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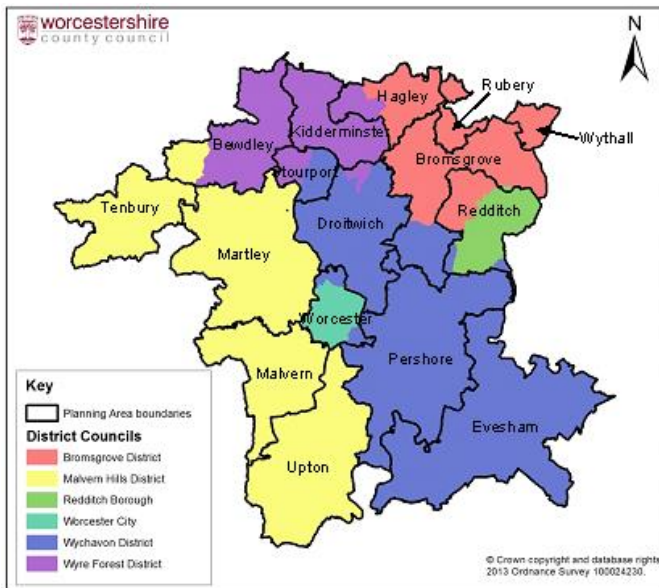
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Introduction

Each local authority has a legal duty to ensure every child has access to a school place. Effective pupil place planning is a fundamental element of the Council's role as strategic commissioner of good school places. Pupil place planning is a dynamic process in which factors such as school re-organisation, evolving local demographics, and changing geographical factors are considered within the context of demand for education provision. The core process of this role is undertaken as part of an annual review of the anticipated demand for school places across Worcestershire, which is then considered in conjunction with the Published Admissions Number (PAN) and overall capacity of schools. The monitoring, management, and commissioning of new mainstream school places is a constant process which is undertaken by the Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Provision Planning and Accommodation Team, who work with schools and partners across the County to ensure all children resident in Worcestershire who wish to attend a mainstream school are able to do so. From October 2019, this duty will transfer to Worcestershire Children First. WCC currently seeks to maintain a 5% surplus of mainstream school places to allow families choice in the school their child attends. School place planning plays a crucial role in developing the local authority's strategy for capital programs, allowing strategic decisions about investment to be made based on robust evidence.

To ensure this duty is met, WCC review the sufficiency of places at a School and County level, as well as in smaller regional areas deemed Education Planning Areas (EPA). Worcestershire operates 16 EPAs that are made up of schools located in close proximity, and which pupils could reasonably attend. The use of Education Planning Areas allows WCC to more accurately assess the current and future pupil demand for school place provision. Figure 1 below shows how these Education Planning Areas relate to District Council boundaries.

Figure 1 - Education Planning Areas



Across the 16 Education Planning Areas, there are both two-tier and three-tier education systems in operation. 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. In areas which operate a three-tier model, 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 again to High School at the start of Year 8 or 9, depending on the age range of the High School. In addition to this, a number of Secondary and High Schools in the County also operate sixth form provision. A number of schools in the three-tier areas operate on a Primary / Secondary basis. This includes Catholic School provision and some other schools that have sought to change their age range away from the three-tier model.

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

Table 4 – Tier areas in Worcestershire

Two-tier model Primary Years R-6 (Ages 5 – 11) Secondary Years 7-13 (Ages 11 – 18)	Three-tier model A First Years R-4 (Ages 5 – 9) Middle Years 5-8 (Ages 9 – 13) High Years 9-13 (Ages 13 – 18)	Three-tier model B First Years R-4 (Ages 5 – 9) Middle Years 5-7 (Ages 9 – 12) High Years 8-13 (Ages 12 – 18)	Three-tier model C First Years R-5 (Ages 5 – 10) Middle Years 6-8 (Ages 10 – 13) High Years 9-13 (Ages 13 – 18)
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The forecast for each EPA take into account demographic growth in each area, new housing developments, average transfer rates and migration patterns. Historically, expected new housing was not factored into these forecasts but instead considered separately, however due to the volume of new housing within the county, a more holistic approach is required and therefore has been factored in. However, pupil generation from new housing is not as predictable as demographic growth and therefore greater care is taken when considering these forecasts.

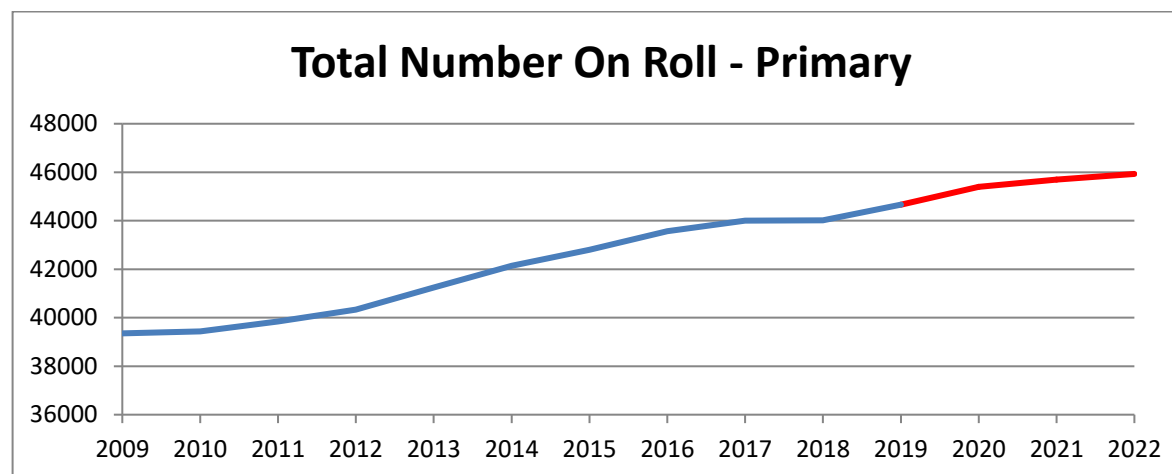
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Overview

