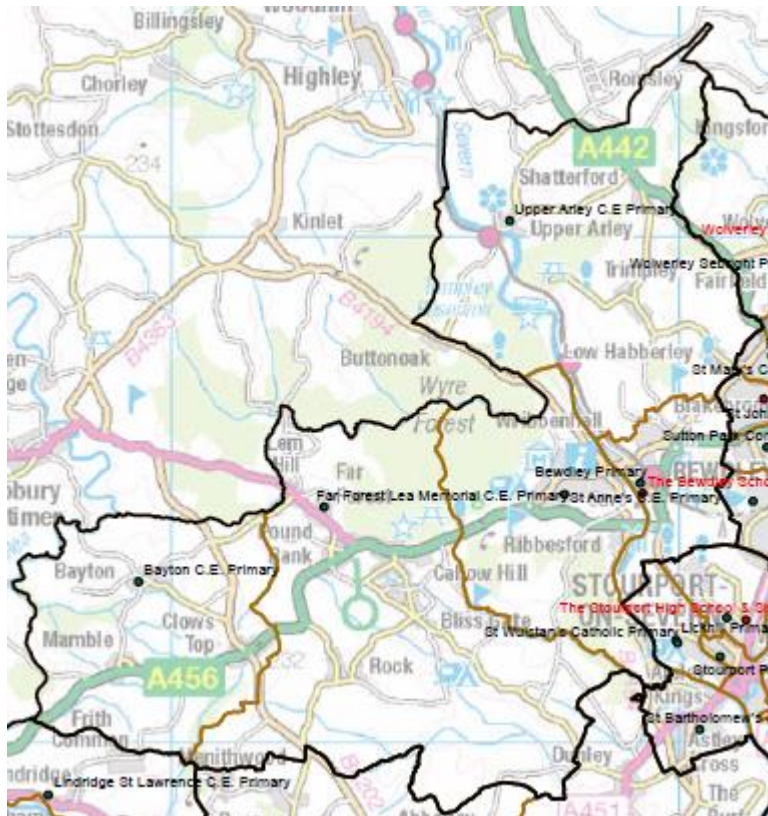
PAN 180	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13
Oct-17	182	185	179	180	169	182	185
Oct-18	180	184	185	179	174	180	184
Oct-19	182	182	180	182	176	182	182
Oct-20	200	179	183	177	180	200	179
Oct-21	179	199	176	179	171	179	199
Oct-22	180	178	198	175	174	180	178
Oct-23	207	180	177	196	171	51	38
Oct-24	199	207	178	175	191	50	47
Oct-25	201	199	206	176	170	56	46
Oct-26	180	201	197	203	172	50	51
Oct-27	205	180	200	195	198	51	46
Oct-28	190	205	178	197	190	58	46
Oct-29	183	190	203	176	192	56	53
Oct-30	216	183	188	201	172	57	51

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Wyre Forest District

This district contains three Kidderminster Primary EPAs (East, West and North) and Bewdley and Stourport Primary EPAs. Together they form the Wyre District Secondary EPA as the secondary schools are close enough together to be reasonable alternatives to each other. All the EPAs are 2 - tier.

Bewdley Primary Education Planning Area



The Bewdley Education Planning Area covers the area to the North-West of the county, around the town of Bewdley. The majority of the area sits within the Wyre Forest District Council, but also covers a small area of the Malvern Hills District Council. The planning area is served by five Primary Schools (Years R-6).

There is a forecast oversupply of primary school places in the Bewdley Primary EPA between 2023 and 2026.

2% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Bewdley EPA, with one school deemed as 'Outstanding' and another deemed as 'Good'.

Figure 29 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Bewdley Primary EPA

PAN 140	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Oct-17	129	117	133	135	128	131	149
Oct-18	113	131	117	133	136	127	127
Oct-19	120	116	130	127	136	137	132
Oct-20	130	117	120	133	135	143	140
Oct-21	121	136	120	122	133	130	142
Oct-22	124	118	140	123	120	138	134
Oct-23	102	127	122	146	127	123	141
Oct-24	97	108	135	131	154	134	130
Oct-25	105	99	111	139	134	156	136
Oct-26	100	107	101	115	142	136	159

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Upper Arley CofE Primary School and Far Forest Lea Memorial Primary School have lower forecast numbers compared to their PAN. Both schools could consider reducing their PAN temporarily. Blue cells below indicate forecast intakes below 50% of PAN.

However, 225 dwellings are approved to be built in the Bewdley Primary catchment. These are forecast to yield an additional 11 pupils per year group by 2026. Another 120 dwellings are to be built in the Upper Arley catchment within the next 3 years, which are expected to yield a further 6 pupils per year group.

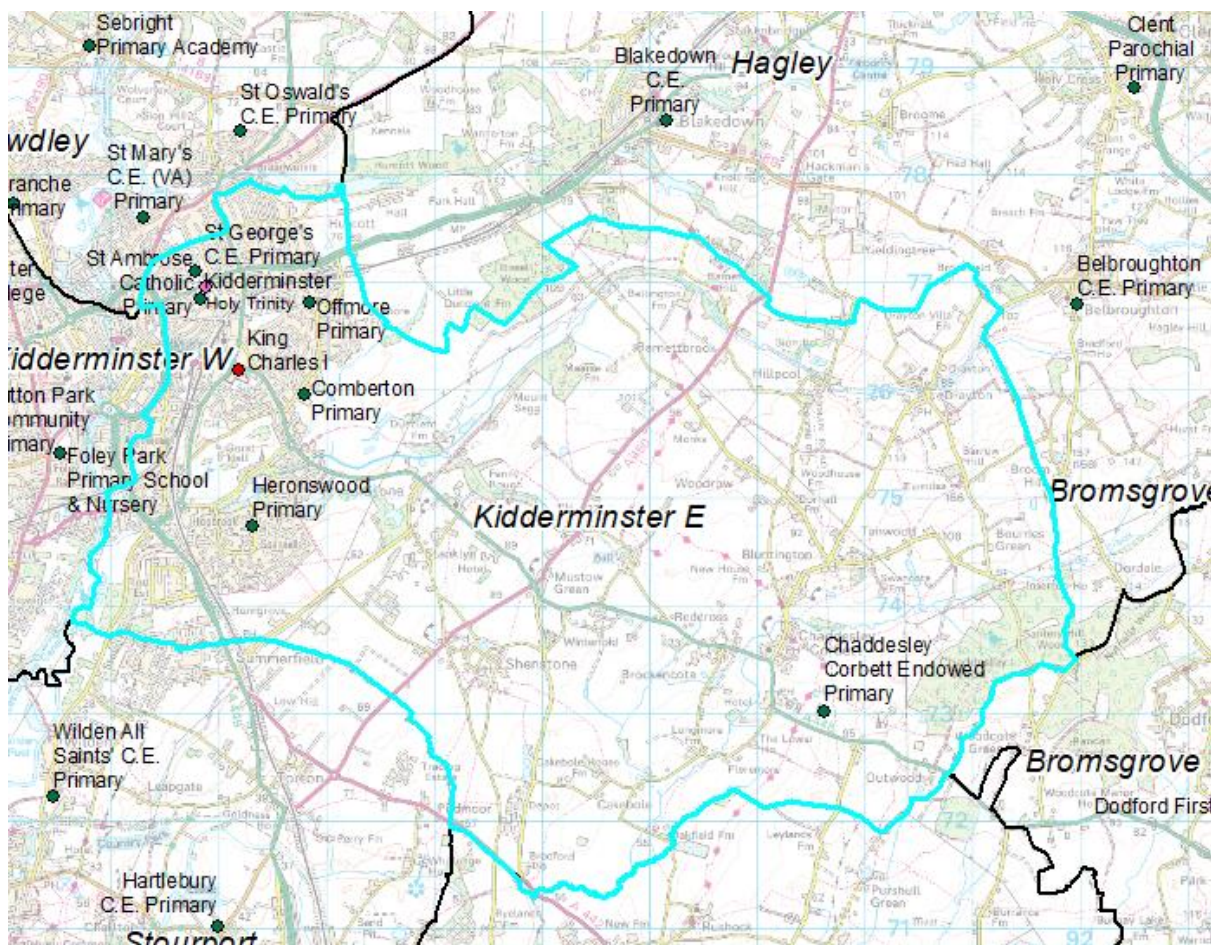
Figure 30 – Bewdley Primary School forecast

	PAN	2023*	2024	2025	2026
Bewdley Primary School	60	46	53	49	45
St Anne's CE Primary	30	20	21	27	20
Upper Arley CE Primary	15	9	4	7	3
Far Forest Lea Memorial Primary	20	8	9	9	15
Bayton CE Primary	15	9	10	13	17
Total	140	92	97	105	100
Surplus		48	43	35	40

*September 2023 admissions

Kidderminster East Primary Education Planning Area

The Kidderminster East Education Planning Area is the eastern side of the town of Kidderminster and the surrounding rural areas. The entirety of the area sits within the Wyre Forest District Council. The planning area is served by six Primary Schools (Years R-6) and one all-through Primary and Secondary School (Years R-13). The local catholic school is also in this area and while it admits pupils from the whole of Wyre Forest, the majority of pupils tend to live in this EPA.



Primary school places are forecast to be insufficient in Kidderminster East primary EPA due to major new housing

4% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Kidderminster East EPA, with 88% of schools deemed as 'Good'.

Figure 31 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Kidderminster East Primary EPA

PAN 305	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Oct-17	302	278	255	286	260	273	269
Oct-18	279	308	280	261	289	259	271
Oct-19	298	278	304	281	263	291	261
Oct-20	288	288	270	304	283	259	292
Oct-21	265	288	289	278	301	285	258
Oct-22	274	277	289	289	290	296	290
Oct-23	259	276	275	292	292	289	297
Oct-24	228	260	274	279	296	291	290
Oct-25	270	229	259	277	282	294	292
Oct-26	239	271	228	262	280	281	295

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Primary school places are forecast to be insufficient in Kidderminster North primary EPA due to major new housing

3% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Kidderminster North EPA, with 67% of schools deemed as 'Good'.

The Kidderminster North EPA forecast includes a trend of 84% of 3-year-olds attending reception classes within Kidderminster North. Just to the south are Holy Trinity School and St Ambrose Catholic Primary which do not have catchments. Local to the development, there is a shortfall, but across Kidderminster North and Kidderminster East parental preference trends spread the demand out to schools with available places.

Figure 32 – Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Kidderminster North Primary EPA

PAN 180	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Oct-17	157	171	163	161	164	160	165
Oct-18	166	153	168	164	161	159	161
Oct-19	163	168	159	172	169	158	159
Oct-20	172	164	168	157	170	160	158
Oct-21	160	164	163	166	164	171	163
Oct-22	165	157	164	160	165	164	171
Oct-23	163	163	157	164	162	162	165
Oct-24	123	161	163	157	165	159	163
Oct-25	147	121	161	163	159	162	160
Oct-26	148	145	122	161	165	156	163

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Housing

Major housing at Lea Castle, Kidderminster, is being built in two phases. Phase 1 (900 homes) is well underway, phase 2 (900) is delayed pending signing of the S106 Agreement. The S106 Education Planning Obligations contribution includes a requirement for the developer to fund the building of a new 2FE Primary School with nursery to mitigate the impact from the new housing. The Wyre Forest District Plan includes a new 2FE Primary school with nursery.

The new dwellings are expected to yield an additional 45 (1.5FE) primary age pupils per year group by 2030, an additional 29 (1FE) by 2026.

New pupils from the housing will be expected to attend the existing local primary schools before the new school is delivered, therefore figure 30 forecasts the impact of new pupils against the number of places available in existing primary schools within 2 miles of the development. Ahead of the new school being delivered, the mitigation for places will include some pupils having to be offered school places further than 2 miles from home, therefore incurring transport costs for the LA.

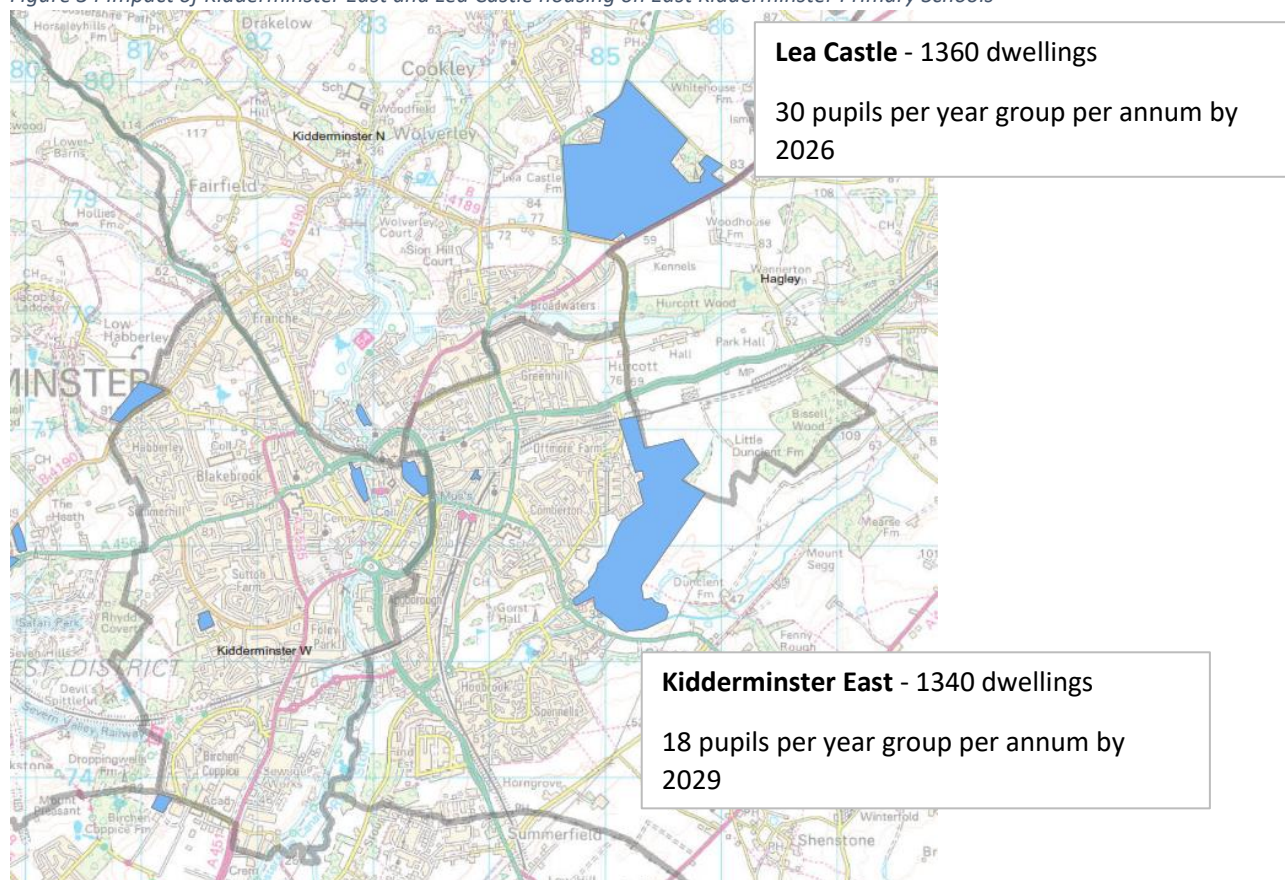
Figure 33 – Forecast number of known children at primary schools near Lea Castle 2023-2026

School	EPA	Ofsted grade	PAN	2023	2024	2025	2026
Cookley Sebright	North	Requires Improvement	30	26	24	35	26
Wolverley Sebright	North	Good	30	22	11	15	23
St Oswald's	North	Good	30	36	18	26	29
St Mary's	North	Requires Improvement	30	63	55	49	47
St George's	East	Not inspected	30	49	50	50	58
Offmore	East	Good	45	66	48	68	44
St Ambrose Catholic	East	Good	27*	-	-	-	-
Holy Trinity	East	Good	32*	-	-	-	-
Predicted additional pupils per year group from Lea Castle housing		-	-	5	12	21	30
Additional pupils from other approved local housing		-	-	12	17	17	17
Surplus / Shortfall of places		-	-	-25	19	-27	-20
Surplus within 5% of PAN		-	-	-38	6	-40	-33

*PAN adjusted to reflect these school catchments

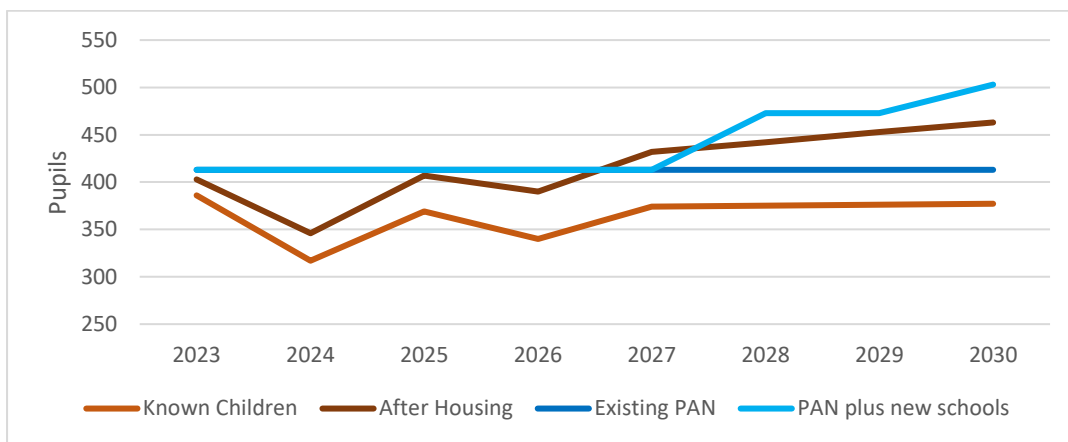
Housing

Figure 34 Impact of Kidderminster East and Lea Castle housing on East Kidderminster Primary Schools



The additional pupils forecast from these new developments prior to new schools opening are expected to fill available places in neighbouring Kidderminster Primary Schools within 2 miles. The following chart includes the impact of 1,360 dwellings to be built in the Lea Castle housing development including the new 2FE primary school, currently planned for 2028. It also includes the impact of the 1,340 Kidderminster East housing, and a proposed later opening primary school to be opened in the Comberton Road development is shown as a 1FE staged opening in 2030, though these timelines are dependent on the rate of completions on both developments. The graph uses forecasts and adjusted PANs of closest schools of North and East Kidderminster EPAs, rather than the whole EPAs. The graph shows that if new schools open as expected there will be sufficient places to meet demand (the dark brown line does not go above the light blue line).