Over the last 5 years, WCC EPA forecasts for the demand for mainstream reception school places for the following 2 years have on average been accurate to 98%. The accuracy of the forecasts improves further when forecasting for Middle and Secondary school places; which can be expected as pupils already hold a place in the system. It takes approximately 2 years to consult, design, and build any capacity changes to 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 3 and 4 years into the future, this accuracy reduces slightly to on average within 97% and 95% respectively for Primary Schools, and 99-98% for Middle and Secondary Schools. This means we are able to plan to within a 95% confidence of the place requirements of all our mainstream schools over the next 4 years.

Over the last decade, the number of primary age children (Reception to Year 6) in Worcestershire has altered significantly. Over this time, WCC has worked with schools to increase the capacity at a number of Primary and First Schools across Worcestershire to ensure we are able to meet the demand for places in key pressure areas. Whilst growth has been felt across the County, the urban areas of Worcestershire, namely Bromsgrove, Evesham, Kidderminster, Redditch and Worcester City, have experienced a much higher rate than rural areas. Worcestershire has a unique mix of urban and rural areas, however an increasing number of families are moving into urban areas, a trend seen nationally. The challenge of ensuring there is enough provision within our urban areas, where land and space are becoming increasingly sparse, as well as ensuring small village schools are able to remain sustainable, will be a greater challenge moving forwards, particularly over the next 5-10 years as a number of large housing developments are expected to increase the numbers of families living within or around Towns and Cities.

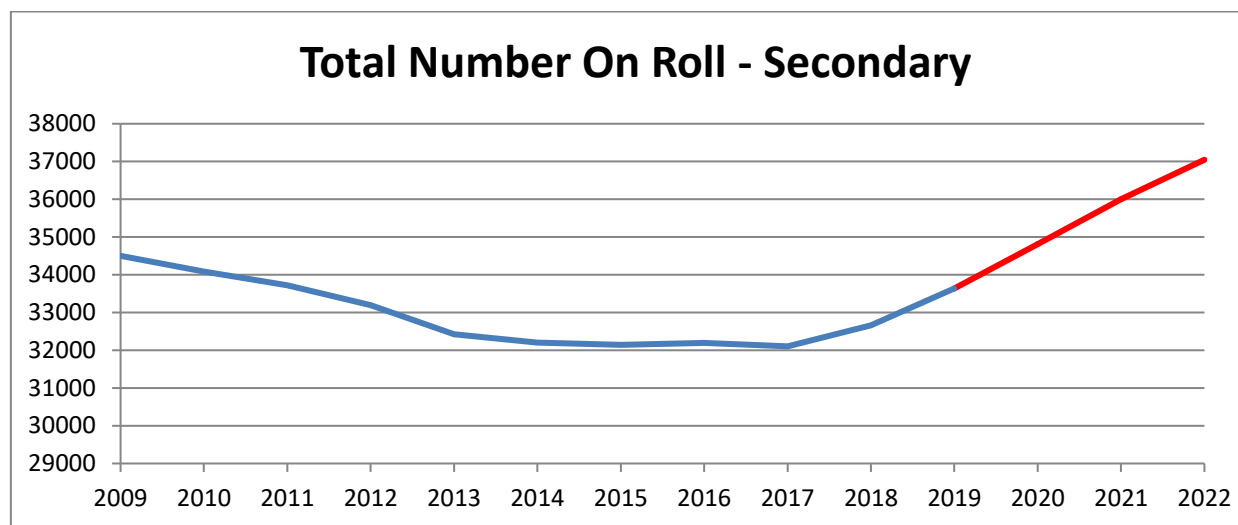
The last 2 years saw the effects of lower birth rates on our Primary and First schools, which is expected to continue over the next few years. However, at the same time, Worcestershire is seeing a significant level of new housing either being built or planned as the popularity of the county grows. As a result, the number of children in Primary and First Schools across Worcestershire is likely to continue to increase to between 44,500 and 46,000 between 2019 and 2022. Therefore, additional expansions will be required in certain areas, both in response to urban grown and large-scale housing developments, to ensure sufficiency of places in Key Stage 1 and 2.



Higher Primary numbers from the last several years have now begun to reach Secondary transfer age in, and those with areas with three-tier systems are already experiencing higher numbers transferring through. In many areas there has been capacity to absorb the first waves of higher pupil cohorts, but additional capacity is required in some areas to increase places in the long term.

In 2017 and 2018, we saw the number of pupils in Secondary Schools begin to increase after several years of lower numbers. This is anticipated to continue, which also coincides with an increase anticipated due to housing growth. Over the last few years, WCC have been working with Secondary and High Schools in Worcestershire to ensure they are able to sufficiently support higher numbers. Further expansions are planned over the coming years to support further growth.