Figure 35 – Impact of housing and new primary schools on selected North and East Kidderminster schools



Kidderminster West Primary Education Planning Area

The Kidderminster West Education Planning Area is the densely populated small area of the western side of Kidderminster town. The planning area is served by five Primary Schools (Years R-6).

3% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Kidderminster West EPA, with 67% of schools deemed as “Good”.

Primary school places are forecast to have an oversupply in Kidderminster West primary EPA

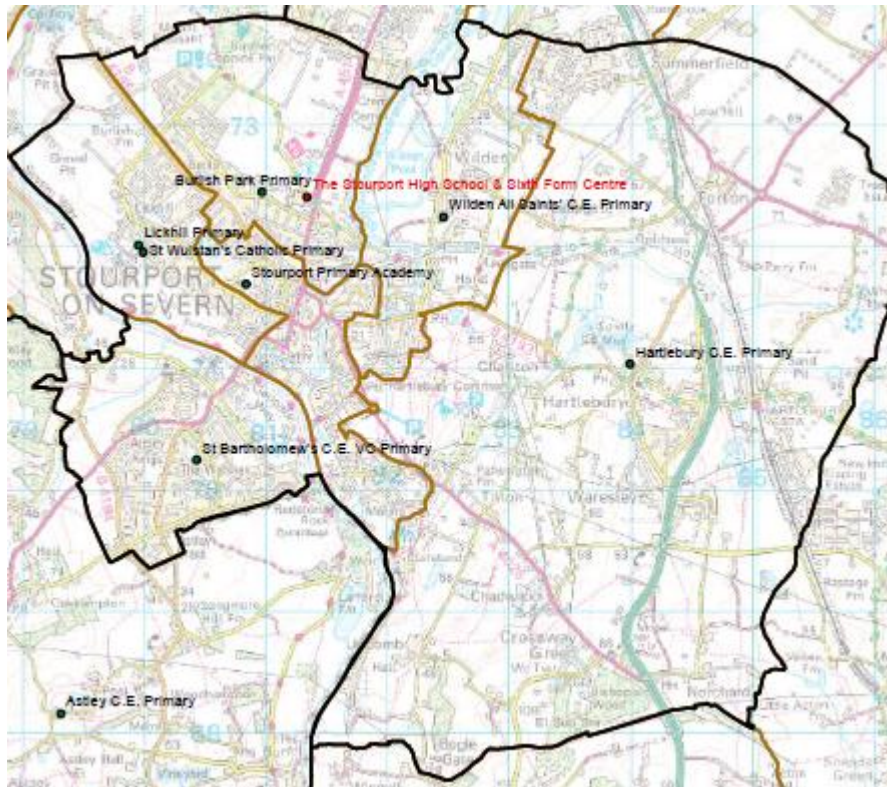
Figure 36 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Kidderminster West Primary EPA

PAN 270	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Oct-17	266	266	271	270	234	262	252
Oct-18	264	267	271	268	262	234	258
Oct-19	246	266	264	256	272	250	229
Oct-20	217	245	263	263	262	274	252
Oct-21	220	227	244	259	269	262	274
Oct-22	224	218	216	247	257	263	259
Oct-23	212	226	216	213	248	254	261
Oct-24	197	214	223	212	214	245	252
Oct-25	199	198	212	220	213	211	243
Oct-26	189	201	196	209	221	211	210

*Blue cells are where numbers on roll are less than 75% of PAN

The primary schools in Kidderminster West have more places than the children who live in this EPA and number of pupils on roll are decreasing. On average there is a large transfer of pupils between areas in Kidderminster, however this tends to balance out movement across each area. There is also a net migration of on average of 17 pupils per year from Kidderminster to schools in Bewdley and Stourport.

Stourport Education Planning Area – Primary



The Stourport Education Planning Area is made up of the town of Stourport and the rural areas immediately surrounding it. The area is split between the district councils of Wychavon and Wyre Forest. The planning area is served by seven Primary Schools (Years R-6).

Primary school places are forecast to be sufficient in Stourport primary EPA

3% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Stourport, with 13% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 63% deemed as 'Good'.

Birth rates have dropped from a high of 249 in 2019 to near 190 in the last 3 years.

Figure 37 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Stourport Primary EPA

PAN 275	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Oct-17	246	245	239	242	215	253	244
Oct-18	235	247	248	244	252	220	259
Oct-19	226	233	241	245	246	246	212
Oct-20	240	229	233	241	243	242	244
Oct-21	210	245	226	230	245	239	240
Oct-22	186	220	246	225	234	244	237
Oct-23	227	192	222	248	231	235	245
Oct-24	186	237	197	228	259	236	240
Oct-25	196	194	241	202	236	261	239
Oct-26	199	203	197	244	209	238	263

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Figure 38 – Known Children and forecast at Stourport Primary schools

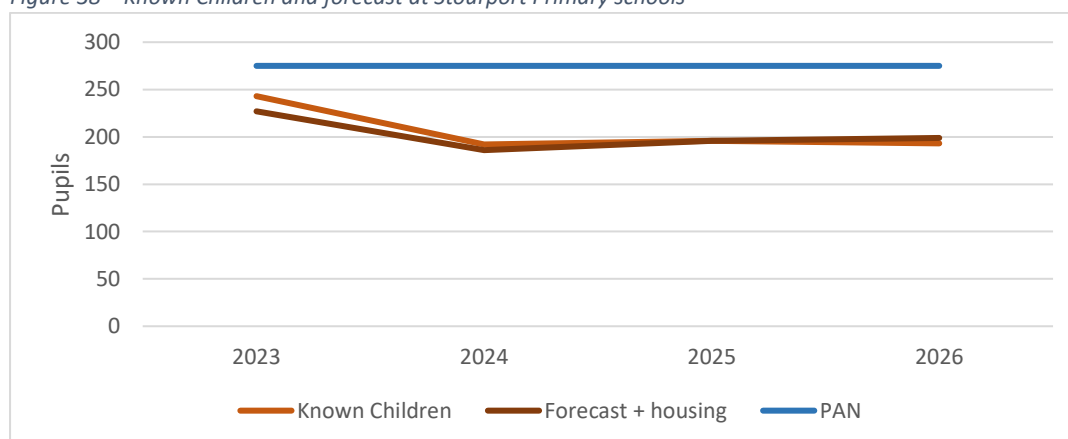


Figure 39 – Known Children plus housing at Stourport Primaries

	PAN	2023*	2024	2025	2026
Stourport Primary Academy	45	34	49	38	49
St Bartholomew's CE Primary	45	24	48	53	60
Lickhill CE Primary	30	26	29	31	29
Burlish Park Primary	60	45	43	53	39
Hartlebury CE Primary	30	29	24	29	31
Wilden All Saints CE Primary	30	20	25	27	26
St Wulstan's Catholic Primary	30	12	17	18	17
Total	275	190	189	201	204
Surplus		85	56	44	41

*2023 Allocations

There are new housing planning applications approved for over 700 dwellings over the next 4 years, which are forecast to generate additional pupils in the EPA. These additional pupils are included

within figure 39. The new dwellings are mainly in the catchment areas of St Bartholomew’s, Stourport Primary Academy and Burlish Park.

However, surplus places are forecast to continue in Stourport Primary EPA, therefore one or more primary schools in Stourport could consider lowering their PAN temporarily.

Wyre Forest Secondary Education Planning Area

The Wyre Forest Secondary Education Planning Area is the made up of the entirety of Wyre Forest District, apart from Blakedown, which is in the Hagley planning area. The planning area is served by five Secondary Schools (Years 7-13) and the Holy Trinity all-through school (Years R-13).

Secondary school places are forecast to be insufficient in Wyre Forest Secondary EPA due to major housing proposed.

Figure 40 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Wyre Forest Secondary EPA

PAN 1093	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13
Oct-17	892	888	866	892	814	892	888
Oct-18	990	888	889	857	857	990	888
Oct-19	1017	995	873	883	840	1017	995
Oct-20	929	989	909	824	805	929	989
Oct-21	999	926	982	946	849	999	926
Oct-22	1029	988	921	981	931	1029	988
Oct-23	1032	1033	978	928	967	329	245
Oct-24	1060	1039	1025	987	919	343	291
Oct-25	1025	1060	1025	1028	971	323	297
Oct-26	1024	1025	1045	1027	1010	341	280
Oct-27	1043	1023	1010	1046	1008	355	294
Oct-28	980	1035	1000	1003	1019	351	299
Oct-29	969	972	1011	993	977	355	296
Oct-30	956	961	950	1004	967	340	299

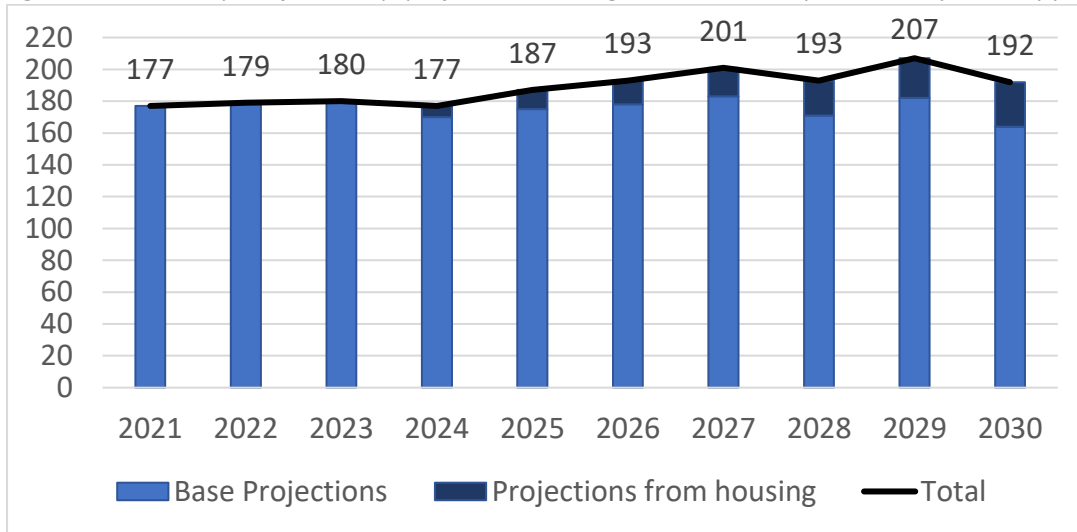
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Housing

Lea Castle Phase 1 (900 homes) is well underway, phase 2 (900) is delayed pending signing of the S106 Education Planning Obligations agreement for the developer’s contributions. The new dwellings are expected to yield an additional 30 secondary age pupils per year group by 2028 and 51 by 2035.

Phase 1 of Lea Castle housing development required a permanent increase of the PAN at Wolverley CE Secondary School from 150 to 180 from 2023. When Phase 2 is approved, we may need to consider a further increase of PAN to 210.

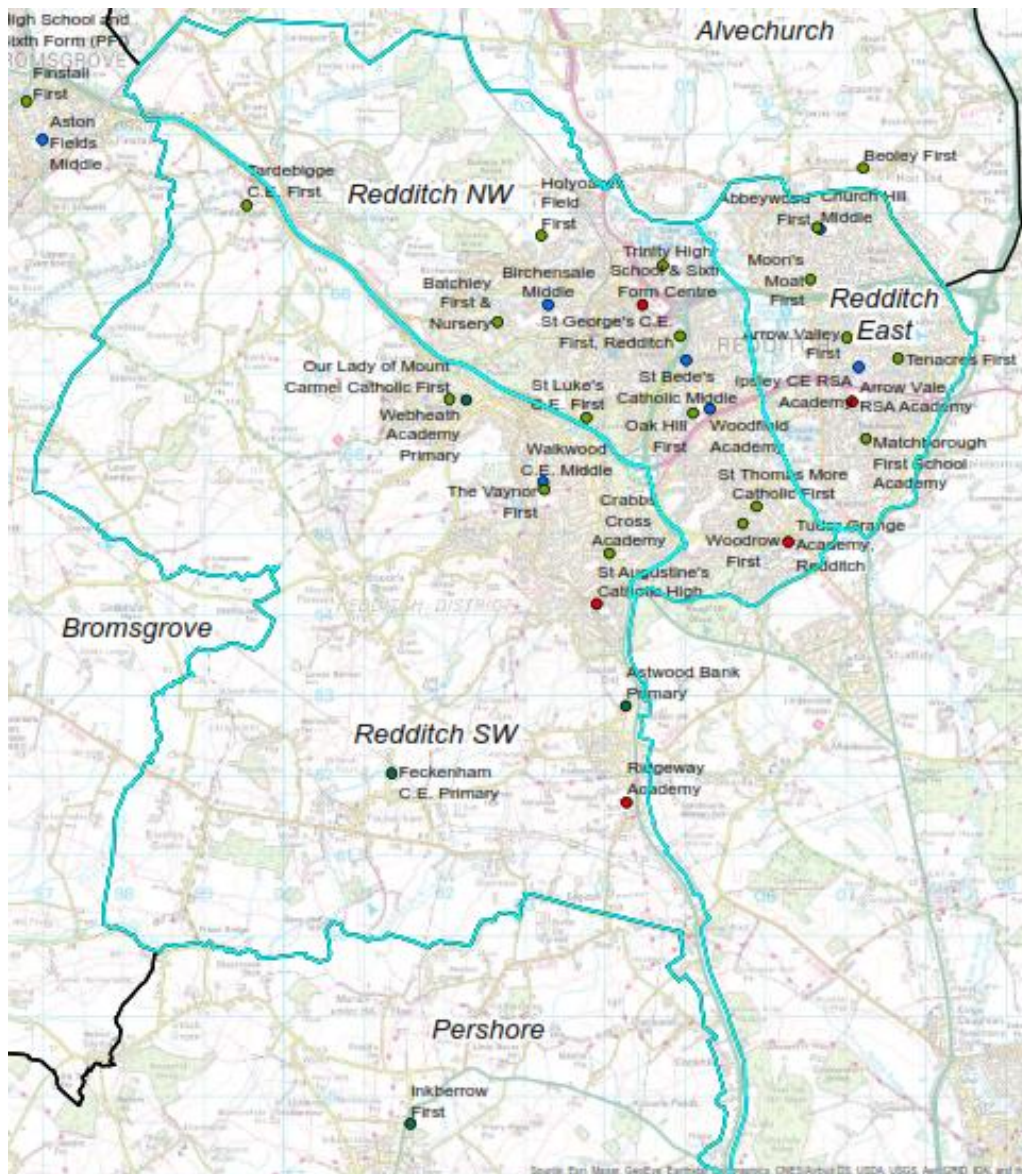
Figure 41– Relative impact of addition pupils from new housing at Year 7 Wolverley CE Secondary School by year



Pupils living in the Wolverley catchment area but already attending primary schools outside the Wolverley catchment are more likely to attend secondary schools with their peers, though they would have priority should they apply to Wolverley CE Secondary School. The pupils living outside the Wolverley catchment, but choosing Wolverley, if they cannot be admitted will find places at their catchment secondary school.

Holy Trinity does not have a catchment but frequently fills to PAN. Parental preferences have on average diverted pupils towards Wolverley CE Secondary and away from Baxter College. There are also strong parental preferences in Kidderminster towards secondary schools in Stourport and Bewdley, though across the Wyre Forest District there are sufficient places.

Redditch District

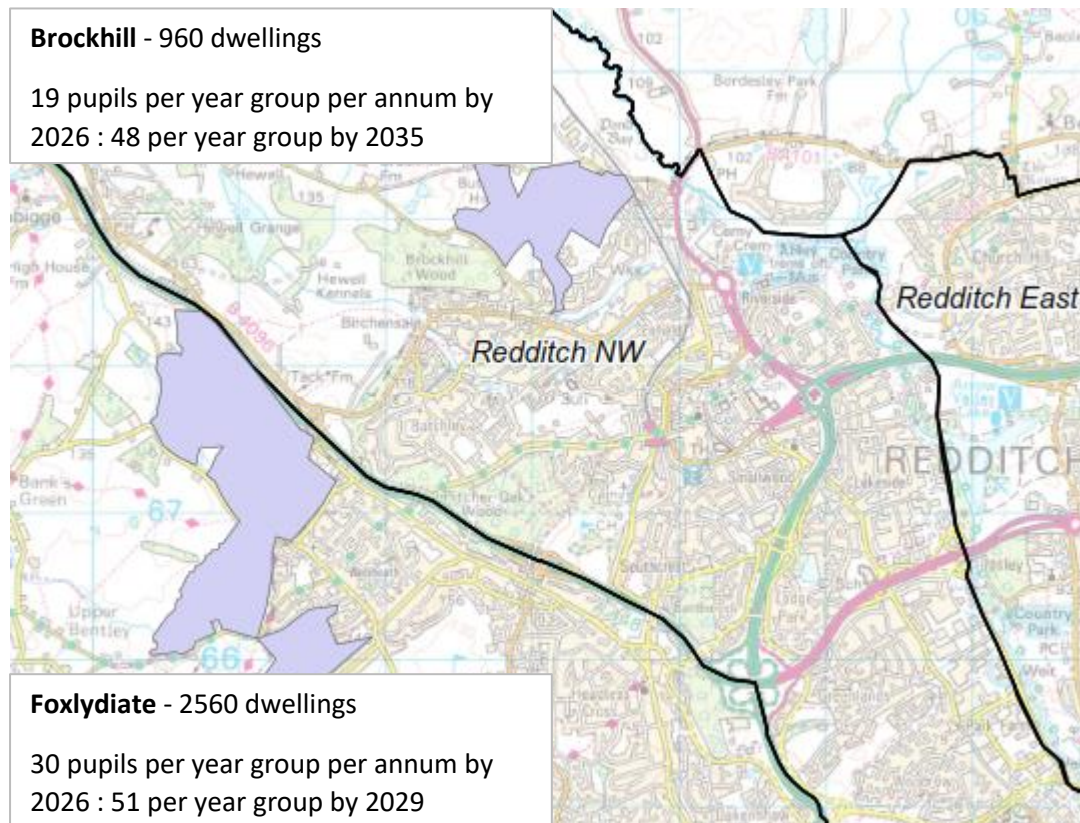


The Redditch Education Planning Area is made up of the town of Redditch and the immediate surrounding areas. The majority of the area encompasses the Redditch District Council, but also covers a small area of the Bromsgrove and Wychavon Districts.

The planning area is served by eighteen First Schools (Years R-4), two Primary Schools (Years R-6), six Middle schools (Years 5-8), three High Schools (Years 9-13) and one Secondary School (Years 7-13). These are broken down into 3 First EPAs, 3 Middle EPAs and 1 Secondary EPA.

Housing

Figure 42 – Large Housing Developments in Redditch



Redditch NW First Education Planning Area

8% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Redditch NW EPA, with 7% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 60% deemed as 'Good'.

First School places are forecast to be insufficient in Northwest (NW) Redditch EPA due to major housing development

Housing

The Brockhill housing development is to the north-west of Redditch. Brockhill will be built out to 960 dwellings by 2037, which is 325 by 2026. This is expected to increase demand for places at first schools in NW Redditch by 19 places in 2026. The forecast below includes this growth.

Figure 43 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Redditch NW First EPA

PAN 435	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4
Oct-17	408	439	419	416	396
Oct-18	417	401	428	417	418
Oct-19	432	413	387	420	420
Oct-20	373	433	402	387	410
Oct-21	373	390	433	405	382
Oct-22	363	388	389	435	407
Oct-23	437	372	385	392	437
Oct-24	400	448	371	390	397
Oct-25	442	407	442	372	390
Oct-26	404	449	400	442	372

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There is a localised shortfall in the Holyoakes Field catchment related to new housing, but since applications spread between NW and SW Redditch then there are sufficient school places. In September 2023 Holyoakes Field First School was oversubscribed but had no refusals from pupils residing in the catchment. With high numbers of known children, increasing due to the Brockhill development, this means many applications spread southwards through Redditch. For the previous 5 years on average 85 pupils from NW Redditch attended schools in SW Redditch.

The new Holyoakes Field First School has sufficient land to enable a 1FE expansion. We will monitor the additional first school aged pupils and confirm when the additional places are required.

Redditch SW First & Primary Education Planning Area

4% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Redditch SW EPA, with 13% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 75% deemed as 'Good'.

First School places are forecast to be insufficient in Southwest (SW) Redditch EPA due to major housing growth

Housing

The Foxlydiat housing development is to the west of Redditch. Foxlydiat will be built out to 2,560 dwellings by 2037. Combined with the Brockhill development equates to a demand for 30 more reception places by 2026 and 51 more reception places by 2029. The Foxlydiat housing development sits within the Bromsgrove District Council boundary yet borders Redditch district council. The new housing development sits within the catchment areas of Tardebigge First School, Birchensale Middle School and Trinity High School and Sixth Form. We would therefore expect the majority of pupils from the new housing to choose to transition into those Middle and High schools with catchment areas including their home.

In October 2023, Cabinet approved a new 3FE (90 places per year group) First school with nursery to be delivered on the Foxlydiat site currently expected to be open in 2027 to accommodate the additional pupils from these housing developments. This addition is in line with the preferences of parents in Redditch.

Any additional places required can be supported by the other First and Primary Schools in the SW Redditch.

Figure 44 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Redditch SW First EPA

PAN 330	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4
Oct-17	327	353	344	343	315
Oct-18	332	329	352	346	345
Oct-19	320	326	336	357	345
Oct-20	346	323	330	334	355
Oct-21	331	342	322	317	331
Oct-22	321	330	343	321	310
Oct-23	342	322	334	343	321
Oct-24	319	342	326	334	342
Oct-25	322	323	349	329	337
Oct-26	362	322	326	349	328

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The known children in southwest Redditch are 200-300 therefore this forecast includes numbers of transfers from the northwest Redditch EPA. At the same time, since only Batchley, Webheath and Our Lady of Mount Carmel are within a 2-mile safe walking route of the Foxlydiate development, the analysis below shows a more detailed look at reception provision within walking distance for pupils at the Foxlydiate development. There are insufficient first school places by 2027 within walking distance of the new Foxlydiate housing development.

Figure 45 Known 3+ Children and Housing near Foxlydiate 2023-2026

Schools & catchments within 2 miles of Foxlydiate	PAN	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Tardebigge/Batchley shared catchment*		10	15	14	19	19
Webheath	60	54	57	48	68	60
Batchley	60	46	36	36	30	36
Our Lady of Mt Carmel	20**					
Predicted pupils per year group from new housing		2	3	10	19	30
Surplus / Shortfall of places		28	9	32	4	-5

*Of the 3 Tardebigge shared catchments only this catchment is within the same walking distance of the schools shown.

Redditch East First Education Planning Area

4% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Redditch East EPA, with 13% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 63% deemed as 'Good'.

First School places are forecast to be sufficient in Eastern Redditch

There are forecast sufficient places in the first schools in the eastern area of Redditch. If pupil numbers in the west of the town exceed places, places are available in the eastern First schools, though some of these are beyond the 2 miles statutory walking distance limit.

Figure 46 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Redditch East First EPA

PAN 300	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4
Oct-17	240	309	249	258	244
Oct-18	262	232	310	237	253
Oct-19	235	260	242	305	234
Oct-20	273	239	265	244	307
Oct-21	209	267	240	263	244
Oct-22	235	216	268	249	268
Oct-23	255	236	221	268	250
Oct-24	234	256	241	221	270
Oct-25	259	235	262	242	223
Oct-26	235	261	241	262	244

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Redditch SouthWest Middle Education Planning Area

Middle School places are forecast to be sufficient in southwest (SW) Redditch

Ridgeway Academy School changed the age range from Year 5 to Year 8, admitting its last Year 5 in 2021 to become a Secondary School. This change reduced the number of year 5 and 6 places available in Western Redditch for pupils wishing to use the 3-tier system. Some Year 7 pupils choose to attend Studley High, a secondary school just outside the county, in Warwickshire. These trends also involve a high transfer of pupils between SW and NW Redditch.

Figure 47 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Redditch SW Middle EPA

PAN 313	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8
Oct-17	338	313	267	249
Oct-18	286	326	267	246
Oct-19	313	281	235	260
Oct-20	309	309	193	231
Oct-21	327	307	223	195
Oct-22	294	331	241	212
Oct-23	282	293	251	235
Oct-24	292	280	222	244
Oct-25	314	293	215	220
Oct-26	305	312	222	209
Oct-27	297	303	236	216

Oct-28	314	294	229	228
Oct-29	293	311	222	222
Oct-30	291	290	235	215

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Redditch NorthWest Middle Education Planning Area

Middle School places are forecast to be insufficient in northwest (NW) Redditch

Figure 48 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Redditch NW Middle EPA

PAN 460	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8
Oct-17	408	455	402	404
Oct-18	441	426	441	410
Oct-19	456	444	416	435
Oct-20	466	463	435	417
Oct-21	468	464	459	438
Oct-22	430	472	465	456
Oct-23	459	440	468	470
Oct-24	495	471	439	475
Oct-25	445	504	466	442
Oct-26	437	452	497	468
Oct-27	416	445	446	499
Oct-28	493	422	438	447
Oct-29	447	501	416	439
Oct-30	492	453	493	417

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Trends show that Walkwood Middle School and St Bede's Middle School attract many pupils who would otherwise transfer to Woodfield Academy or Birchensale Middle School. In NW Redditch the Year 5 cohort is forecast to be almost 2FE (60 places) over current PAN in 2024, and is forecast to be over PAN in future years too. Therefore, there is need for a permanent increase of 1FE (30 places) in 2024, with an extra 30 place bulge for this cohort.

The Foxlydiate housing development is to the west of Redditch. Foxlydiate will be built out to 2,560 dwellings by 2037, which is forecast to yield more middle school aged children. The new housing development sits within the catchment area of Birchensale Middle School. We would therefore expect the majority of pupils from the new housing to choose the Middle school with its catchment area including their home.

In 2023 in consultation with Birchensale Middle School and Bordesley MAT Trust, an agreement was made for Birchensale to expand by 1FE (30 places) and take an additional bulge year group into Year 5 in September 2024. A project to deliver the necessary additional accommodation is in progress.

Redditch East Middle Education Planning Area

Middle School places are forecast to be insufficient in Redditch East.

In Eastern Redditch, RSA Church Hill and Ipsley Middle Schools accommodated bulge year groups in September 2021 into Year 5. There are further forecast peaks of pupils expected in the cohort starting year 5 in 2023 and again 2025. The additional accommodation provided for the current bulge year group will be used again in 2025 after the 2021 bulge leaves, but additional accommodation is required for the 2023 higher pupil numbers. In 2023, in consultation with Church Hill Middle and Central Region Schools Trust, an agreement was made for the additional bulge year groups. A project to deliver the necessary additional accommodation is in progress.

Figure 49 – Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Redditch East Middle EPA

PAN 240	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8
Oct-17	232	254	212	205
Oct-18	229	227	242	214
Oct-19	241	238	229	244
Oct-20	248	236	236	233
Oct-21	299	249	238	230
Oct-22	254	301	250	245
Oct-23	268	256	301	254
Oct-24	250	270	256	305
Oct-25	270	253	270	260
Oct-26	223	272	253	274
Oct-27	244	226	272	257
Oct-28	262	244	224	274
Oct-29	240	263	243	226
Oct-30	264	241	261	245

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Redditch High Education Planning Area

St Augustine's High School is an Outstanding high school and is frequently oversubscribed. Many pupils transfer from non-Catholic First Schools to St Bede's Middle School and then on to St Augustine's High School. Since 2018 on average 70 pupils transfer from Walkwood Middle School annually to St Augustine's High School.

High School places are forecast to be sufficient in Redditch EPA.

Figure 50 – Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Redditch High EPA

PAN 1027	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13
Oct-17	856	716	710	353	268
Oct-18	824	837	703	325	281
Oct-19	864	824	818	342	259
Oct-20	933	864	811	374	307
Oct-21	892	925	853	328	348
Oct-22	861	886	901	370	289
Oct-23	913	862	877	407	325
Oct-24	959	915	855	397	358
Oct-25	1020	961	907	387	349
Oct-26	912	1017	946	408	337
Oct-27	944	919	1024	953	413
Oct-28	956	937	902	459	820
Oct-29	183	190	203	176	192
Oct-30	216	183	188	201	172

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The forecast for the Year 9 intake into 2025 is forecast at or above 98% of the total EPA PAN.

Figure 51 – Forecast Year 9 numbers on roll for Redditch High Schools 2023-2026

School	Ofsted	PAN	2023	2024	2025	2026
Arrow Vale RSA	Outstanding	224	240	243	239	214
Trinity	Good	252	252	265	265	259
St Augustine's RC	Outstanding	235	235	232	259	259
Tudor Grange Academy	Good	180	109	139	164	137
Ridgeway Academy	Inadequate	90*	72	84	96	61
Surplus / Shortfall of places			84	34	-26	67

*Ridgeway increased PAN from 60 to 90

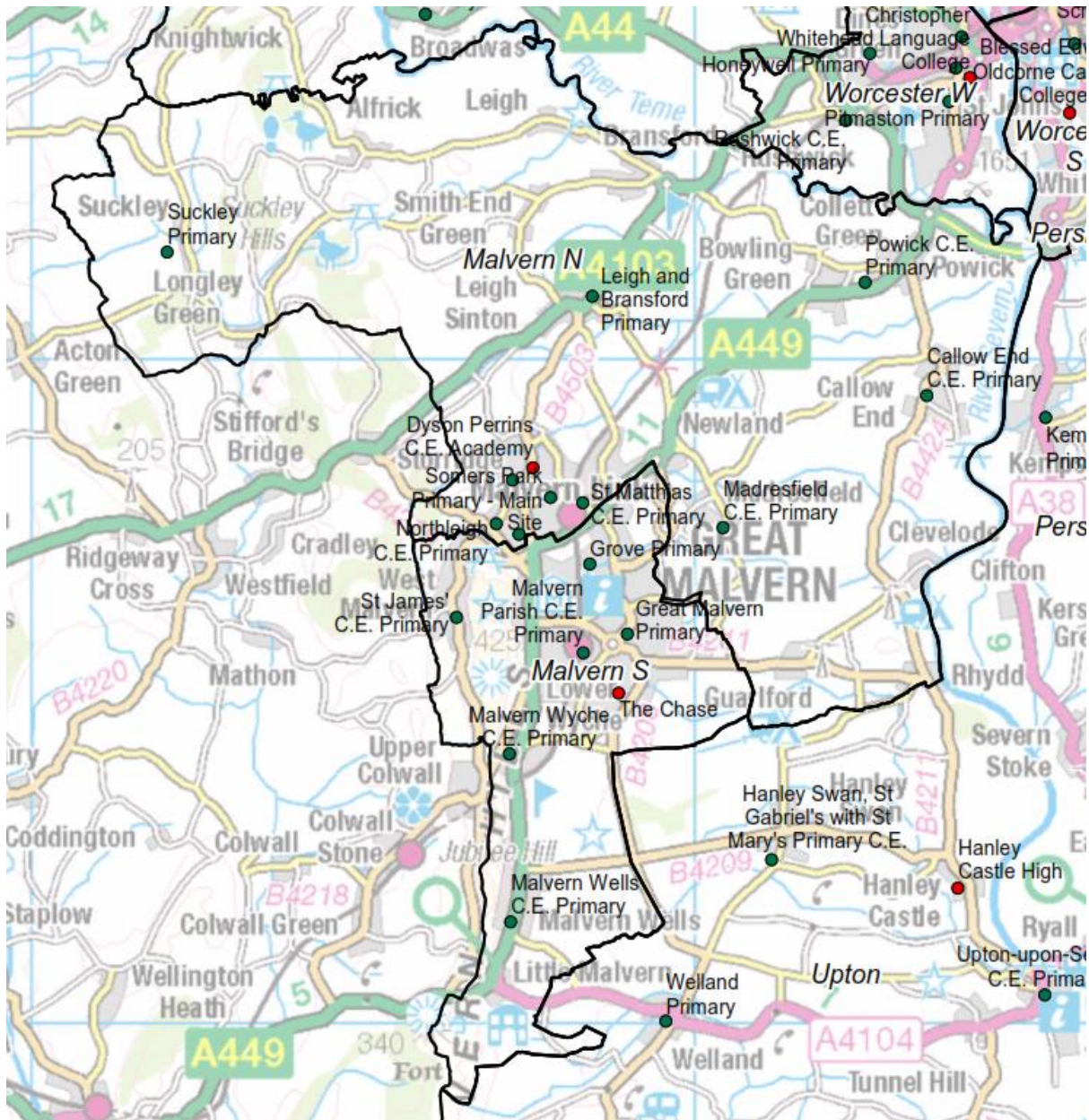
Figure 51 shows the expected numbers on roll in year 9 if pupils transferred according to their feeder schools. However, due to strong parental preferences in favour of the Trinity and St Augustine's High Schools, these are over-subscribed whilst Tudor Grange Academy and Ridgeway Academy have surplus places. This table assumes all pupils transfer to their feeder high schools but on average Tudor Grange Academy and Trinity High all have net capacity assessments over their current numbers on roll, so there are options to increase intakes in 2025-2026 if necessary.

A secondary school rated 'Outstanding' just over the county border in Warwickshire, attracts pupils from the three Redditch primary schools (Astwood Bank, Webheath and Feckenham), which would otherwise feed into Ridgeway Academy. Data from Astwood Bank, Webheath and Feckenham Primary Schools suggests the numbers transferring to Ridgeway Academy as a High School (55%) are returning to what they were when Ridgeway was a middle school (58%).

Malvern Hills District

The Malvern Hills District consists of 5 EPAs: Upton, Malvern North, Malvern South, Martley and Tenbury. They are all 2 tier.

Malvern North Primary Education Planning Area



The Malvern North Primary EPA is made up of the northern end of Malvern and the surrounding rural area. The entirety of the area sits within the District Council of Malvern Hills. The planning area is served by ten Primary Schools (Years R-6).

4% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Malvern North EPA, with 25% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 67% deemed as 'Good'.

There is a forecast oversupply of primary school places in the Malvern North Primary EPA between 2023 and 2026.

Figure 52 – Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Malvern North Primary EPA

PAN 265	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Oct-17	246	259	262	250	250	241	239
Oct-18	247	254	252	256	250	253	243
Oct-19	236	254	248	254	248	238	252
Oct-20	208	239	255	241	248	246	234
Oct-21	246	214	240	258	242	242	251
Oct-22	225	257	221	249	268	245	254
Oct-23	227	238	262	227	254	271	254
Oct-24	218	244	248	273	237	262	284
Oct-25	241	228	247	252	277	238	269
Oct-26	235	250	229	249	253	275	243

*Yellow cells have numbers on roll at or above 95% of PAN, orange cells have numbers on roll at or above 98% of PAN and blue cells less than 75% of PAN

The rural schools to the north and east of Malvern North EPA are popular and attract some pupils from the town. There are also popular schools in Malvern South EPA and recent housing developments are attracting young families and therefore higher pupil numbers. In between, in the north end of Great Malvern, are several primary schools competing for a small and decreasing number of children.

The expansion of Somers Park Primary School on the satellite site of Malvern Vale was delivered in 2019 to prepare for new families moving into the Newlands housing development (800 dwellings). However, approval for the housing development is still pending.

The Grove and Northleigh Primary schools reduced the number of places on offer per year group since 2020 by 30 (15 places each). The analysis in figure 47 shows that there is still an oversupply of places after factoring in south to north preferences and additional pupils from housing.

If the housing development in Newlands for 800 dwellings has occupied houses in 2025, the surplus in 2026 only reduces to 32 after expected south to north transfers.

Figure 53 – Comparison of Known Children to PAN of Malvern Town Primary Schools

School	EPA	PAN	Allocations 2023	2023	2024	2025	2026
St Matthias CE	North	30	23	68	53	63	57
Somers Park**	North	88	73	-	-	-	-
St Joseph's RC**	North	30	14	-	-	-	-
Northleigh CE	North	30	17	6	11	9	4
Madresfield CE	North	15	15	4	4	4	2
St James CE	North	15	3	4	7	6	7
Shared North Catchments	North			44	34	35	47
Sub-total		208	145	126	109	117	117
Expected pupils from approved housing				0	5	10	10
Surplus places after housing				82	94	81	81
After South to North Preferences.*			63	49	61	48	48
Grove	South	30	27	14	17	12	20
Great Malvern	South	48	48	1	1	0	0
Malvern Parish	South	30	30	9	9	7	17
Wyche CE	South	20	20	12	14	9	12
Malvern Wells CE	South	15	6	8	6	5	12
Shared South Catchments	South			144	112	89	84
Sub-total		143	131	188	159	122	145
Expected pupils from approved Housing				4	9	13	16
Surplus places after housing				-49	-25	8	-18
After South to North Preferences.*			12	-16	8	41	15
Combined totals for town		351	276	314	268	239	262
Surplus places after housing			75	33	69	89	63

*An average 33 pupils per year group from the south of Great Malvern attended schools in the north

**Neither Somers Park nor St Joseph's RC Primary Schools have a catchment area

St Joseph's RC Primary School has had an average intake of 13 for a PAN of 30 for the last 5 years. These low numbers are expected to continue.

Although primary schools in Malvern Town have an oversupply of places, the rural primary schools to the north of the Town (Suckley and Leigh and Bransford) are oversubscribed. Since the known children numbers for these schools are at or less than PAN, the extra demand for places is not from the local catchments but from the town catchment areas and outside the county.