Migration between Counties is generally modest but still a factor that must be considered, particularly for Secondary and High School. In general, outward migration impacts on Birmingham, Dudley, Sandwell and Solihull councils to the north and on Gloucestershire and Warwickshire councils to the east and South. Inward migration into Worcestershire schools is not currently considered a major factor on overall forecasts, however there are several schools that support a majority of pupils from out of county. In most cases, this is not a concern as school admissions policies tend to give priority to pupils living within the school catchment area. However, with an increasing number of schools transferring to Academy status, this is an issue that will be monitored.



Global Number on Roll across Worcestershire Mainstream Schools as at October Census

	R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-12	6007	6082	5856	5870	5756	5505	5266	5445	5610	5667	5853	5996	2564	2060	73537
Oct-13	6049	6091	6114	5866	5887	5714	5528	5301	5442	5580	5685	5812	2635	1968	73672
Oct-14	6237	6140	6120	6157	5889	5869	5740	5586	5334	5441	5582	5617	2612	2033	74357
Oct-15	6325	6313	6159	6122	6167	5846	5877	5767	5577	5329	5462	5523	2491	1993	74951
Oct-16	6536	6385	6337	6179	6129	6134	5868	5934	5746	5532	5319	5355	2318	1988	75760
Oct-17	6351	6538	6387	6329	6162	6104	6135	5917	5856	5705	5506	5227	2037	1855	76109
Oct-18	6118	6368	6557	6385	6381	6110	6095	6178	5873	5800	5644	5382	2001	1778	76670

County Forecasts – No PAN Capping

	R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-19	6359	6219	6439	6621	6453	6397	6172	6196	6206	5894	5837	5603	2256	1645	78296
Oct-20	6364	6489	6317	6530	6716	6495	6486	6302	6251	6252	5958	5819	2359	1871	80207
Oct-21	6167	6507	6600	6420	6637	6769	6597	6631	6368	6309	6327	5950	2454	1963	81697
Oct-22	6271	6298	6608	6693	6517	6681	6862	6732	6686	6416	6374	6303	2504	2031	82974

Forecast pupil numbers shown above are based on children currently living in Worcestershire and new housing which will generate additional demand above that which is shown. Additional provision at primary and secondary level will therefore be required directly as a result of new housing and WCC will build on existing relationships with schools, developers, and neighboring councils to tackle these challenges and ensure all children are able to access good education provision

A significant challenge for WCC over the next several years will be in managing the impact of changes in school age ranges. Since 2015, permission has been given by the Regional Schools Commissioner for nine changes, affecting mainly the Redditch, Pershore, and Evesham three-tier systems. WCC is working with local schools impacted by the approved changes to find appropriate ways forward and to ensure families are able to access school places in a stable and viable education pyramid. At the current time we do not expect very significant changes in forecast numbers as a result of these changes, simply a redistribution of the projected pupils across the various schools.

Bewdley

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) and one Secondary School with Sixth Form (Years 7-13). These schools provide a total of 155 reception places and 168 Year 7 places for 2019, as well as sixth form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Bewdley Education Planning Area has supported an average of 1,861 pupils annually across all year groups. Over the following 4 years, this is not anticipated to alter dramatically.

Global Number on Roll at Bewdley Schools as at October Census

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-12	126	121	142	130	137	132	145	145	162	167	164	153	87	58	1869
Oct-13	122	129	126	144	130	135	133	180	147	158	164	165	71	74	1878
Oct-14	132	127	131	131	148	131	137	157	180	149	168	162	95	57	1905
Oct-15	115	134	127	130	132	147	128	148	158	180	153	164	71	63	1850
Oct-16	129	117	133	135	128	131	149	161	154	162	183	151	60	62	1855
Oct-17	113	131	117	133	136	127	127	180	159	157	167	178	46	47	1818

District Forecasts – No PAN Capping

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-19	123	116	132	120	134	135	127	152	182	160	161	165	76	37	1818
Oct-20	135	126	117	135	121	133	135	151	153	183	164	159	71	61	1845
Oct-21	120	138	128	120	137	120	133	162	153	155	188	162	68	57	1840
Oct-22	132	123	140	131	121	136	120	159	163	155	159	186	70	55	1848

There is no serious pressure on places within the Bewdley Education Planning Area. From the 2019 reception intake, Bewdley Primary School has chosen to expand to take 60 pupils per year group, an increase of 15 places across the EPA.

Bromsgrove

The Bromsgrove Education Planning Area is made up predominantly of the Town of Bromsgrove and the surrounding rural areas. The majority of the area sits within the Bromsgrove District Council but also covers a small area of Wychavon. The planning area is served by sixteen First Schools (Years R-4), five Middle Schools (Years 5-8) and two High Schools with Sixth Forms (Years 9-13). These schools offer a total of 733 Reception places, 680 Year 5 places, and 635 Year 9 places for 2019, as well as Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Bromsgrove Education Planning Area supported an average of 8,027 pupils across all year groups. Over the next 4 years, this is anticipated to increase year-on-year to an anticipated 8,482 pupils in 2022.