Figure 54 – Known children by year of arrival in reception in Malvern Rural Primary Schools 2023-2026

School	Ofsted	PAN	2023	2024	2025	2026
Suckley	Outstanding	12	12	10	11	9
Leigh & Bransford	Good	30	29	25	27	25

Primary schools in Malvern North EPA could consider reducing their PANs.

Malvern South Primary Education Planning Area

The Malvern South Primary EPA is made up of the southern end of Malvern. The entirety of the area sits within the District Council of Malvern Hills. The planning area is served by six Primary Schools (Years R-6).

3% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Malvern South EPA, with 67% of schools deemed as 'Good'.

Primary School places are forecast to be sufficient in Malvern South Primary EPA.

The analysis in figure 55 shows that there are similar numbers of places to pupils to 2026, though there are forecast additional pupils from housing later. There are 240 dwellings remaining to be built near Malvern Parish CE Primary School, with another 200 proposed but not approved. In total these dwellings are likely to add 12 pupils per year group per year by 2026.

Parental preference for schools in Malvern North EPA and outside Malvern leaves Malvern South with sufficient places.

Figure 55 – Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Malvern South Primary EPA

PAN 143	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Oct-17	127	130	146	131	150	137	123
Oct-18	133	122	129	143	130	148	135
Oct-19	112	126	123	126	143	132	147
Oct-20	108	115	127	127	125	140	128
Oct-21	127	110	119	134	134	132	138
Oct-22	130	129	110	119	128	132	135
Oct-23	134	132	133	114	122	132	134
Oct-24	119	138	138	139	119	127	135
Oct-25	99	121	142	142	142	122	129
Oct-26	125	99	124	145	143	144	122

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Malvern Secondary Education Planning Area

The Malvern Secondary EPA is made up of the town of Malvern and the surrounding rural area to the north and east. The entirety of the area sits within the District Council of Malvern Hills. The planning area is served by seventeen Primary Schools (Years R-6) and two secondary schools (Years 7-11), of which one, The Chase, has a sixth form. The Chase school is in the south end of Malvern whilst Dyson Perrins College is in the north, though all the pupils within Malvern North and Malvern South feed into both schools.

Secondary School places are forecast to be sufficient in Malvern Secondary EPA.

The two Malvern secondary schools share the entire planning area and have forecast sufficient capacity for all secondary age children. There is a preference in applications for The Chase over Dyson Perrins CE Secondary. There is also a strong preference for pupils living in the south of Malvern to attend Hanley Castle in the Upton planning area.

Figure 56 – Forecast for Year 7 Malvern Secondary Schools 2023-2026

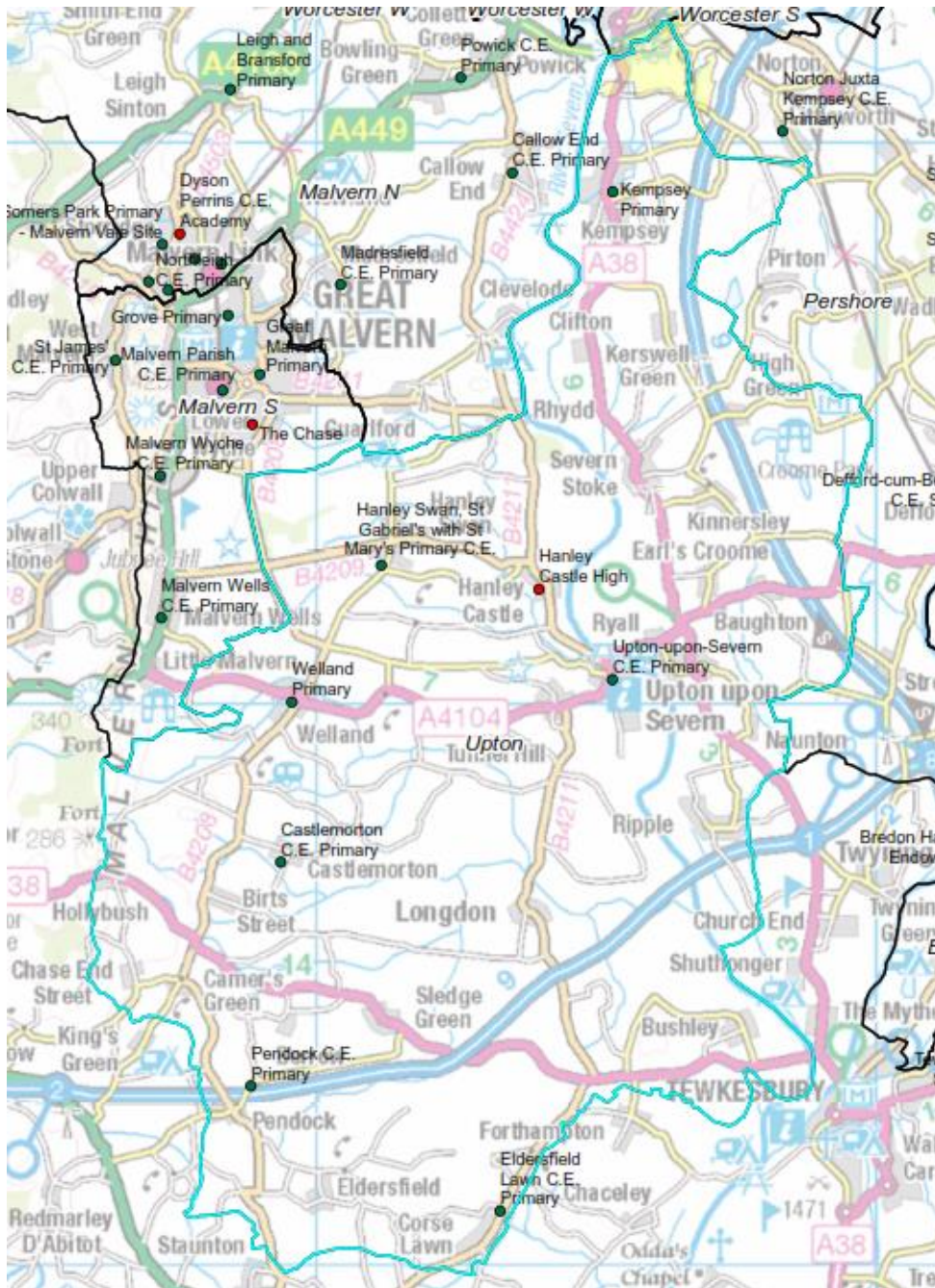
School	Ofsted	PAN	2023	2024	2025	2026
Dyson Perrins CE	Good	168	143	138	145	135
The Chase	Good	240	238	229	240	225

Figure 57 – Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Malvern Secondary EPA

PAN 408	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13
Oct-17	336	354	331	316	333	148	132
Oct-18	328	336	353	331	299	175	147
Oct-19	333	331	329	349	324	148	165
Oct-20	343	299	325	375	316	134	145
Oct-21	352	377	330	329	325	154	124
Oct-22	379	358	373	332	320	132	136
Oct-23	389	386	367	389	315	151	129
Oct-24	381	395	394	382	367	148	147
Oct-25	406	387	403	409	360	173	144
Oct-26	385	411	393	417	384	169	165
Oct-27	365	390	418	408	392	180	162
Oct-28	424	369	396	433	383	184	173
Oct-29	396	429	375	411	407	180	176
Oct-30	414	402	438	391	388	191	174

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Upton Education Planning Area



The Upton Education Planning Area is located in the southwest of Worcestershire and is predominantly made up of the town of Upton-upon-Severn and Kempsey and the surrounding rural towns and villages. The area sits entirely within the District Council of Malvern Hills. The planning area is served by seven Primary Schools (Years R-6), and one Secondary School (Years 7-13). These schools offer a total of 173 Reception places and 180 Year 7 places for 2021, as well as Sixth Form provision.

Upton - Primary

Primary School places are forecast to be insufficient in Upton Primary EPA due to major housing growth

3% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Upton EPA, with 13% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with the rest deemed as 'Good'.

Castlemorton Primary School (Requires Improvement) in Upton has very low known pre-school aged children, though in the last 2 years numbers have been higher. If this trend continues the school would have more sustainable numbers on roll. The neighbouring schools do not have known children in excess of PAN. Castlemorton Primary School could consider a reduction in PAN.

Figure 58 Known children in southern Upton Primary schools

School	Ofsted	PAN	Average intake*	2023	2024	2025	2026
Castlemorton CE	Good	15	9.4	4	4	8	7
Eldersfield Lawn CE	Outstanding	15	16.4	7	7	4	5
Pendock CE	Good	8	4.4	4	3	3	4

*Average reception intake 2018-2022

Over the last 5 years, reception pupil numbers have on average been 17% higher than the number of 3-year-olds resident in the planning area in the previous year. Some of these additional children will have moved into the area since the previous year, but on average 10 pupils per year migrate from Malvern and 12 per year come from Gloucestershire.

There are forecast insufficient Primary School places in Kempsey as a result of the proposed the South Worcester Urban Expansion (SWUE) housing and developments around the village of Kempsey.

Housing

Major housing in South Worcester (Hopfields) totalling circa 5300 homes up to 2037 is planned. The SWUE housing lies in the Kempsey Primary school catchment area. The first phase of the development (238 dwellings) is complete. The Section 106 Education Planning Obligations agreement for the developer's contributions was signed for the South Worcester site on 17th October 2022 and includes the funding of a new 2FE Primary School with nursery.

1000+ new dwellings are expected to be delivered up to 2030, with an expected yield of additional 31 (1FE) of primary pupils by 2028. Ahead of the new school being delivered, the mitigation for places will include some pupils having to be offered school places further than 2 miles from home, therefore incurring transport costs for the LA.

Figure 59 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Upton Primary EPA

PAN 188	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Oct-17	139	126	129	147	137	141	149
Oct-18	123	141	133	132	152	135	146
Oct-19	153	132	143	142	143	153	138
Oct-20	162	153	136	143	140	145	151
Oct-21	142	162	157	142	145	147	148
Oct-22	137	140	164	155	146	149	148
Oct-23	147	147	152	176	168	157	159
Oct-24	167	154	156	161	186	175	164
Oct-25	213	172	161	162	168	192	180
Oct-26	219	217	178	166	168	172	196

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Figure 60 – Forecast for Kempsey & Upton-on-Severn Primary Schools 2023-2026

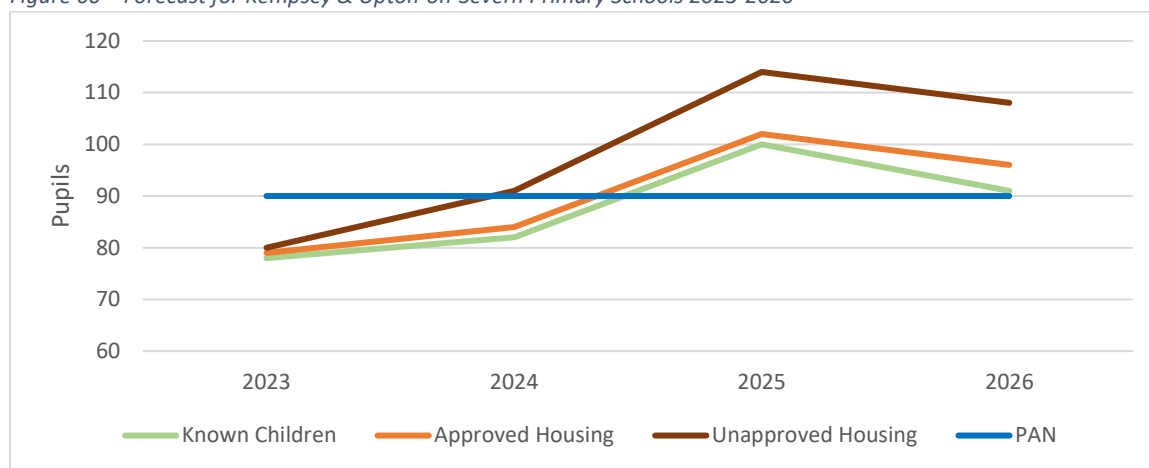


Figure 60 shows the impact of both developments already approved and those not yet agreed.

Upton - Secondary

Secondary School places are forecast to be sufficient in Upton Secondary EPA.

Over the last 5 years, 26% of the intake for Hanley Castle High School (or 47 pupils) migrate from either Malvern or outside the county.

1000+ new dwellings in the South Worcestershire Urban Expansion are expected to be delivered up to 2030, with an expected yield of additional 35 secondary pupils by 2027. This is based on a secondary age pupil yield of 0.04 pupils per 100 dwellings, though experience has shown this yield is only reached 7 years after the dwellings are completed. It is also expected that the majority of pupils from these houses will attend schools in Worcester.

The largest cohort currently in the Upton primary phase is year 2, with 164 pupils. If average growth trends continue, then this cohort would reach Year 7 at Hanley Castle High School in 2027 with 192 pupils. However, this cohort includes 24 pupils from outside the EPA. After housing growth this

cohort will be greater than 180, but those living in catchment will still be below the Hanley Castle PAN.

Figure 61 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Upton Secondary EPA

PAN 180	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13
Oct-17	176	170	171	170	153	176	170
Oct-18	181	172	169	168	169	181	172
Oct-19	178	180	174	166	168	178	180
Oct-20	178	178	178	170	165	178	178
Oct-21	184	180	175	171	166	184	180
Oct-22	183	186	174	177	173	183	186
Oct-23	193	191	192	179	184	119	104
Oct-24	203	197	193	193	183	124	115
Oct-25	205	205	198	192	195	121	118
Oct-26	224	206	204	195	193	128	115
Oct-27	243	225	205	201	196	127	121
Oct-28	218	244	223	202	201	129	119
Oct-29	218	218	242	220	202	132	121
Oct-30	222	218	216	238	220	133	124

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Martley Education Planning Area



Martley Education Planning Area is made up of the area to the North of Malvern and supports much of the rural areas and villages around Martley. The entirety of the area sits within the Malvern Hills District. The planning area is served by nine Primary Schools (Years R-6), and one Secondary School (Years 7-11). These schools offer a total of 169 Reception places and 175 Year 7 places for 2021.

Martley - Primary

Primary School places are forecast to be insufficient in Martley Primary EPA due to major housing growth.

3% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Martley EPA, with 20% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 80% deemed as 'Good'.

Housing

There is a new housing development in Astley of 57 dwellings and two developments in Martley of 135 dwellings.

Major housing in West Worcester Urban Expansion (WWUE) site of 2,365 new dwellings. Pupil projections indicate that the developments for the WWUE as submitted, will impact on pupil numbers within the area. A proposed site has been identified for a new two form entry (60 place per year group) primary and nursery school which is currently being planned to open in September 2028.

The new dwellings are expected to yield an additional 65 (2FE) primary age pupils per year group by 2028, rising to 91 (3FE) by 2031 and circa 118 when all are complete. Ahead of the new primary school being delivered, the mitigation for places will include pupils attending schools within the catchment area, but some pupils needed to attend schools further than 2 miles from home, therefore incurring transport costs for the LA.

The West Worcester Urban Expansion (WWUE) runs along the city boundary within the Broadheath CE Primary catchment. Currently there are forecast to be places available in West Worcester primary schools until after 2026, so Broadheath CE Primary is not expected to provide accommodation for pupils moving into WWUE.

Figure 62 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Martley Primary EPA

PAN 169	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Oct-17	176	156	150	149	168	141	163
Oct-18	135	178	165	159	154	169	146
Oct-19	165	145	184	169	166	163	180
Oct-20	156	163	152	191	174	168	164
Oct-21	126	158	163	155	194	175	168
Oct-22	122	135	162	173	157	198	181
Oct-23	163	133	146	175	184	167	210
Oct-24	167	179	147	162	190	198	182
Oct-25	186	178	191	160	173	200	210
Oct-26	192	193	185	200	165	178	207

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Several Martley EPA primary schools have PANs below 30 and have mixed age classes. Higher pupil numbers are distributed around the primary schools in such a way that though over PAN in some years the schools are not over their capacities. Currently, 29% of pupils at Martley EPA primary schools are from outside the EPA, therefore even with additional pupils from local housing, there are currently sufficient places for resident pupils.

Martley – Secondary

Secondary School places are forecast to be sufficient in Martley Secondary EPA.

The Chantry School is predicted to receive more applications than the school's PAN from 2023 onwards. This is largely due to large intake years in some of the planning area's primary schools.

On average only 57% of The Chantry School’s pupils reside within the EPA, pupils living in Stourport and Worcester also choose this school.

There is sufficient provision in Stourport Secondary EPA for pupils resident in Stourport to attend their local catchment secondary school. However, there is forecast to be insufficient secondary provision in Worcester Secondary EPA for Worcester resident Year 7 pupils to attend their catchment Worcester City Secondary School. Additional Worcester City Secondary places are required.

Figure 63 – Analysis of intake at The Chantry School 2023-2026

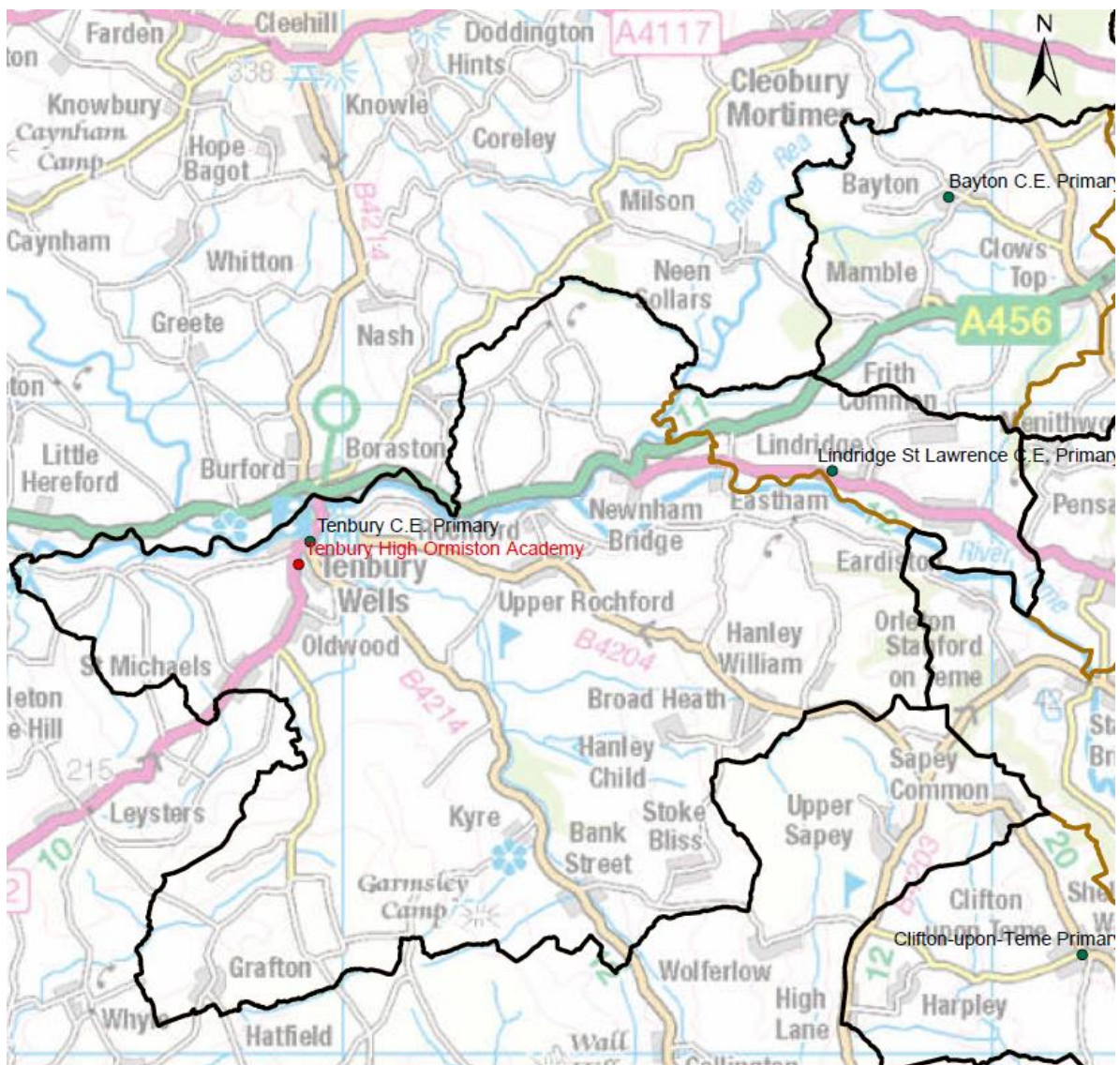
The Chantry School	2023	2024	2025	2026
Year 6 in primary schools	181	198	157	173
Y6 resident in Stourport EPA	12	15	11	15
Y6 resident in Worcester EPAs	14	11	10	12
Y6 from out of county	5	4	10	5
Y6 resident in Martley EPA	133	149	117	107
The Chantry PAN	175	175	175	175

Figure 64 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Martley Secondary EPA

PAN 175	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13
Oct-17	139	146	143	142	145	0	0
Oct-18	165	144	150	142	145	0	0
Oct-19	154	173	149	150	138	0	0
Oct-20	180	159	175	149	148	0	0
Oct-21	172	179	159	175	150	0	0
Oct-22	176	179	179	164	178	0	0
Oct-23	194	188	188	186	171	0	0
Oct-24	227	210	191	189	187	0	0
Oct-25	194	241	219	198	195	0	0
Oct-26	218	201	244	220	198	0	0
Oct-27	215	226	205	247	221	0	0
Oct-28	191	223	230	207	248	0	0
Oct-29	182	198	227	232	208	0	0
Oct-30	227	189	202	229	234	0	0

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Tenbury Education Planning Area



The Tenbury Education Planning Area covers the area in the very northwest of Worcestershire and is made up predominantly of the town of Tenbury Wells and the surrounding rural areas and villages. The area sits entirely within the District Council of Malvern Hills. The planning area is served by two Primary Schools (Years R-6), and one Secondary School (Years 7-11).

Tenbury - Primary

Primary School places are forecast to be sufficient in Tenbury Primary EPA.

1% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Tenbury EPA, with 67% of schools deemed as 'Good'.

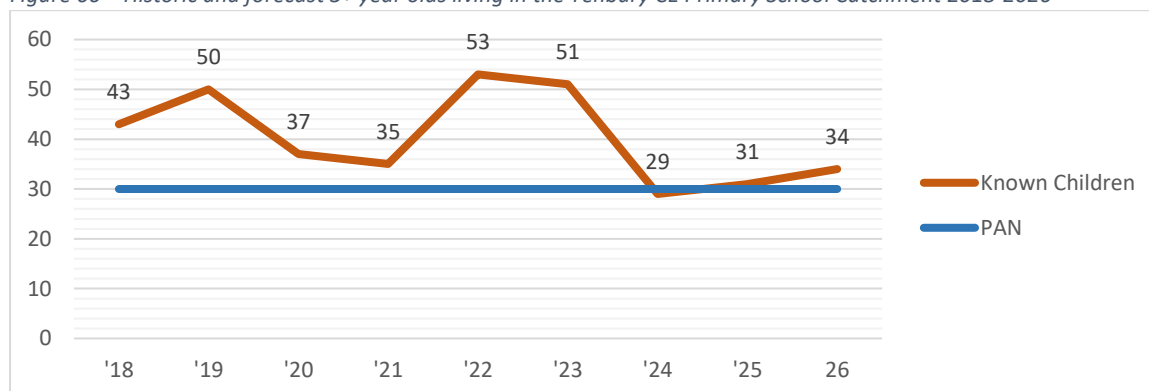
Figure 65 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Tenbury Primary EPA

PAN 45	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Oct-17	49	39	45	33	45	33	38
Oct-18	34	47	39	45	32	44	37
Oct-19	40	34	45	41	38	34	41
Oct-20	29	39	36	45	37	40	32
Oct-21	36	31	39	38	42	40	40
Oct-22	43	38	32	41	38	45	40
Oct-23	39	44	38	33	38	40	45
Oct-24	27	40	44	40	31	40	40
Oct-25	30	27	40	46	37	33	40
Oct-26	31	31	28	42	43	40	33

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There have been consistently high numbers of children living in the Tenbury catchment of Worcestershire for the past decade. The Shropshire primary school of Burford (PAN 20) is within walking distance of Tenbury Wells town. This school usually accepts 8 pupils a year from Worcestershire, so there are forecast to be sufficient primary places up to 2026.

Figure 66 – Historic and forecast 3+ year olds living in the Tenbury CE Primary School Catchment 2018-2026



Tenbury – Secondary

Secondary School places are forecast to be sufficient in Tenbury Secondary EPA.

The secondary school serving the area, Tenbury Ormiston Academy, draws on average 22 pupils a year from Shropshire and 27 from Herefordshire. It is forecast to be full or almost full in most year groups over the next several years but is easily able to meet the needs of in-catchment Worcestershire children.

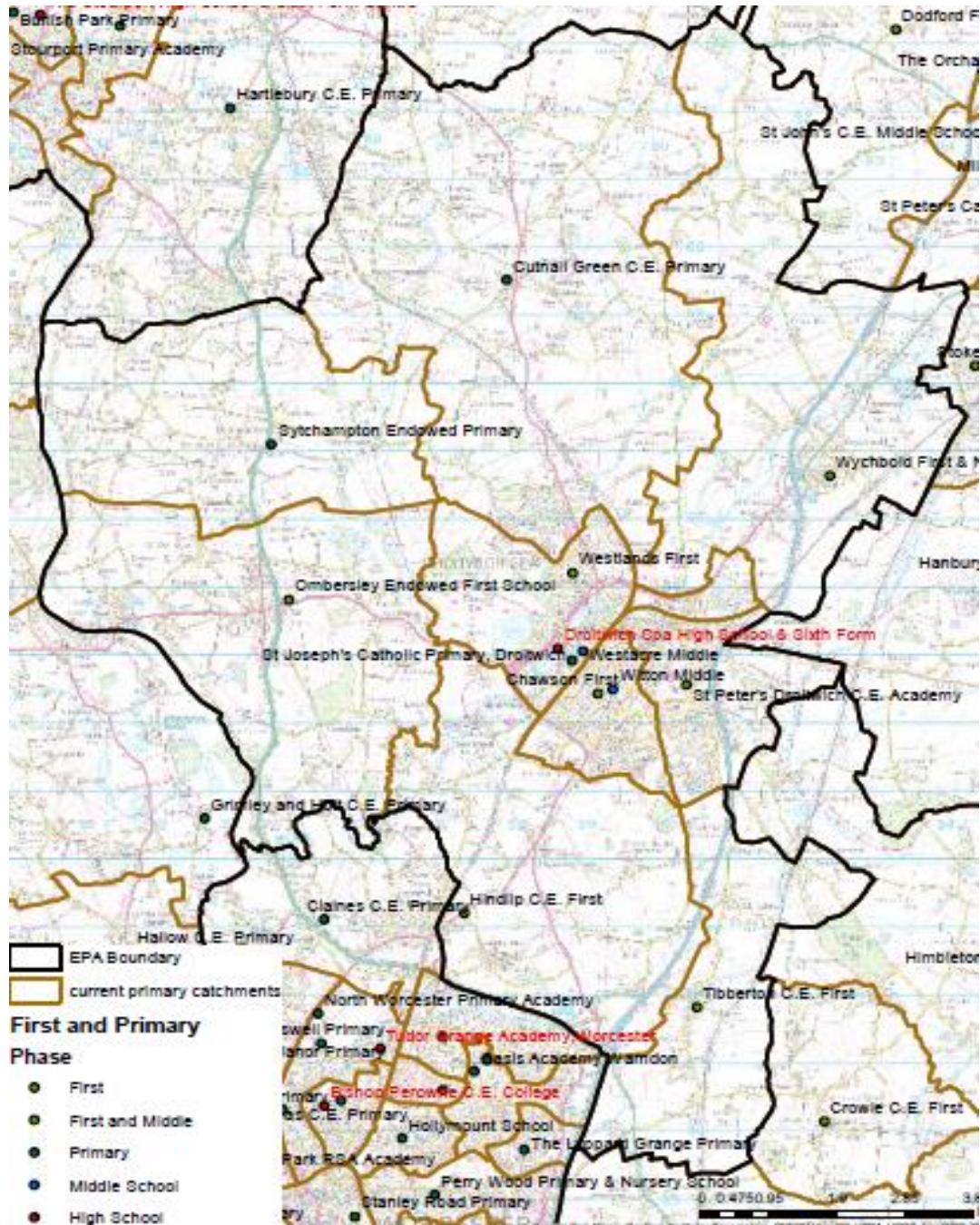
Figure 67 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Tenbury Secondary EPA

PAN 95	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13
Oct-17	78	67	84	70	58		
Oct-18	85	79	68	85	69		
Oct-19	93	84	81	72	83		
Oct-20	89	92	87	82	65		
Oct-21	111	93	87	84	79		
Oct-22	95	108	93	84	86		
Oct-23	102	95	108	93	82		
Oct-24	116	103	96	109	91		
Oct-25	103	116	103	96	106		
Oct-26	105	103	117	104	94		
Oct-27	86	105	104	118	101		
Oct-28	102	86	106	105	114		
Oct-29	117	103	86	106	102		
Oct-30	106	117	103	87	103		

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Wychavon District

Droitwich Education Planning Area



The Droitwich Education Planning Area is made up of the town of Droitwich and the surrounding rural villages. The majority of the area sits within Wychavon District Council, but also covers a small area of Wyre Forest. The planning area is served by seven First Schools (Years R-4), three Primary Schools (Years R-6), two Middle Schools (Years 5-7), and one High School and Sixth Form.

Droitwich – First & Primary

First and Primary School places are forecast to be sufficient in Droitwich Primary EPA.

5% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Droitwich EPA, with 15% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 62% deemed as 'Good'.

Housing

There have recently been several major development sites in Droitwich, around Pulley Lane, Copcut Lane and Newland Lane (c.1200 dwellings in total), now almost completely built out. As a result, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of first school aged children living in the area, which has increased demand for school places, particularly in the catchment areas of Chawson and St Peter's First Schools. Currently there are 107 dwellings yet to be completed in the Copcut Lane development, plus a further 100 dwellings near Tagwell Road in the St Peter's catchment, which are forecast to yield an additional 10 primary aged pupils per year group by 2026.

Figure 68 Surplus places in Droitwich EPA against known children

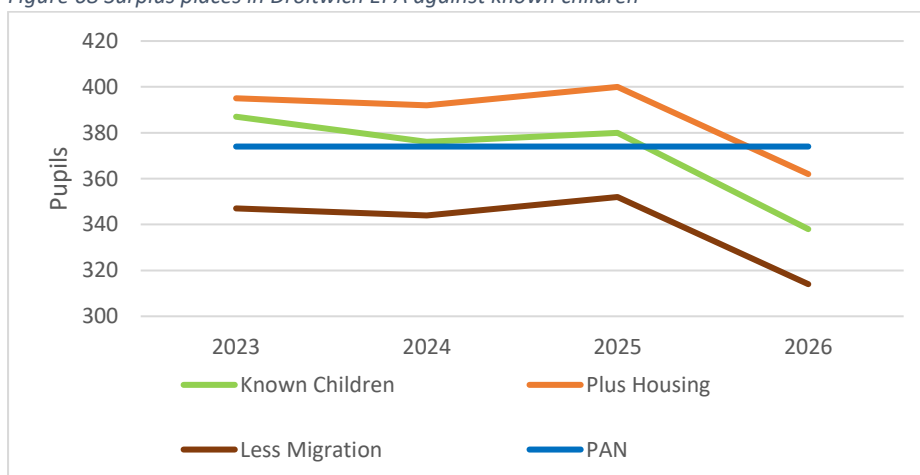


Figure 68 shows the numbers of known children living in Droitwich urban catchments are in excess of these schools' PANs. The dark brown line shows a trend of parental preferences in 2018-2022 choosing schools outside Droitwich EPA. The only refusals of pupil first preference applications in September 2023 were for Sytchampton Endowed First School, which were from families living outside of the school's catchment.

In the 2022 Sufficiency report the high numbers of known children in the forecast period 2023-2025 led to a forecasting of an insufficiency of places in the EPA. When the trend of parental preferences and transfers to special schools and to other education planning areas are considered, we no longer consider that there will be an insufficiency of provision up to 2026.

Figure 69 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Droitwich First EPA

PAN 435	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4
Oct-17	366	367	355	324	346
Oct-18	301	365	379	362	325
Oct-19	351	308	372	373	364
Oct-20	359	359	300	378	359
Oct-21	349	365	360	295	375
Oct-22	367	344	362	355	297
Oct-23	377	373	348	364	355
Oct-24	373	383	378	351	365
Oct-25	383	379	388	380	351
Oct-26	345	387	381	387	378

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Droitwich – Middle

Droitwich Middle includes two middle schools (Yr 5 – Yr 7) and also the 3 primary schools which teach to year 6. Trends show that few pupils from the primary schools tend to transfer to middle schools in year 7. This means the middle schools mainly provide for the pupils attending the first schools.

Middle School places are forecast to be sufficient in Droitwich EPA.

Figure 70 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Droitwich Middle EPA

Whole EPA	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Middle School Only	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7
Oct-17	324	313	292	PAN 330	283	268	292
Oct-18	327	327	261	PAN 300 in 2024	283	289	261
Oct-19	314	333	287		272	288	287
Oct-20	352	311	288		291	264	288
Oct-21	340	360	271		302	298	271
Oct-22	357	353	289		298	306	289
Oct-23	286	365	302		248	312	302
Oct-24	343	294	313		277	256	313
Oct-25	351	351	253		282	285	253
Oct-26	336	357	298		275	288	298
Oct-27	362	342	305		302	281	305
Oct-28	369	368	291		311	311	291
Oct-29	363	375	313		300	317	313
Oct-30	370	369	319		308	307	319

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The impact of new housing on the first school forecasts over the next several years will likely impact on the requirement for additional middle school provision in the longer term. Witton Middle School reduced its PAN for 2024, though may be able to increase back to 180 in 2027 should application numbers follow the forecast.

Droitwich – High

High School places are forecast to be sufficient in Droitwich High EPA.

The impact of new housing on the first school forecasts over the next several years will likely impact on the requirement for additional high school provision in the longer term. The numbers of pupils forecast to arrive in year 8 in 2024 do not exceed the PAN of Droitwich Spa High School but do not enable the LA to retain 5% of surplus places.

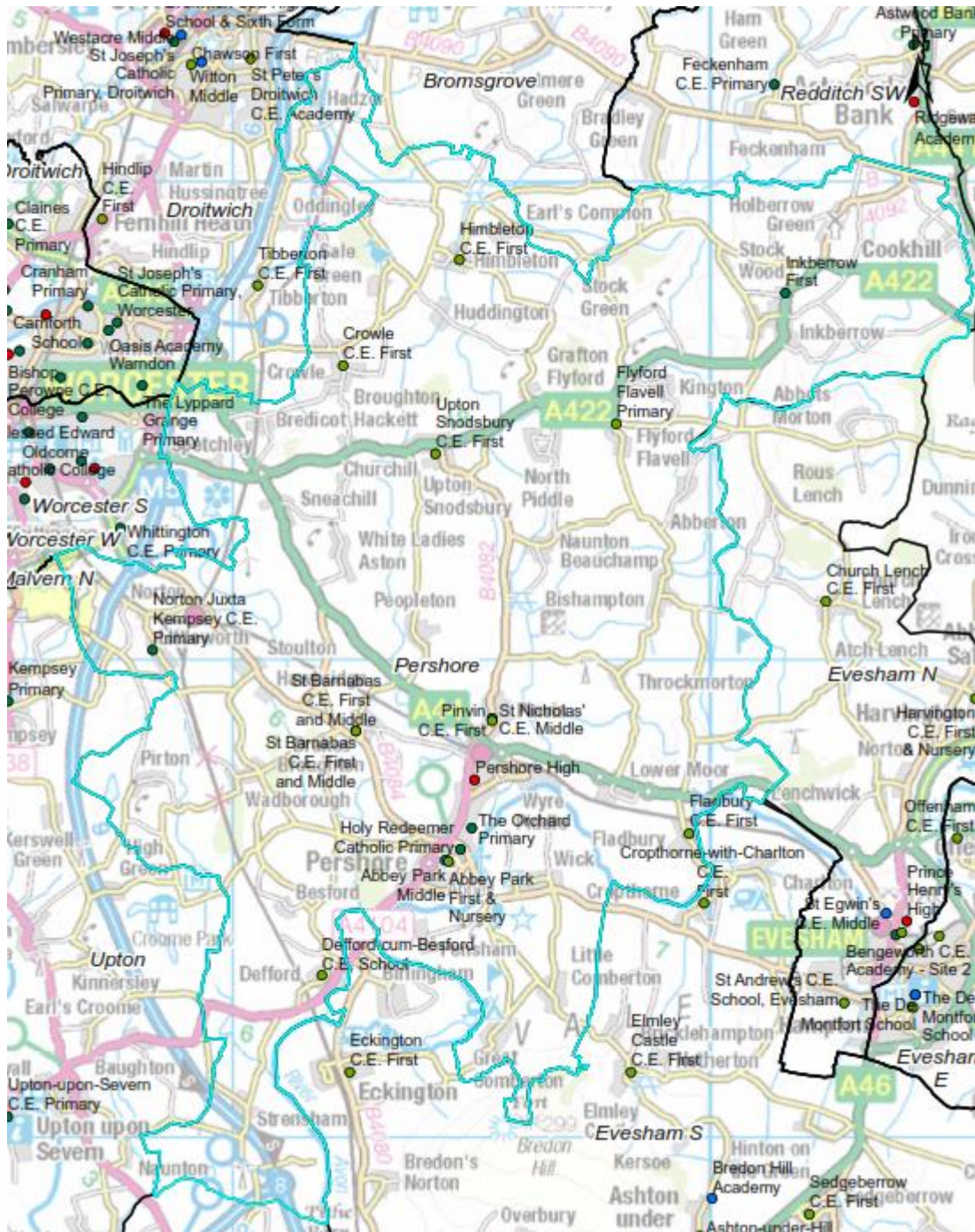
There are 299 pupils in Droitwich middle schools who will reach year 8 age in 2025. Any in-year intakes to this cohort before 2025 may take Droitwich High School over its PAN of 305. This will be monitored to consider if additional places are required.