Global Number on Roll at Bromsgrove Schools as at October Census

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-13	629	672	675	644	646	626	583	515	540	548	558	600	260	239	7735
Oct-14	692	634	673	681	641	622	635	570	518	541	551	548	279	206	7791
Oct-15	678	703	645	672	677	622	630	615	567	519	542	545	297	214	7926
Oct-16	729	680	705	649	673	654	626	600	614	566	517	534	267	258	8072
Oct-17	700	734	683	701	655	658	650	606	597	615	569	512	236	239	8155
Oct-18	682	703	734	694	705	643	656	629	589	587	608	558	190	213	8191

District Forecasts – No PAN Capping

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-19	692	691	710	741	698	688	649	637	628	591	590	602	259	163	8341
Oct-20	697	702	698	718	746	683	696	632	637	631	595	586	280	223	8524
Oct-21	672	714	717	713	730	736	697	684	639	647	642	597	276	246	8711
Oct-22	680	688	728	732	725	720	751	685	690	648	658	643	281	242	8871

Investment into the expansion of Hanbury C.E. First School and Fairfield First now means that there is sufficient places to meet the needs of existing residents in this area. An expansion and relocation of Holyoakes Field First School and the potential creation of a new school are required to meet the needs of new housing developments within the area.

September 2019 saw the first year of higher intakes into the middle schools as higher cohorts seen in recent years in first schools move through the system. Parkside Middle chose to permanently increase their PAN to 150 from 2018, which will support higher cohort numbers, however further additional provision may be required in Middle Schools from 2020. WCC will continue to work with schools in the area to ensure a sufficiency of places. As these higher numbers move through the system, additional places will be required in one of the two High Schools in the area.

Droitwich

The Droitwich Education Planning Area is made up predominantly 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 School (Years R-6), two Middle Schools (Years 5-7), and one High School and Sixth Form. These schools offer a total of 404 Reception places, 400 Year 5 places, and 305 Year 8 places for 2019, as well as sixth form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Droitwich Education Planning Area supported an average of 3,886 pupils annually across all year groups. Over the following 4 years, this is anticipated to increase year-on-year as a result of housing to an anticipated 4,294 pupils in 2022.

Global Number on Roll at Droitwich Schools as at October Census

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-13	344	356	340	366	318	320	335	221	254	241	275	265	121	112	3868
Oct-14	319	347	345	344	362	295	321	289	213	258	240	273	163	97	3866
Oct-15	364	325	348	337	336	338	296	271	277	219	259	236	123	118	3847
Oct-16	369	359	330	350	338	324	338	265	255	279	227	258	109	105	3906
Oct-17	366	367	355	324	346	324	313	292	250	256	272	222	119	97	3903
Oct-18	301	365	379	362	325	327	327	261	271	253	264	269	99	103	3906

District Forecasts – No PAN Capping

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-18	360	309	373	386	366	314	333	287	254	282	262	268	135	88	4017
Oct-19	350	369	318	381	392	355	322	294	281	266	293	268	135	119	4142
Oct-20	350	358	378	326	386	378	362	284	286	293	277	298	134	118	4228
Oct-21	377	357	365	383	329	371	383	316	274	296	301	279	148	116	4294

There is no serious pressure on places within the Droitwich Education Planning Area, and the existing schools have been able to accommodate new demand from families moving into several major housing developments in the area. There has been a recent change in parental preference between the two middle schools in the area, therefore anticipated applications to each has been unpredictable. However, the number of good Middle School places provided by these two schools to the area is still sufficient to ensure families are able to access education in a catchment school.

Evesham

The Evesham Education Planning Area is made up predominantly of the Town of Evesham and the surrounding rural Villages. The entirety of the area sits within Wychavon District Council. The planning area is served by nineteen First Schools (Years R-5), four Primary School (Years R-6), three Middle Schools (Years 6-8), one all through Middle and High School (Years 6-13) and one High School with Sixth Form (Years 9-13). These schools offer a total of 686 Reception places, 649 Year 6 places, and 565 Year 9 places, as well as sixth form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Evesham education planning area supported an average of 6,704 pupils annually across all year groups. Over the following 4 years, this is anticipated to increase year-on-year to an anticipated 7,500 pupils in 2022.

Global Number on Roll at Evesham Schools as at October Census

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-13	553	542	530	552	533	508	514	439	447	481	458	485	305	221	6568
Oct-14	538	574	548	546	552	539	510	466	446	454	477	450	238	212	6550
Oct-15	582	551	576	544	547	549	539	464	468	457	452	480	220	202	6631
Oct-16	586	603	559	583	546	554	556	479	459	466	467	445	256	172	6731
Oct-17	574	594	607	557	576	541	546	492	478	459	470	464	219	219	6796
Oct-18	583	569	595	598	574	565	534	490	486	478	463	461	211	205	6812

District Forecasts – No PAN Capping

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-19	567	601	580	603	607	579	570	485	496	496	487	464	230	179	6945
Oct-20	642	587	614	589	614	614	586	518	492	507	506	489	232	196	7185
Oct-21	649	661	597	621	598	618	618	530	524	501	515	506	243	196	7377
Oct-22	603	667	671	603	629	601	622	559	535	532	509	515	251	204	7500

Demand for Reception places within Evesham Town remains high, particularly as new housing is built within the town and an increasing number of families living in rural areas show a preference for schools within the town. The expansion of an existing school or creation of a new school will be considered within the next several years to ensure the needs of families are sufficiently met.

Currently, there are sufficient places in the Middle and High Schools across the Education Planning Area, however some schools have elected to admit bulge year groups in response to parental preference.

Hagley

The Hagley Education Planning Area covers the area to the North East 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). These schools offer a total of 188 Reception places and 380 Year 7 places for 2019, as well as Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Hagley Education Planning Area supported an average of 3,496 pupils annually across all year groups. Over the following 4 years, this is anticipated to increase year-on-year to 3,786 in 2022.