Figure 71 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Droitwich High EPA

PAN 305	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13
Oct-17	250	256	272	222	119	97
Oct-18	271	253	264	269	99	103
Oct-19	259	270	252	266	97	88
Oct-20	267	257	266	249	91	96
Oct-21	292	271	258	270	97	81
Oct-22	269	293	270	253	96	90
Oct-23	283	273	296	272	97	90
Oct-24	297	288	277	298	104	91
Oct-25	307	301	291	278	114	98
Oct-26	245	308	302	290	105	104
Oct-27	291	247	310	302	110	97
Oct-28	296	293	248	310	114	101
Oct-29	283	298	294	248	117	105
Oct-30	305	285	299	293	94	107

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Pershore Education Planning Area



The Pershore Education Planning Area is made up of the town of Pershore and surrounding rural villages. The entirety of the area sits within Wychavon District Council. The planning area is served by seven First Schools (Years R-4), five Primary Schools (Years R-6), three Middle Schools (Years 5-7), and one High School (Years 7-13).

Pershore – First & Primary

First and Primary School places are forecast to be sufficient in Pershore First/Primary EPA.

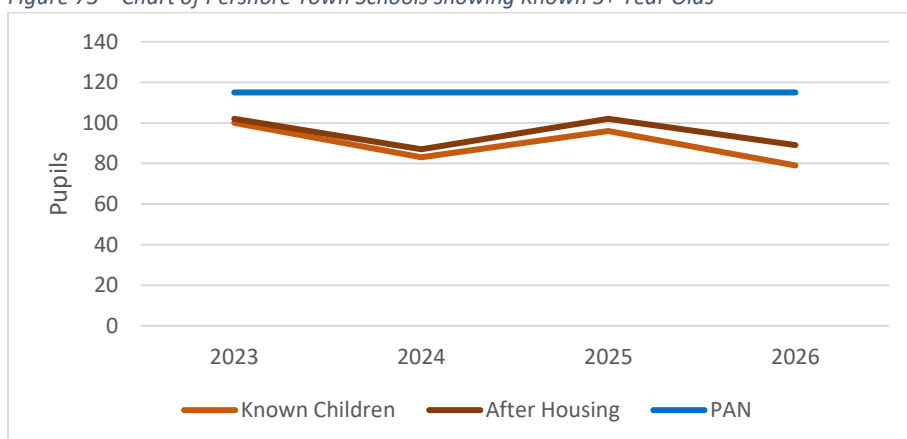
4% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Pershore EPA, with 13% of schools deemed as ‘Outstanding’, with a further 69% deemed as ‘Good’.

There are new housing developments in the town of Pershore, close to the catchments of Orchard Primary, Pinvin First and Abbey Park First Schools. There are 220 dwellings expected by 2026, with a forecast of an addition 10 primary aged pupils per year group by 2026.

Figure 72 – Pershore Town Schools showing Known 3+ Year Olds

School	Ofsted	PAN	2023	2024	2025	2026
Orchard Primary	Good	30	47	37	41	32
Abbey Park First	Good	30	34	35	42	31
Pinvin First	Good	25	19	11	13	16
Holy Redeemer Primary	Good	30				
Additional pupils from Pershore housing			2	4	6	10
Sub-total		115	102	87	102	89
Surplus / shortfall of places			13	28	13	26

Figure 73 – Chart of Pershore Town Schools showing Known 3+ Year Olds



However, outside of Pershore town, there are some first and primary schools with overprovision of places.

Figure 74 – Pershore Schools showing low numbers of Known 3+ Year Olds

School	-	PAN	2023	2024	2025	2026
St Barnabas	Known Children	30	34	30	26	32
	Housing	-	1	2	2	2
	Sub-total	-	35	32	28	34
Crowle	Known Children	15	6	6	7	4
Himbleton	Known Children	14	2	4	6	5
Upton Snodsbury	Known Children	14	6	9	5	7
Defford-com-Besford	Known Children	12	4	8	11	9
Fladbury	Known Children	20	17	17	19	13

Blue cells show where surplus places are over 50% of PAN

Crowle, Upton Snodsbury and Defford-cum-Besford are all First Schools, taking pupils up to Year 4.

Figure 75 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Pershore First EPA

PAN 295	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4
Oct-17	266	277	271	274	255
Oct-18	234	264	278	264	275
Oct-19	265	238	256	286	268
Oct-20	249	262	238	250	286
Oct-21	259	257	266	240	254
Oct-22	231	258	263	272	236
Oct-23	262	240	266	271	280
Oct-24	244	272	249	275	281
Oct-25	295	251	279	256	282
Oct-26	276	305	261	288	265

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Pershore - Middle

There is a forecast oversupply of middle school places in the Pershore EPA from 2023 onwards.

The three middle schools of Pershore originally provided all the years 5, 6 and 7 places for the whole EPA. Five of the eleven original first schools changed age range to become primary schools including years 5 and 6 places. Pershore High school also changed age range to add 90 year 7 places from 2021, therefore there is an oversupply of middle school places in the planning area.

Figure 76 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Pershore Middle EPA

PAN 443	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7
Oct-17	247	261	222
Oct-18	248	244	227
Oct-19	284	256	220
Oct-20	278	300	222
Oct-21	291	273	239
Oct-22	255	290	227
Oct-23	247	265	254
Oct-24	293	258	234
Oct-25	290	302	225
Oct-26	294	302	265
Oct-27	279	308	267
Oct-28	304	283	264
Oct-29	278	309	243
Oct-30	326	283	265

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Pershore – High

High School places are forecast to be sufficient in Pershore High EPA.

Pershore High School has a PAN of 90 places available for year 7 pupils predominantly from the Pershore Primary Schools, and the middle schools have a total PAN of 277, therefore there are sufficient places for year 7 pupils between 2023 and 2026. Forecast numbers exceed 277 in 2027 but only by a few places.

In practice, on average 28 pupils per year travel to secondary or high schools outside Pershore EPA but this is roughly equivalent to the form of entry attending the Holy Redeemer Catholic Primary School in Pershore.

Figure 77 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Pershore High EPA

PAN 282	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13
Oct-17	247	243	227	192	63	93
Oct-18	232	249	240	224	83	61
Oct-19	236	230	246	234	101	74
Oct-20	220	230	228	241	107	100
Oct-21	219	228	239	221	106	101
Oct-22	239	224	228	234	79	103
Oct-23	238	248	232	230	100	75
Oct-24	266	239	248	227	98	95
Oct-25	243	274	246	249	99	99
Oct-26	237	245	274	240	106	95
Oct-27	279	249	255	278	107	111
Oct-28	272	282	251	251	120	103
Oct-29	269	275	284	246	108	115
Oct-30	247	272	276	279	106	104

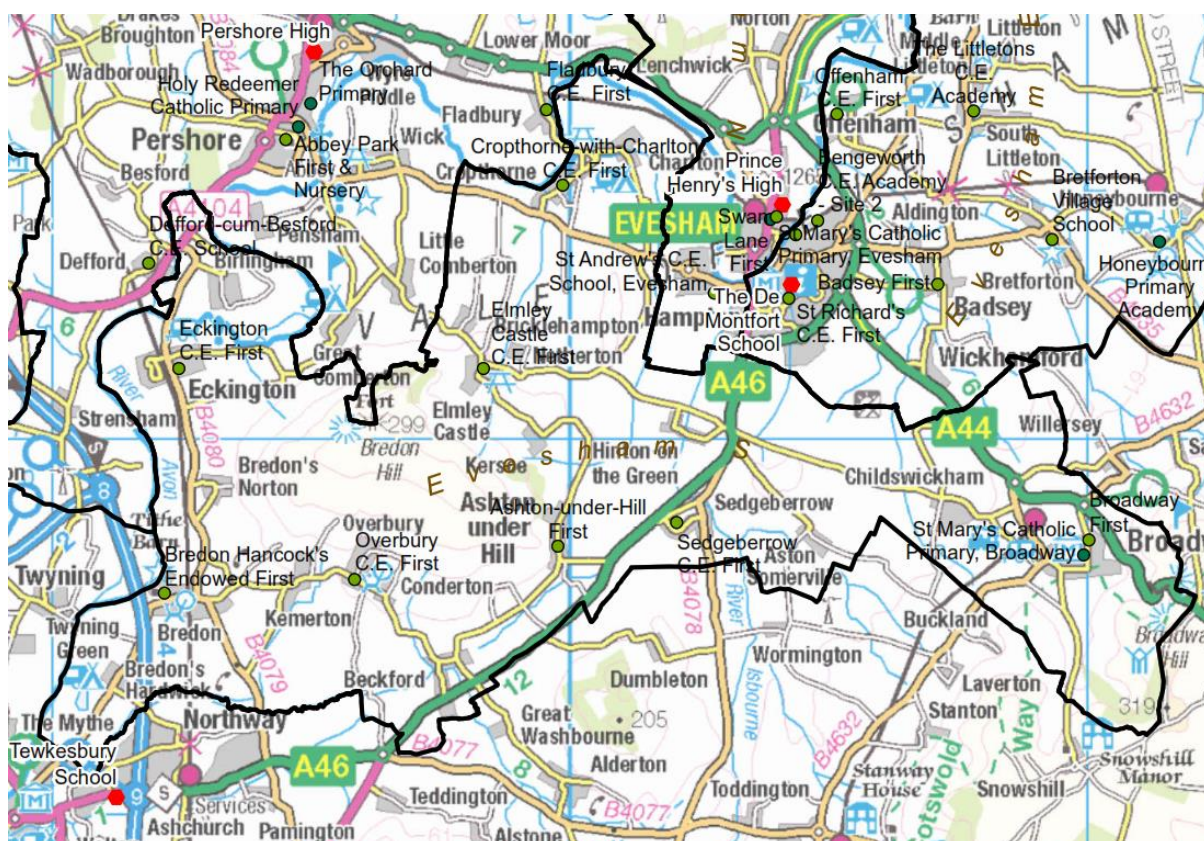
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Pershore change of age range

A review of Pershore EPA began in 2021 to consult on whether stakeholders including parent carers had a preference to change the age range of schools in Pershore to become primary and secondary schools. In October – November 2021 all schools and Multi-Academy Trusts consulted on proposals to change age ranges and / or intake points. If the proposed age range changes are agreed, an additional 192 places for year 7 will be required at Pershore High School and all remaining First or Middle Schools will need to become Primary Schools. There was a strong preference at the time to proceed with proposing the necessary changes. The next stage was for the funding to be found to deliver the changes at some First Schools and the High School to be able to formally propose the changes. A further report will be presented to Cabinet in 2024 to update on this review.

Additional education pathways from Holy Redeemer Primary School and Inkberrow Primary School to Pershore High School are likely to be more popular than previously since it was not possible to transfer directly from Primary year 6 to the lowest year at Pershore High School (Year 8). Pupils in pyramids where the catholic school age range matches the rest of the pyramid (such as Malvern and Redditch) transfer to local high schools more frequently than those where the age range is different.

Evesham South First Education Planning Area



The Evesham South Education Planning Area is made up of the south of the Vale of Evesham just outside Evesham town. The entirety of the area sits within Wychavon District Council. The planning area is served by nine First Schools (Years R-5) and one Middle School (Years 6-8).

There is a forecast oversupply of first school places in the Evesham South First EPA.

2% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Evesham South EPA, with 40% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with the rest deemed as 'Good'.

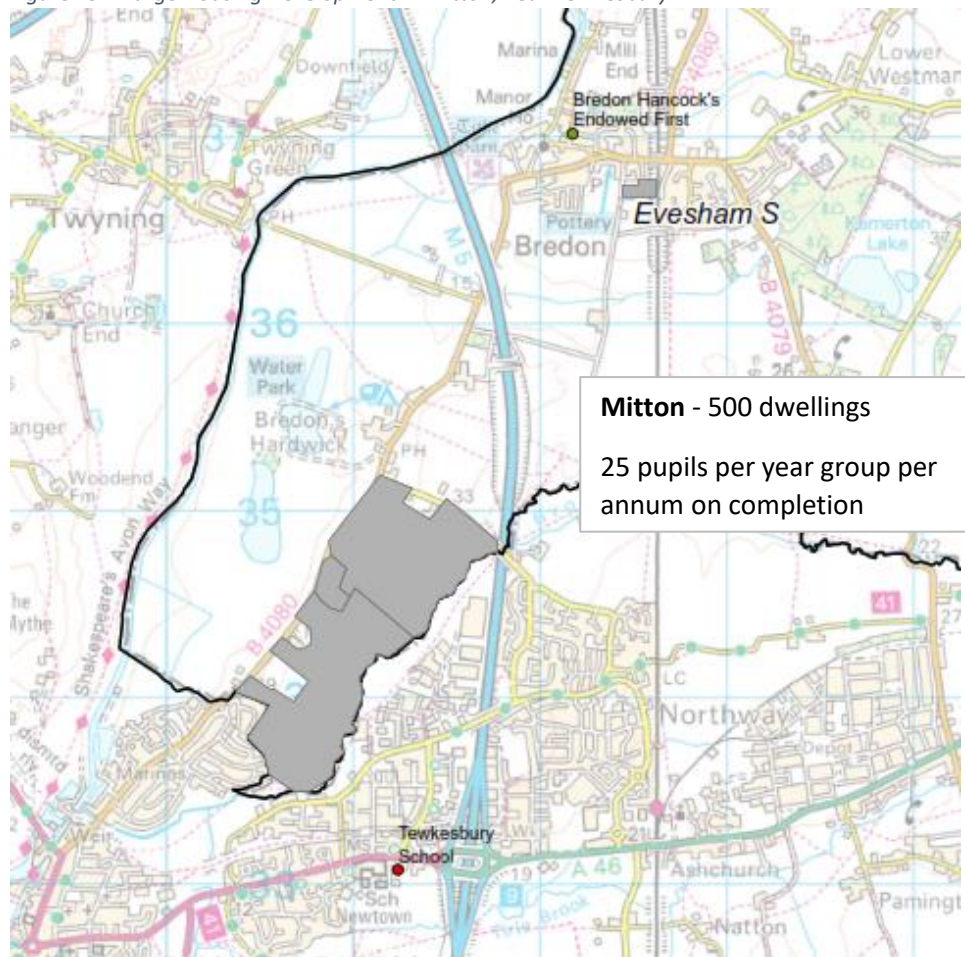
Figure 78 – Evesham South First Schools showing impact of low intakes

School	Ofsted	PAN	Allocation 2023	Forecast 2024	Forecast 2025	Forecast 2026
Ashton-under-hill	Good	18	12	9	18	18
Bredon Hancock's	Outstanding	30	25	21	26	27
Crothorne-with Charlton	Good	15	15	14	15	11
Eckington	Good	20	14	11	8	16
Elmley Castle	Good	15	13	7	12	26
Overbury	Good	15	15	15	10	16
Sedgeberrow	Outstanding	30	30	30	30	30
Broadway	Good	20	10	11	13	10
St Mary's, Broadway	Outstanding	15	11	10	13	13
Surplus places			33	50	33	11

Some First schools, including Eckington and Elmley Castle, are forecast to have surplus places for the next three years.

Crothorne-with-Charlton First School, Sedgeberrow First School and Elmley Castle First School frequently admit children from Evesham Town. Eckington First School does not receive many applications from Evesham Town as it is 8 miles away.

Figure 79 – Large Housing Development in Mitton, near Tewkesbury



Bredon Hancock's Endowed First School is close to Gloucestershire and is popular so receives cross-border applications.

Housing

A housing development at Mitton, adjacent to Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire will add 250 dwellings by 2033. A new primary school feeding into Tewkesbury secondary education is planned for this development. As such it will be independent of the Evesham South EPA.

One or more of the schools could consider lowering PAN. Crothorne-with-Charlton First School reduced its PAN from 18 to 15 from September 2023.

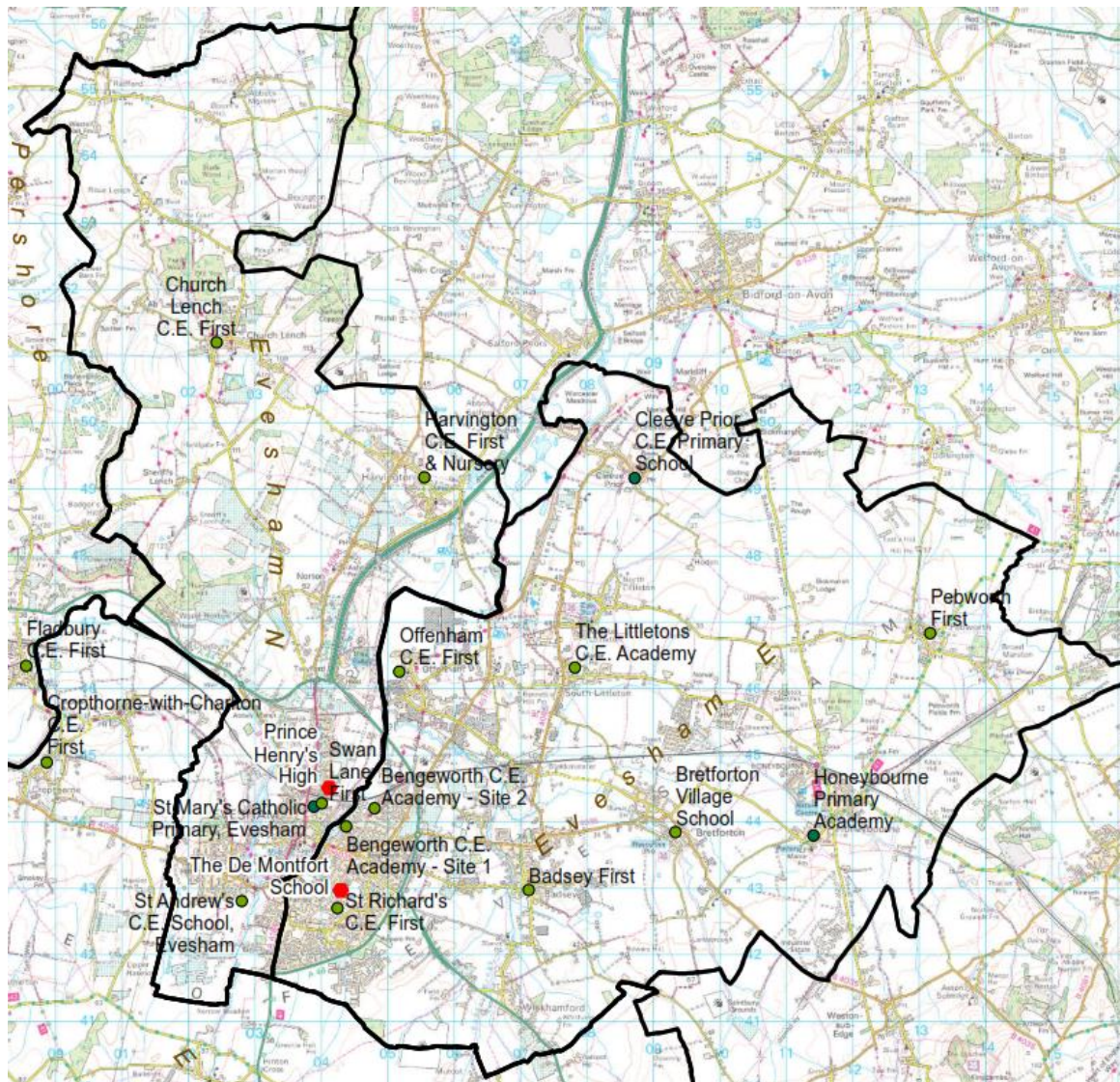
The forecast below includes a trend migration factor of 50% inbound pupils from Gloucestershire and Evesham. It suggests that not all available places will fill up, only those close to Evesham or Gloucestershire.

Figure 80 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Evesham South First EPA

PAN 178	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
Oct-17	155	156	159	148	141	153
Oct-18	140	160	160	156	157	143
Oct-19	126	145	161	158	152	157
Oct-20	164	129	149	164	156	156
Oct-21	139	172	135	150	165	147
Oct-22	143	148	170	136	150	170
Oct-23	152	151	153	172	139	153
Oct-24	134	158	154	153	174	140
Oct-25	183	140	161	154	154	174
Oct-26	195	192	143	163	156	156

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Evesham North First Education Planning Area



The Evesham North Education Planning Area is made up of the western half of the town of Evesham plus rural villages to the north, coinciding with the catchment of Prince Henry High School. The entirety of the area sits within Wychavon District Council. The planning area is served by five First Schools (Years R-5), one Middle School (Years 6-8) and one High School (Years 9-11) with a sixth form.

First School places are forecast to be sufficient in Evesham North Primary EPA.

2% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Evesham North EPA, with 33% of schools deemed as ‘Outstanding’, the rest deemed as ‘Good’.

Figure 81 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Evesham North First EPA

PAN 195	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
Oct-17	155	186	178	159	169	154
Oct-18	195	153	186	175	160	169
Oct-19	140	194	155	189	185	159
Oct-20	171	144	190	153	188	182
Oct-21	177	172	144	191	156	180
Oct-22	151	183	172	140	193	157
Oct-23	156	154	184	172	144	192
Oct-24	154	159	155	184	176	143
Oct-25	165	155	158	153	187	174
Oct-26	187	168	156	158	157	186

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There have been some additional dwellings built in Hampton near St Andrew’s CE First School with a further 160 dwellings being built between 2023-2026. These are forecast to yield an additional 8 pupils per year group per year by 2026.

Evesham East First & Primary Education Planning Area

The Evesham East Education Planning Area is made up of the eastern half of the town of Evesham plus rural villages towards the border with Warwickshire, coinciding with the catchment of The De Montfort School. The entirety of the area sits within Wychavon District Council. The planning area is served by seven First Schools (Years R-5), two Primary Schools (Years R-6), one Middle School (Years 6-8) and one Middle & High School (Years 6-11) with a sixth form.

There is a forecast oversupply of first school places in the Evesham East First & Primary EPA

2% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Evesham East EPA, with 11% of schools deemed as ‘Outstanding’, with a further 78% deemed as ‘Good’.

Several First Schools beyond 2 miles from Evesham Town have low known pre-school aged children and low forecast intakes. Some neighbouring first schools have higher numbers of known children and therefore balance out some of the demand and supply of places.

Some First schools including Bretforton, Cleeve Prior, and Pebworth are forecast to have over 50% surplus places for the next three years.

Figure 82 – Eastern Evesham First Schools showing impact of low intakes

School	Ofsted	PAN	Allocation 2023	Forecast 2024	Forecast 2025	Forecast 2026
Badsey	RI	30	21	28	30	26
Bretforton	Good	15	15	9	6	8
Bengeworth	Outstanding	90	90	63	69	73
Cleeve Prior*	Good	15	2	6	9	1
Honeybourne*	Good	30	28	23	24	21
Offenham	Good	18	12	14	14	14
Pebworth	Good	12	1	5	7	8
The Littletons	Good	30	19	23	23	23
St Richard's	Good	60	49	51	60	54
Surplus places			63	27	16	26

*Primary Schools / Blue cells show surplus places over 50%.

On average over a 6-year period, 18% of reception pupils (55 pupils) from Evesham urban catchments attended schools outside Evesham.

Cleeve Prior First School has no schools within a 2-mile range with surplus known children that would be likely to increase its numbers on roll.

Figure 83 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Evesham East First EPA

PAN 300	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4
Oct-17	264	252	270	250	266
Oct-18	248	256	249	267	257
Oct-19	264	250	254	254	268
Oct-20	235	262	245	248	251
Oct-21	260	233	257	238	253
Oct-22	232	261	233	267	246
Oct-23	226	237	264	239	277
Oct-24	211	227	236	266	245
Oct-25	221	210	224	236	270
Oct-26	218	221	209	225	241

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224 new dwellings are expected to be built near Pebworth First School between 2022-2025, near the Warwickshire / Worcestershire County boundary. The forecast in figure 80 assumes that 50% of the additional pupils would attend Meon Vale Primary school in Warwickshire as the development is closer to Meon Vale than to Pebworth. The next 2 years should provide more reliable trends for Pebworth First School.

WCF are working with Cleeve Prior and Pebworth First Schools to support options to sustain these schools with such low numbers.

Evesham Middle Education Planning Area

There are sufficient middle school places in the Evesham Middle EPA.

Blackminster Middle School is an Ofsted rated 'Good' school, yet pupil numbers decreased to 50% of its PAN of 130 in 2020. The 2023 intake was 111. Honeybourne and Cleeve Prior became Primary Schools before 2020, thereby increasing the total of available year 6 places and reducing the number of pupils transferring to Blackminster's year 6. The pupils from these primary schools now either transfer to Blackminster Middle School at the end of year 5 (the intake point for Blackminster Middle School), or at the end of year 6 or alternatively go to a Warwickshire or Gloucester secondary school. Chipping Camden Secondary School in Gloucestershire admitted 50 pupils per year from Worcestershire over the last 5 years.

Figure 84 – Year 5 Evesham Firsts feeding Blackminster Middle School 2022-2025

School	Ofsted	PAN	2023	2024	2025	2026
Badsey	Requires Improvement	30	22	25	31	27
Bretforton	Good	15	14	6	14	8
Offenham	Good	18	17	16	20	20
Pebworth	Good	12	6	4	3	5
The Littletons	Good	30	17	18	26	20
Cleeve Prior	Good	15	5	7	7	2
To Blackminster			2	3	3	1
Bengeworth	Outstanding	90	89	90	84	78
To Blackminster			10	10	9	9
Total			88	82	106	90

Demand for middle school places within Evesham town continues to rise, however the two schools serving the town have sufficient places to meet the needs of pupils currently at their feeder schools in most year groups.

Bredon Hill Academy (rated 'Outstanding'), St Egwin's Middle School (rated 'Good') and The De Montfort Middle School (rated 'Good') have a high demand for places over the next 4 years. Many pupils applying for these places live in the catchment of Blackminster Middle School (rated 'Good') so this does not represent a need for more middle school places in the town. In the event of oversubscription in the other middle schools, some pupils from Blackminster's catchment are likely to be offered places at their catchment school of Blackminster Middle School.

Figure 85 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Evesham Middle EPA

Whole EPA	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Middle School Only	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8
Oct-17	546	492	478	PAN 592	536	492	478
Oct-18	534	490	486		501	490	486
Oct-19	575	479	489		546	479	489
Oct-20	572	478	476		538	478	476
Oct-21	584	489	463		548	489	463
Oct-22	578	514	493		547	514	493
Oct-23	588	513	519		559	513	519
Oct-24	594	516	512		544	516	512
Oct-25	556	518	512		505	518	512
Oct-26	591	488	518		558	488	518
Oct-27	611	519	488		570	519	488
Oct-28	551	533	514		510	533	514
Oct-29	538	480	528		495	480	528
Oct-30	503	470	476		461	470	476

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The combined PAN of the middle schools is 592 but the 4 primary schools which have a year 6, add a further 90 year 6 places, therefore total capacity of year 6 is 682 places. The right-hand side of figure 85 shows the forecast for combined middle schools only. The De Montfort School has arranged to reduce the Year 6 PAN to 120 from 150. This reduces the oversupply of places.

Evesham High Education Planning Area

High School places are forecast to be sufficient in Evesham High EPA.

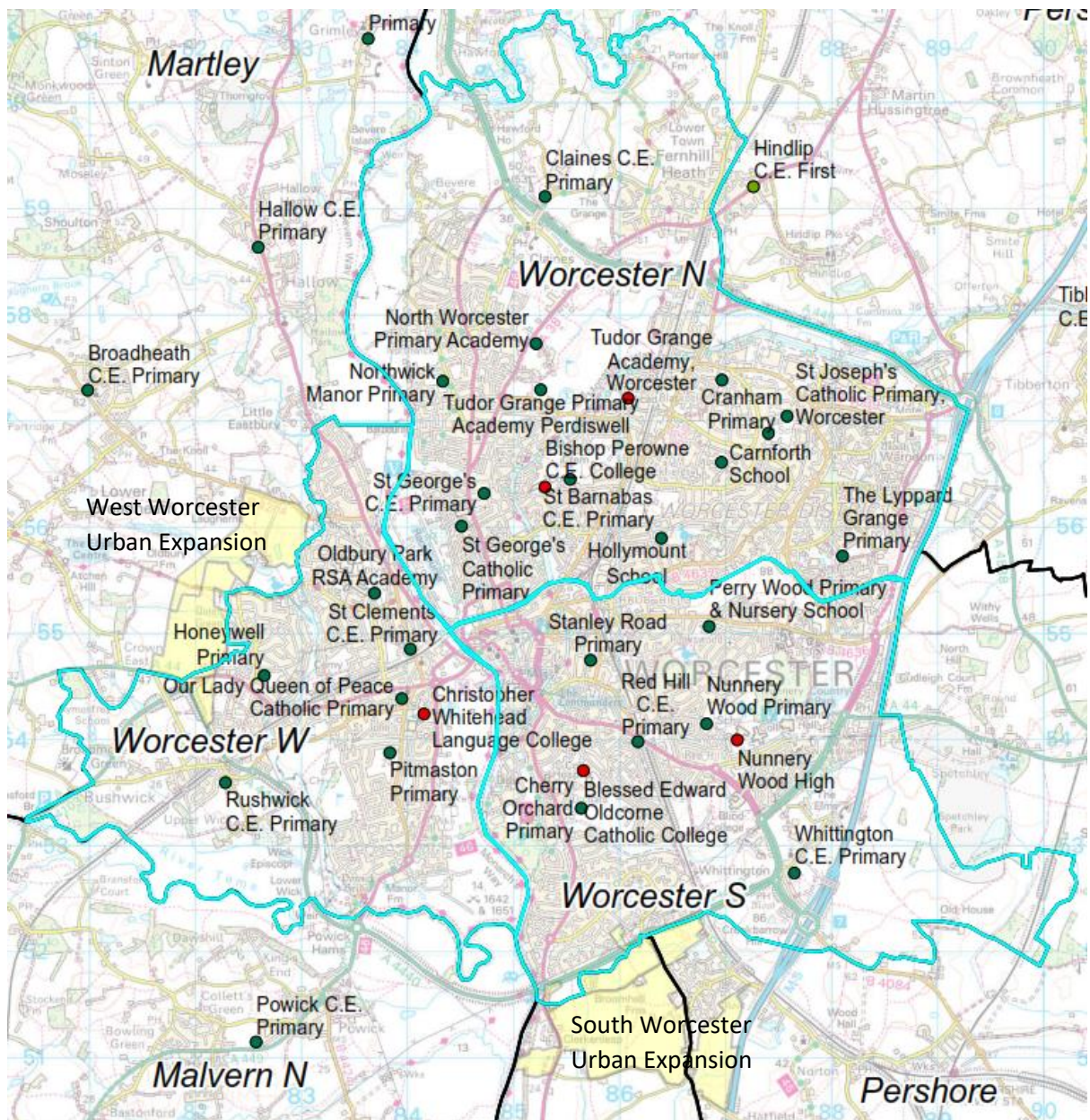
Prince Henry High School (rated 'Outstanding') continues to receive more applications than places available, including on average 30% from pupils living in The De Montfort High School's catchment. There is not an insufficiency of places, as places are available at The De Montfort High School.

Figure 86 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Evesham High EPA

PAN 565	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13
Oct-17	459	470	464	219	219
Oct-18	478	463	461	211	205
Oct-19	483	473	455	228	190
Oct-20	481	487	468	242	219
Oct-21	459	472	469	221	225
Oct-22	466	465	464	222	211
Oct-23	497	476	465	230	217
Oct-24	517	501	470	227	219
Oct-25	506	517	491	228	213
Oct-26	510	510	511	240	217
Oct-27	516	515	504	250	229
Oct-28	483	517	504	245	234
Oct-29	509	483	506	245	229
Oct-30	523	509	474	246	229

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Worcester City District



Worcester West Primary Education Planning Area

The entirety of the area sits within the city of Worcester. The planning area is served by six Primary Schools (Years R-6), and one Secondary School (Years 7-11) with a sixth form.

4% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in West Worcester EPA, with 33% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 50% deemed as 'Good'.

Primary School places are forecast to be sufficient in West Worcester Primary EPA.

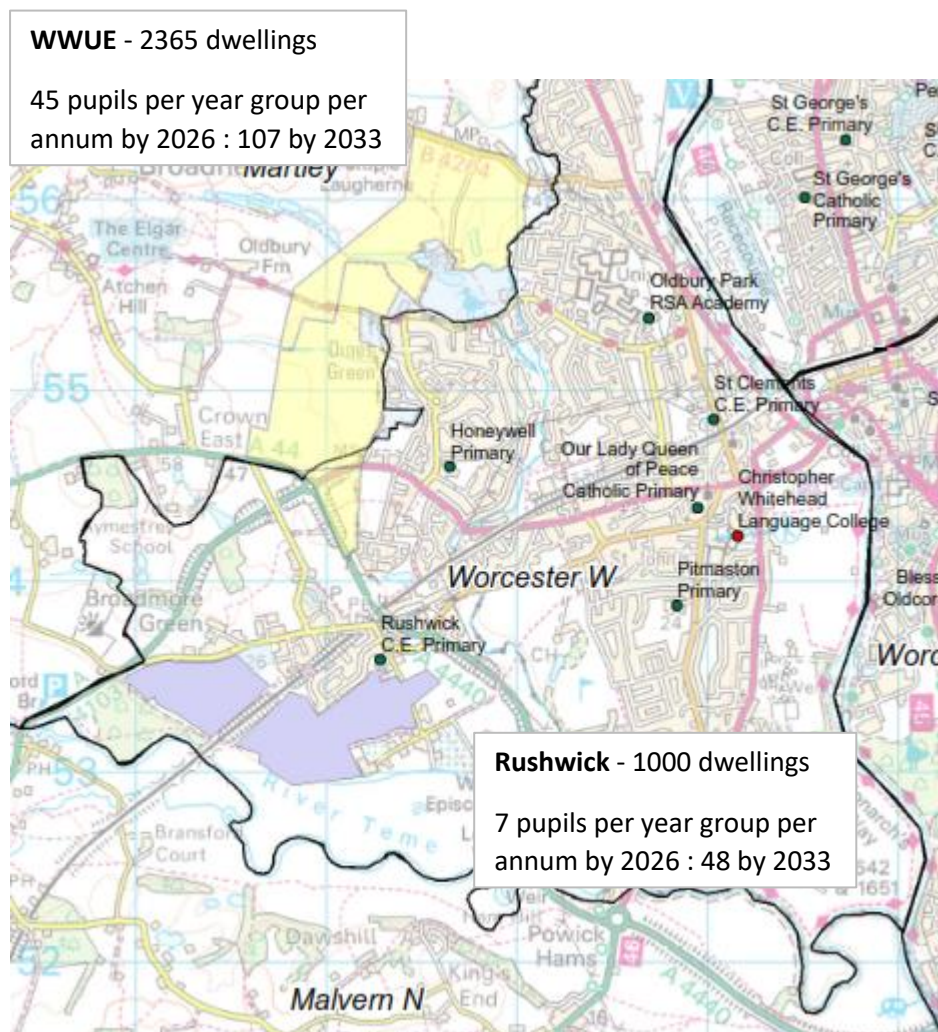
Figure 87 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Worcester West Primary EPA

PAN 270	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Oct-17	229	244	262	254	258	255	261
Oct-18	225	232	248	268	263	263	257
Oct-19	229	234	234	255	263	263	262
Oct-20	217	229	224	234	247	264	256
Oct-21	219	223	236	226	239	246	265
Oct-22	216	222	233	240	233	240	247
Oct-23	230	231	235	247	252	245	250
Oct-24	233	245	244	249	259	264	254
Oct-25	240	247	257	256	260	269	272
Oct-26	243	252	256	267	265	268	275

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Housing

Figure 88 – Large Housing Developments in Worcester West and Rushwick



Major housing in West Worcester Urban Expansion (WWUE) site of 2,000+ new dwellings. Pupil projections indicate that the developments for the WWUE as submitted, will impact on pupil numbers within the area. A proposed site has been identified for a new two form entry (60 place per year group) primary and nursery school which is currently being planned to open in September 2028.

The new dwellings are expected to yield an additional 65 (2FE) pupils per year group by 2028, rising to 91 (3FE) by 2031 and circa 118 (4FE) when complete. Ahead of the new school being delivered, the mitigation for places will include pupils attending schools within the catchment area, but some pupils will need to attend schools further than 2 miles from home, therefore incurring transport costs for the LA.