Global Number on Roll at Hagley Schools as at October Census

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-13	164	168	171	166	178	169	167	338	339	336	340	334	320	247	3437
Oct-14	171	166	169	169	168	183	168	336	338	340	337	335	297	257	3434
Oct-15	168	178	165	172	169	168	182	338	338	335	334	335	304	252	3438
Oct-16	181	176	180	170	174	171	173	376	339	339	329	335	300	238	3481
Oct-17	178	186	188	177	173	175	175	380	378	335	341	329	278	234	3527
Oct-18	170	179	190	189	182	172	178	380	383	376	329	333	287	250	3598

District Forecasts – Capped to PAN

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-19	188	175	183	192	192	184	175	374	382	382	373	327	293	237	3656
Oct-20	170	188	179	184	194	194	186	365	375	381	379	370	287	241	3694
Oct-21	188	175	188	181	188	197	197	380	368	375	378	376	326	237	3754
Oct-22	188	188	179	188	183	189	199	380	380	366	371	375	331	268	3786

A large number of the pupils accessing education in the Hagley Education Planning Area are from outside of the County. Provision across all year groups are easily able to accommodate demand from families living within Worcestershire; however, schools will likely continue to be popular and fill with additional pupils from outside of the area, particularly the Secondary Schools which remain very popular.

Kidderminster

The Kidderminster Education Planning Area is made up predominantly 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 sixteen Primary Schools (Years R-6), one all-through Primary and Secondary School (Years R-13), and three Secondary Schools (Years 7-13). In total these schools offer 775 Reception places and 629 Year 7 places for 2019, as well as sixth form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Kidderminster Education Planning Area has supported an average of 7,646 pupils annually across all year groups and has increased year-on-year. This trend is anticipated to continue over the following 4 years, with an expected 8,717 pupils in 2022.

Global Number on Roll at Kidderminster Schools as at October Census

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-13	627	646	649	587	578	567	579	455	454	479	534	550	222	153	7080
Oct-14	719	662	687	678	613	599	593	520	484	465	515	547	243	190	7515
Oct-15	680	731	664	686	690	618	603	510	517	480	462	505	228	180	7554
Oct-16	721	690	722	663	696	686	620	541	519	521	476	447	200	166	7668
Oct-17	725	715	689	717	658	695	686	521	540	513	507	464	134	140	7704
Oct-18	709	728	719	693	712	652	690	569	518	538	509	484	159	109	7789

District Forecasts – No PAN Capping

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-19	739	722	737	726	702	717	659	598	578	520	542	500	184	123	8045
Oct-20	706	755	734	748	739	711	728	574	610	583	527	535	191	144	8286
Oct-21	671	727	774	750	766	753	727	638	591	620	595	525	207	154	8498
Oct-22	703	690	743	788	767	778	768	636	654	600	631	591	202	165	8717

There is sufficient places in primary schools across the Kidderminster Education Planning Areas, however primary schools in the area continue to adapt. Following the conversion to Academy status, Birchen Coppice Primary School have chosen to increase their PAN permanently from 2019 from 30 to 60 pupils per year group, which they are able to support within existing accommodation. This will further support parental choice in the area.

It is anticipated that demand for Secondary School places will be higher over the next 4 years, particularly as anticipated new housing in the area begins to be built. This demand is forecast to surpass current provision in 2022 when additional provision may be required.

Malvern

The Malvern Education Planning Area is made up of the Town of Malvern and surrounding rural areas. The entirety of the area sits within the District Council of Malvern Hills. The planning area is served by sixteen Primary Schools (Years R-6) and two Secondary Schools (Years 7-13). These schools offer a total of 496 Reception places and 408 Year 7 places for 2019, as well as Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Malvern Education Planning Area supported an average of 4,928 pupils annually across all year groups. This is anticipated to remain fairly stable over the following 4 years.

Global Number on Roll at Malvern Schools as at October Census

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-13	425	399	395	414	387	409	381	341	297	380	358	415	267	216	5084
Oct-14	412	434	397	391	400	392	409	328	339	298	379	359	301	218	5057
Oct-15	425	411	433	408	388	398	401	343	328	338	305	379	241	247	5045
Oct-16	427	437	407	434	396	384	393	355	339	318	345	299	156	218	4908
Oct-17	398	418	426	401	421	397	384	336	354	331	316	333	148	132	4795
Oct-18	421	401	410	419	398	421	395	328	336	353	331	299	175	147	4834

District Forecasts – No PAN Capping

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-19	390	427	399	412	413	401	424	342	330	335	358	327	171	156	4884
Oct-20	335	399	427	404	409	419	407	370	346	332	343	357	188	155	4890
Oct-21	428	344	401	434	403	416	427	356	375	350	342	343	206	172	4997
Oct-22	369	436	346	406	430	408	422	371	360	377	358	340	197	185	5004

There is no serious pressure on places within the Malvern Education Planning Area at the moment; and over the next several years it will be important to manage primary school places to ensure schools are operating efficiently and providing places to families where they are needed.

Over the last several years, there has been a change in parental preference between the two Secondary Schools in the Malvern Education Planning Area and therefore actual applications have been different to anticipated based on 5-year historical trends. There is still sufficient capacity at Secondary level to ensure all children in the area are able to access a place at a catchment school.

Martley

The 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 159 Reception places and 175 Year 7 places for 2019. Over the last 5 years, the Martley Education Planning Area supported an average of 1,789 pupils annually across all year groups. This is anticipated to be increase slightly year-on-year over the next 4 years to 1,981 in 2022.