These additional dwellings and forecast additional pupils will impact all of the schools listed in figure 86 as well as Broadheath CE Primary school.

The proposed housing development in Rushwick of 1000 dwellings will require a new 2FE primary school to be delivered on the site as the current school cannot be expanded further than its current 1FE. To date a planning pre-application has been submitted but no applications.

Figure 89 –Forecast 3+ year olds living in the catchment areas of West Worcester primary schools due to start school 2023-2026

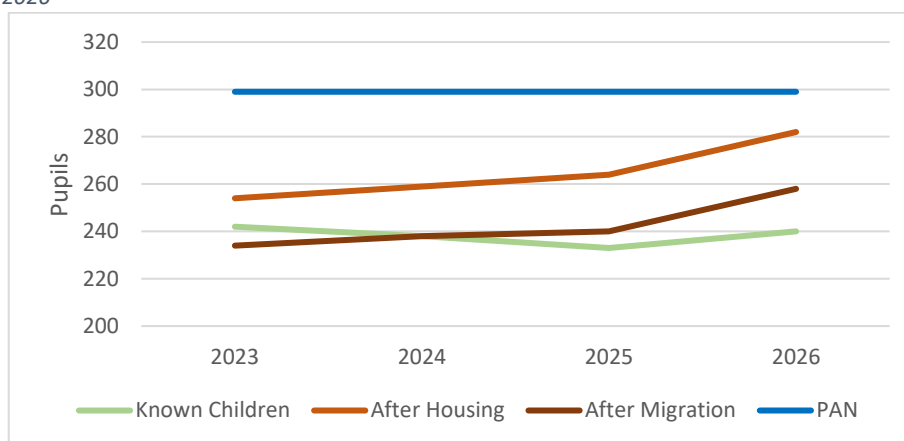


Figure 89 shows that current known children are below PAN for the EPA and many additional children are expected, but if recent trends continue, enough children will choose to attend primary schools elsewhere that there will remain surplus places. The dark brown line is likely to overtake PAN beyond 2026. Honeywell Primary school reduced its PAN from 45 to 30 in 2020, so may have sufficient accommodation to accept an increased intake in the future.

Worcester South Primary Education Planning Area

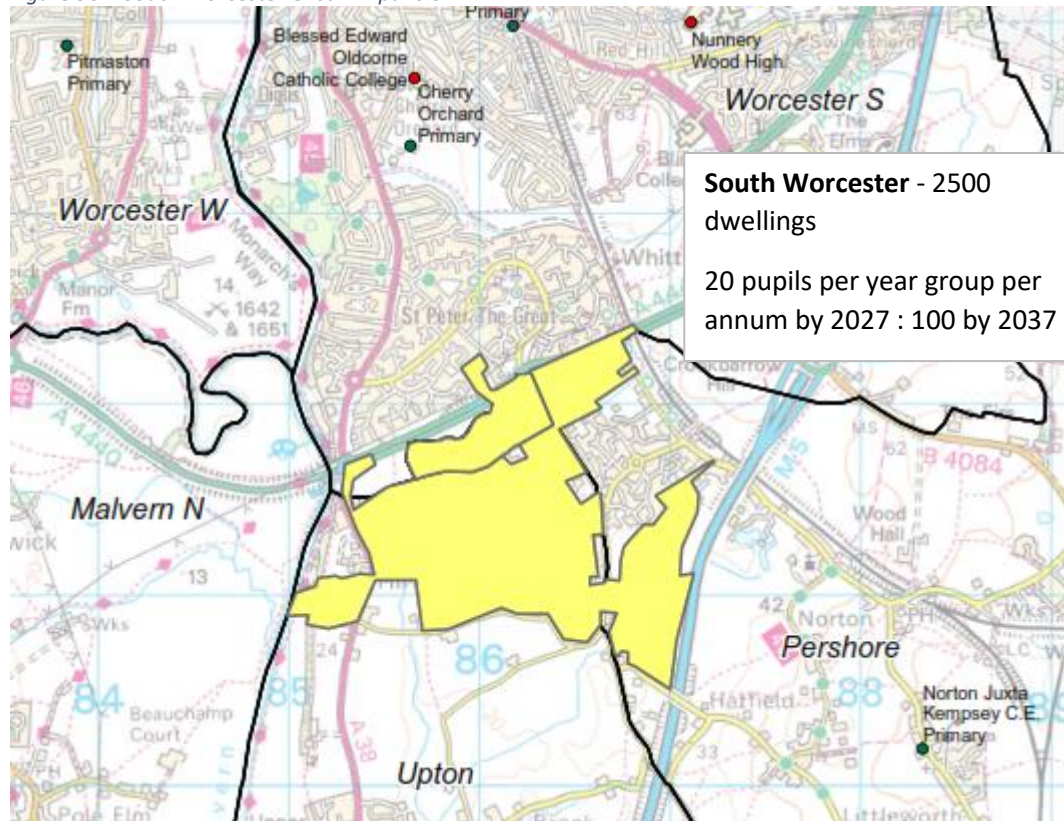
The area sits within the city of Worcester but includes a small area of Wychavon District around Whittington village. The planning area is served by six Primary Schools (Years R-6), and two Secondary Schools (Years 7-11).

6% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in South Worcester EPA, with 88% of schools deemed as 'Good'.

Primary School places are forecast to be insufficient in South Worcester Primary EPA due to major housing growth

Housing

Figure 90 – South Worcester Urban Expansion



Major housing growth is planned in the Hopfields area of South Worcester totalling circa 2500 homes up to 2037. The first phase of this scheme (238 dwellings) is complete. The Section 106 Education Planning Obligations agreement for the developer's contributions was signed for the development on 17th October 2022 and includes a new 2FE Primary School with nursery.

1000+ new dwellings are expected to be delivered up to 2030, with an expected yield of additional 31 (1FE) pupils by 2027. Ahead of the new school being delivered, the mitigation for places will include some pupils having to be offered school places further than 2 miles from home, therefore incurring transport costs for the LA.

The pupil numbers on roll are offset by 17% leaving the Southeast area of the EPA to catholic schools, special schools and schools outside the city or other areas of the city.

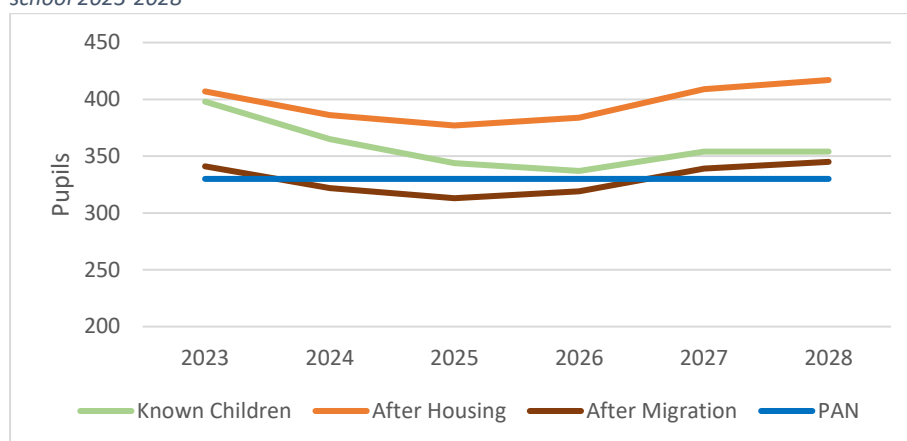
A new 2FE (60 place) Primary School will be delivered as part of the South Worcester Urban Expansion (SWUE). The school is expected to be delivered for 2028. As the SWUE housing site continues to be developed, another 1FE (30 places) will be generated every 3 years until beyond 2030-

Figure 91 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Worcester South Primary EPA

PAN 360	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Oct-17	318	313	313	323	318	314	298
Oct-18	323	327	303	312	320	319	314
Oct-19	304	323	330	301	305	317	316
Oct-20	289	304	325	328	304	302	314
Oct-21	262	293	327	319	333	305	306
Oct-22	302	268	309	335	332	340	312
Oct-23	322	309	278	312	341	336	345
Oct-24	302	329	319	280	316	344	340
Oct-25	286	308	338	320	283	319	347
Oct-26	285	297	321	344	329	290	327

*Yellow cells have numbers on roll at or above 95% of PAN, orange cells have numbers on roll at or above 98% of PAN and blue cells less than 75% of PAN

Figure 92 –Current and forecast 3+ year olds living in the catchment areas of South Worcester primary schools due to start school 2023-2028



Allocations for September 2023 for these schools totalled 306 pupils, so the estimated transfers away from the area were conservative. Figure 90 shows Worcester South Primary EPA will be insufficient by 2027.

Worcester North Primary Education Planning Area

The entirety of the area sits within the city of Worcester. The planning area is served by twelve Primary Schools (Years R-6), and two Secondary Schools (Years 7-11), one with a sixth form.

8% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in the North Worcester EPA, with 14% of schools deemed as ‘Outstanding’, with the rest deemed as ‘Good’.

There is a forecast oversupply of primary school places in the Worcester North Primary EPA from 2025.

There was significant growth in the number of known children in the Claines catchment area as a result of a new housing development in Bevere but this reduced in 2020. There are 130 more

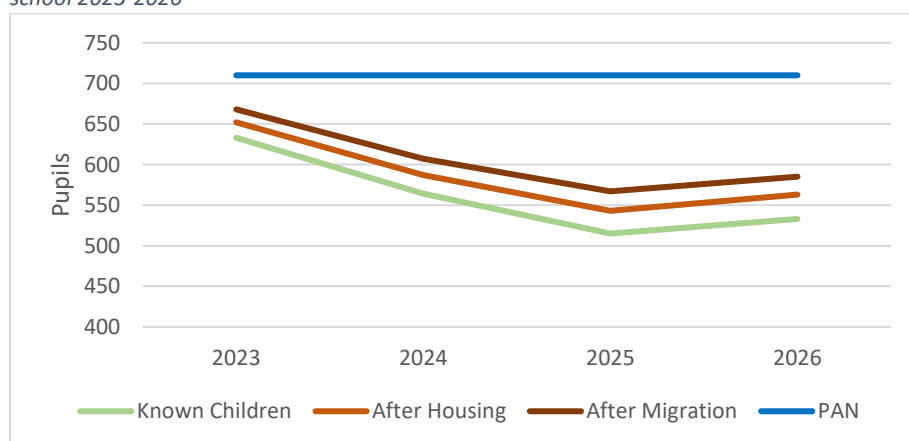
dwelling expected in the Swinesherd Way site under construction between 2022-2024. These are estimated to yield an additional 13 primary age pupils per year group by 2026.

Figure 93 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Worcester North Primary EPA

PAN 710	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Oct-17	641	649	624	613	598	589	561
Oct-18	571	639	651	624	615	603	577
Oct-19	634	572	639	645	630	615	600
Oct-20	594	630	575	635	656	626	614
Oct-21	568	596	629	573	638	660	621
Oct-22	617	570	605	639	569	646	664
Oct-23	597	617	573	605	643	572	643
Oct-24	544	602	625	578	614	651	574
Oct-25	498	544	605	625	581	616	647
Oct-26	526	501	548	607	631	586	615

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Figure 94 –Current and forecast 3+ year olds living in the catchment areas of North Worcester primary schools due to start school 2023-2026



Worcester Secondary Education Planning Area

Secondary School places are already, and are forecast to continue to be, insufficient in Worcester Secondary EPA.

Figure 95 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Alvechurch First EPA

PAN 1244	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13
Oct-17	1111	1108	1037	1016	997	1111	1108
Oct-18	1158	1114	1093	1013	999	1158	1114
Oct-19	1150	1148	1089	1076	1003	1150	1148
Oct-20	1189	1135	1145	1088	1056	1189	1135
Oct-21	1203	1188	1146	1139	1073	1203	1188
Oct-22	1227	1207	1186	1136	1126	1227	1207
Oct-23	1229	1237	1214	1187	1134	171	144
Oct-24	1250	1243	1247	1218	1188	173	174
Oct-25	1166	1256	1246	1245	1212	180	170
Oct-26	1268	1179	1265	1249	1244	184	182
Oct-27	1208	1280	1188	1269	1248	189	186
Oct-28	1137	1211	1280	1183	1258	188	181
Oct-29	1230	1135	1205	1267	1168	189	175
Oct-30	1226	1227	1129	1194	1251	175	176

*Yellow cells have numbers on roll at or above 95% of PAN, orange cells have numbers on roll at or above 98% of PAN and blue cells less than 75% of PAN

The majority of the pressure for secondary school places exists within the southeast of the city, within the catchment areas of Nunnery Wood and Blessed Edward Oldcorne Secondary Schools. Appendix 1 (appendix 5 of the Cabinet report) shows the demand for secondary school places by North, West and South Worcester areas. Since Spring 2022, WCF have worked with existing Worcester City Secondary schools' leaders to identify options to mitigate the demand for Year 7 intake places and in-year admissions for other year groups. In September 2022, all existing secondary schools offered to take pupils over their PAN to accommodate the additional demand. In September 2023, one school offered to take up to one form of entry (30 pupils) above PAN, and other schools also ended up taking over PAN due to school appeals. At October 2023 Census, 1251 Year 7 pupils were recorded on roll at the five existing Worcester City secondary schools against the total PAN of 1244.

Housing

Worcester City is experiencing, and is expected to continue to experience, a large volume of housing growth. The south area is where the largest demand for places exists, and demand is expected to continue to rise. The South Worcestershire Councils are currently consulting on the requirement for an additional 14,000 dwellings across South Worcestershire up to 2041 starting delivery in 2023. Nunnery Wood and Blessed Edward Oldcorne cover the catchment area for the south of Worcester City. Forecasts are predicting a need for an additional 4FE (120 places) for September 2026 and a further 4FE (120 places) for September 2029. September 2027 and September 2028 have lower numbers of pupils forecast, but numbers still exceed the existing secondary school PANs.

In February 2021 Cabinet approved a new 4FE (120 place) secondary school to be delivered to meet the existing and ongoing demand, to open in September 2026. The 2023 Education Sufficiency Cabinet reports provides the latest update and options for Cabinet to consider to mitigate the impact of the demand for Worcester City Secondary school places over the next 6 years.

Conclusions

Although, birth rates are falling, some areas in Worcestershire have falling reception numbers, some have fluctuating numbers, and some have significant additional housing being built or planned which is forecast to yield additional families and children who will require education provision and places.

Mainstream school provision across Worcestershire is currently forecast to be sufficient overall during the period covered by this report, but we have identified a number of areas where the numbers of school places are forecast to be insufficient for the expected number of pupils in those EPAs and phases or where there will be an oversupply. We have used these forecasts to plan a number of actions in these areas and phases which are summarised below.

There will always be factors outside control measures which will impact on the actual demand for places in future years – economic changes which affect the building industry and either speed up or slow down the delivery of expected new housing, changes in patterns of migration which can mean unexpected new arrivals needing school places at short notice, and changes in parental preferences which can mean that a previously less popular school is suddenly in great demand. While it is accordingly very difficult to forecast pupil numbers totally accurately, improvements in our forecasting methodology will help us to improve the accuracy of our forecasts for 2024 and beyond. We undertake an annual review to compare forecast pupil numbers with data collated by the Admissions team on the numbers of first preferences (parents’ nominations of their preferred school for their child entering first/primary, middle or high/secondary school) and allocations of places to highlight where forecasts were less accurate and to identify the reasons why – this exercise is valuable in informing the adjustments to forecasts at an individual EPA level.

Overview of Recommended Actions

Taking the information and analysis in this report, the following tables detail the actions being taken or explored to meet the sufficiency needs for mainstream school age school places in Worcestershire over an eight-year period.

The following schemes have been approved by Worcestershire County Council’s Cabinet to respond to increased demand for school places (basic need) as outlined above and agreed with schools and Academy Trusts to be delivered.

Approved schemes	Issue	School & scheme	Delivery Year
Wyre Forest Secondary	Insufficiency	1FE (30 place) expansion Wolverley Secondary	2023
Redditch Middle - East	Insufficiency	1FE (30 place) bulge Church Hill Middle	2023
Redditch Middle - NW	Insufficiency	1FE (30 place) expansion Birchensale Middle	2024

Redditch Middle - NW	Insufficiency	1FE (30 place) bulge Birchensale Middle	2024
Redditch Middle – East	Insufficiency	1FE (30 place) bulge Church Hill Middle	2025
Worcester Secondary	Insufficiency	New 4FE (120 place) Secondary School	2026*
Redditch First - SW	Insufficiency	New 3 FE (90 place) First School & nursery – Foxlydiate	2027

*see March 2024 Education Sufficiency report for latest update

Capital funding has been approved by Cabinet to address the need for additional school places (basic need) as outlined in this report above, but the specific schools to be expanded are yet to be confirmed.

Approved schemes	Issue	Scheme	Year
Bromsgrove Middle	Insufficiency	1FE (30 place) expansion	2025 / 2026
Bromsgrove High	Insufficiency	2FE (60 place) expansion	2025

The following new schools are named within District Council plans and / or Section 106 Education Planning Obligation Agreements to mitigate the impact of new housing demand for school places. Developer contributions towards the cost of the new schools have been agreed, however, the shortfall and forward-funding will be required from existing Council capital to deliver these new schools.

Location	No. of dwellings	Provision	Indicative date required
South Worcester - Hopfields	2,500	2 FE Primary with nursery	2028
Bromsgrove – Perryfields	1,300	2 FE First with nursery	2028
West Worcester	2,365	2 FE Primary with nursery	2028
Kidderminster – Lea Castle	1,360	2 FE Primary with nursery	2028
Kidderminster East	1,340	2 FE Primary with nursery	2030
Wychavon – Mitton	500	1 FE Primary with nursery	2030
Worcester West – Rushwick	1,000	2 FE Primary with nursery	2030

In addition to the above new schools, additional education provision will be required for the new Parkway settlement.

The following areas are being monitored and may require additional provision:

EPA	Catchment School	Issue	Forecast demand	Year
Northwest Redditch First	Holyoakes Field First	Housing	1 FE expansion	2027
Wyre Forest	Wolverley Secondary	Housing	1 FE expansion	2026
Upton Primary	Kempsey Primary	Demand	Bulge	2025

Upton Secondary	Hanley Castle High	Housing	1 FE expansion	2026
Martley Secondary	The Chantry School	Demand	1 FE expansion	2026

The following EPAs have surplus places that are forecast not to reduce over the next 3 years. Discussions are taking place with certain schools over strategies for reductions or alternative uses for accommodation.

EPA
Evesham South First
Evesham East First
Bewdley Primary
Malvern North Primary
Pershore Middle
Kidderminster West Primary