Global Number on Roll at Martley Schools as at October Census

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	TOTAL
Oct-13	158	140	148	141	157	152	158	135	145	144	145	141	1764
Oct-14	136	158	138	149	145	161	145	144	134	144	145	145	1744
Oct-15	144	140	162	135	155	142	168	145	145	139	144	141	1760
Oct-16	154	151	143	164	141	156	145	145	145	141	145	139	1769
Oct-17	176	156	150	149	168	141	163	139	146	143	142	145	1818
Oct-18	135	178	165	159	154	169	146	165	144	150	142	145	1852

District Forecasts – No PAN Capping

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	TOTAL
Oct-19	149	139	182	169	165	155	173	139	167	145	152	142	1880
Oct-20	166	154	142	187	176	167	160	166	142	169	148	152	1929
Oct-21	138	171	159	148	196	179	173	154	169	145	173	149	1954
Oct-22	139	143	177	164	155	199	185	166	158	172	149	174	1981

In addition to supporting families living within the Martley Education Planning Area, schools in this part of the county also tend to attract pupils living outside of Worcestershire. Provision across year groups is easily able to support demand from families living within the area following the expansion at The Chantry High School from 2018.

A major urban expansion on the west side of Worcester is likely to increase demand for places in the Martley Education Planning Area, particularly for The Chantry High School which shares a catchment area with Christopher Whitehead Language College over part of the anticipated development. The development is not expected to be fully built out until the early 2030s, but the impact of new housing on the Martley Education Planning area during this time will be monitored closely.

Pershore

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 nine First Schools (Years R-4), four Primary School (Years R-6), three Middle Schools (Years 5-7), and one High School (Years 7-13). In total these schools offer a total of 297 Reception places, 382 Year 5 places, and 252 Year 8 places for 2019, as well as Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Pershore Education Planning Area has supported an average of 3,140 pupils annually across all year groups. Over the following 4 years, this is anticipated to increase slightly year on year to an anticipated 3,516 pupils in 2022.

Global Number on Roll at Pershore Schools as at October Census

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-13	247	242	276	255	268	247	242	197	226	203	242	252	137	102	3136
Oct-14	267	254	247	277	253	271	245	228	193	229	200	241	134	118	3157
Oct-15	266	264	253	247	275	235	269	223	228	196	226	198	137	113	3130
Oct-16	275	267	272	263	246	258	241	247	240	221	195	222	98	105	3150
Oct-17	266	277	271	274	255	247	261	222	247	243	227	192	63	93	3138
Oct-18	234	264	278	264	275	248	244	227	232	249	240	224	83	61	3123

District Forecasts – No PAN Capping

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-19	265	238	271	282	265	270	252	225	235	236	251	240	105	76	3211
Oct-20	264	272	247	278	286	263	276	235	236	241	241	254	114	97	3303
Oct-21	301	272	283	255	282	284	270	258	247	244	247	245	121	106	3415
Oct-22	305	308	282	290	259	280	291	252	270	254	249	250	116	111	3516

In 2019, Pershore High School, along with three first schools in the area gained approval to change their age range into a two-tier admissions system (where children move from primary school to secondary school at year 7). As a result, the pattern of provision in this area has changed which may impact on our forecasts. However, from known children numbers we are likely to require additional reception places over the next few years, particularly within Pershore Town,

Demand for High School places is anticipated to increase over the following few years, particularly as a result of additional housing in the area. Pershore High School will therefore increase the number of year 7 places by an additional 30 places.

Redditch

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), one Middle and High School (Years 5-11), three High Schools (Years 9-13) and one Secondary School (Years 7-13). In total these schools offer a total of 1108 Reception places, 1033 Year 5 places and 1111 Year 9 places for 2019, as well as Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Redditch Education Planning Area has supported an average of 11,653 pupils annually across all year groups. Over the following 4 years, this is anticipated to increase year-on-year to an anticipated 12,620 pupils in 2022.

Global Number on Roll at Redditch Schools as at October Census

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-13	993	998	1017	931	950	913	792	751	795	808	800	810	502	300	11360
Oct-14	1013	983	998	997	924	945	912	734	744	786	807	785	504	342	11474
Oct-15	1022	1016	977	982	991	935	932	871	741	739	793	802	408	328	11537
Oct-16	1110	1019	1014	964	975	1016	944	892	850	726	730	782	431	296	11749
Oct-17	975	1101	1012	1017	955	978	1022	881	858	856	716	710	353	268	11702
Oct-18	1011	962	1090	1000	1016	956	979	950	870	824	837	703	325	281	11804

District Forecasts – No PAN Capping

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-19	1016	1013	965	1086	1002	1032	965	928	944	866	826	831	368	232	12072
Oct-20	1044	1020	1019	965	1090	1020	1043	917	925	941	869	822	436	263	12374
Oct-21	915	1051	1029	1020	973	1111	1034	994	917	926	947	868	433	313	12531
Oct-22	947	921	1058	1028	1026	991	1123	984	990	916	930	943	456	309	12620

Four schools in this area have been approved for a change of age range outside of the regular three-tier system: Webheath Academy, Astwood Bank Academy, Ridgeway Middle Academy and Tudor Grange Academy Redditch. These changes have altered the pattern of provision in this planning area and shifted parental preference. There will be an increase in the number of pupils seeking a Year 5 and Year 6 place from 2019 -2021. Traditionally provided by Middle Schools in the area, this will need to be managed alongside these changes.

At the same time, a significant housing development is planned for the western edge of the Redditch, where there has traditionally been much greater pressure on Primary places. This will require a new school to support KS1 and KS2 children and will be provided on the site.

Rubery

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 North East 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 Schools. In total these schools offer 150 Reception places and 178 Year 7 places for 2019, along with Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Rubery Education Planning Area supported an average of 1,775 pupils annually across all year groups. This is anticipated to increase year-on-year over the following 4 years to 1,996 in 2022 if additional places are provided to meet the additional demand.

Global Number on Roll at Rubery Schools as at October Census

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-13	151	150	153	131	150	141	130	136	131	144	155	142	74	47	1835
Oct-14	152	153	151	154	128	144	139	129	142	133	140	153	48	58	1824
Oct-15	152	153	147	153	154	120	138	145	132	140	137	137	48	35	1791
Oct-16	151	153	156	143	154	153	119	137	144	126	131	130	34	42	1773
Oct-17	142	151	150	154	142	144	151	130	130	130	125	129	39	30	1747
Oct-18	150	153	154	141	152	132	140	154	125	126	128	122	33	30	1740

District Forecasts – No PAN Capping

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-19	168	153	153	152	140	145	129	144	153	121	124	125	36	27	1767
Oct-20	215	171	153	150	150	133	142	133	143	148	119	121	36	29	1842
Oct-21	218	219	171	150	149	143	130	146	132	138	145	116	35	29	1922
Oct-22	210	223	219	168	149	142	140	134	145	128	136	142	34	28	1996

The Rubery Education Planning Area accepts a large proportion of pupils from outside of Worcestershire, and as a result, all Reception places were filled for 2018. The provision provided by the Primary Schools has historically easily been sufficient to support demand from families living within the area. However, from 2020 onwards additional places are required to meet the demand for Reception places from inside the Education Planning Area alone, particularly within the East of this planning area.

Stourport

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), and one Secondary School. These schools offer a total of 270 Reception places and 254 Year 7 places for 2018, along with Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Stourport Education Planning Area has supported an average of 2,853 pupils across all year groups. This is anticipated to increase slightly over the following 4 years to 3,024 in 2022.

Global Number on Roll at Stourport Schools as at October Census

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-13	197	263	266	205	237	214	229	215	206	229	222	227	101	102	2913
Oct-14	245	205	262	261	224	239	213	205	214	206	223	207	113	73	2890
Oct-15	248	244	208	257	263	234	238	197	200	212	205	216	86	87	2895
Oct-16	244	243	245	209	259	254	233	212	198	200	208	196	80	73	2854
Oct-17	246	245	239	242	215	253	244	210	194	191	202	199	55	59	2794
Oct-18	235	247	248	244	252	220	259	241	211	194	181	195	57	48	2832

District Forecasts – No PAN Capping

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-19	234	236	248	247	253	253	219	238	236	209	190	173	72	45	2853
Oct-20	265	237	239	248	258	256	253	203	235	236	207	184	65	59	2944
Oct-21	243	270	241	241	261	262	258	237	202	237	235	202	69	54	3012
Oct-22	207	247	273	243	253	265	264	240	234	203	235	227	76	57	3024

There is no real pressure on Primary places within the Stourport Education Planning Area over the following 4 years; however, there will be a spike in the number of children seeking a Reception place in 2020, however there will still be a sufficient number of places across the area to support this bulge.

The number of pupils seeking a place at The Stourport High School & Sixth Form Centre is anticipated to increase over the following few years, as such WCC have worked with the school to allow them to permanently increase their capacity by 30 pupils per year group from the 2019 intake.

Tenbury

The Tenbury Education Planning Area covers the area in the very North West 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). In total these schools offer a total of 45 Reception places and 95 Year 7 places for 2019. Over the last 5 years, the Tenbury Education Planning Area has supported an average of 622 pupils across all year groups, which is increase slightly year on year to 729 in 2022.

Global Number on Roll at Tenbury Schools as at October Census

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	TOTAL
Oct-13	40	27	30	38	42	40	30	68	83	72	95	92	657
Oct-14	29	41	27	38	37	40	39	55	59	73	69	97	604
Oct-15	42	32	41	30	36	38	39	78	57	58	75	70	596
Oct-16	38	46	32	43	32	40	41	67	77	63	57	73	609
Oct-17	49	39	45	33	45	33	38	78	67	84	70	58	639
Oct-18	34	47	39	45	32	44	37	85	79	68	85	69	664

District Forecasts – No PAN Capping

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	TOTAL
Oct-19	38	35	47	43	45	33	45	72	83	80	69	85	675
Oct-20	34	41	36	52	43	47	34	89	71	85	83	70	686
Oct-21	35	37	42	41	54	46	49	69	88	74	89	84	707
Oct-22	35	38	38	47	42	56	48	98	69	91	76	90	729

There is no serious pressure on places within the Tenbury Education Planning Area.

Upton

The Upton Education Planning Area is located in the South West 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 190 Year 7 places for 2019, as well as Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Upton Education Planning Area has supported an average of 1,959 pupils across all year groups. This is anticipated to increase year on year over the following 4 years to 2,411 in 2022.

Global Number on Roll at Upton Schools as at October Census

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr. 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-13	120	131	134	122	143	126	128	157	162	148	149	148	108	82	1858
Oct-14	129	124	133	135	120	139	132	167	162	160	146	147	111	83	1888
Oct-15	112	138	127	135	137	124	140	172	167	162	163	142	107	90	1916
Oct-16	127	122	141	127	140	137	129	172	169	172	157	160	101	95	1949
Oct-17	139	126	129	147	137	141	149	176	170	171	170	153	115	90	2013
Oct-18	123	141	133	132	152	135	146	181	172	169	168	169	110	99	2030

District Forecasts – No PAN Capping

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr. 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-19	171	130	148	137	138	154	143	189	182	174	169	167	124	94	2118
Oct-20	184	179	135	151	142	139	161	184	190	184	174	167	122	105	2216
Oct-21	191	192	186	138	157	143	145	208	184	191	183	171	121	103	2314
Oct-22	197	199	199	189	143	157	150	187	208	186	190	180	124	103	2411

The Upton and Kempsey areas are popular and growing areas of Worcestershire and therefore demand for places in the area are also expected grow rapidly over the next several years. There has been a large number of housing built within the Kempsey Primary School catchment area which has resulted in the need to expand Kempsey Primary from 40 to 60 places per year group in two phases. WCC is also investing in Welland Primary School which has agreed to expand from 20 places to 30.

Hanley Castle High School is also expanding by 18 places per year to support the growing demand from families within the area.

Worcester

The Worcester Education Planning Area is located at the center of Worcestershire and is predominantly made up of the City of Worcester. The area encompasses the entirety of the city council of Worcester and a small part of Wychavon. The area is served by twenty-four Primary Schools (Years R-6), and five Secondary Schools. In total these schools offer a total of 1320 Reception places and 1184 Year 7 places for 2019, as well as Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Worcester Education Planning Area has supported an average of 13,400 pupils across all year groups. This has increased year-on-year over the last 5 years and is anticipated to continue a similar trend as the city grows rapidly as a result of new housing. There will be an expected 14,311 pupils in this area in 2022.

Global Number on Roll at Worcester Schools as at October Census

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-13	1142	1132	1083	1079	1069	1045	1019	1013	1021	1024	1016	1027	72	28	12770
Oct-14	1167	1142	1115	1088	1087	1072	1041	1052	1024	1018	1018	994	61	46	12925
Oct-15	1181	1174	1148	1126	1096	1090	1071	1054	1051	1015	1021	1007	129	31	13194
Oct-16	1179	1175	1174	1155	1120	1095	1076	1114	1059	1035	1012	998	151	101	13444
Oct-17	1163	1177	1181	1170	1153	1139	1098	1111	1108	1037	1016	997	173	135	13658
Oct-18	1089	1173	1173	1184	1180	1165	1131	1158	1114	1093	1013	999	165	146	13783

District Forecasts – No PAN Capping

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-19	1126	1100	1180	1187	1197	1197	1169	1179	1170	1109	1092	1004	137	128	13975
Oct-20	1055	1142	1112	1199	1205	1219	1206	1224	1197	1170	1113	1087	138	111	14179
Oct-21	974	1068	1152	1128	1215	1224	1225	1259	1238	1193	1170	1105	149	110	14210
Oct-22	1050	988	1079	1168	1144	1235	1231	1280	1274	1235	1194	1162	151	118	14311

In recent years WCC have worked closely with schools in the area to increase the number of reception places to support the higher number of children born in the city. Birth rates have since stabilized, however pressure will remain in certain areas, particularly as several large housing developments begin. Two new 2FE Primary Schools will be built on the two largest sites to support pupils arising from the new housing.

As higher cohort numbers move through to Secondary Schools, demand will increase for Year 7 places. Over the last several years, WCC have worked with schools across the city to increase provision which will mean by 2021, five of the six high schools in the city will have received major investment from WCC to support these schools. Numbers are anticipated to increase further, and additional provision will be required to support this demand.

Wythall

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 2019, as well as Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Wythall Education Planning Area has supported an average of 1,830 pupils across all year groups. This is anticipated to increase year-on-year over the following 4 years to 1,962 in 2022.

Global Number on Roll at Wythall Schools as at October Census

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-13	133	104	105	105	94	105	96	175	180	176	174	171	59	61	1738
Oct-14	126	134	104	105	105	93	105	183	177	178	171	171	49	59	1760
Oct-15	129	126	134	107	105	104	94	184	181	171	176	168	68	39	1786
Oct-16	130	130	130	132	107	105	106	184	181	179	170	173	64	56	1847
Oct-17	125	135	129	131	135	107	106	182	185	179	180	169	45	57	1865
Oct-18	128	127	133	128	136	134	106	180	184	185	179	174	61	39	1894

District Forecasts – PAN Capping enforced

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-19	135	130	128	134	130	136	135	180	180	182	184	176	59	54	1943
Oct-20	135	135	130	128	135	129	137	180	180	178	181	181	59	52	1940
Oct-21	135	135	135	131	130	135	130	180	180	180	177	177	61	52	1937
Oct-22	135	135	135	154	132	129	136	180	180	180	180	173	60	53	1962

Every year, a number of pupils from outside of Worcestershire will seek a place within the Wythall Education Planning Area. Provision across year groups has historically been able to easily support demand from families living within Worcestershire, however there was a bulge birth year in 2016 which will mean that demand from inside the area will likely fill the available Reception places in these schools. The schools will likely continue to fill, however demand from outside of the area will be far exceeding available spare places. For this reason, these forecasts have been capped to school capacity.