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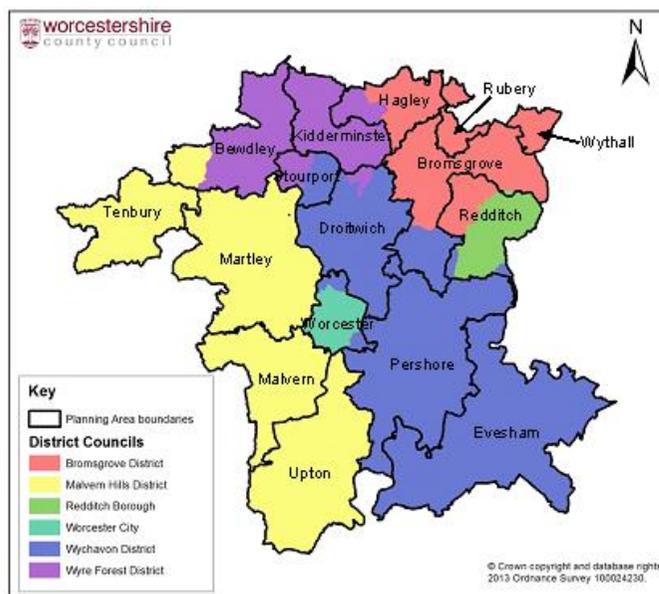
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Introduction

Each local authority in England has a legal duty to ensure there is a place available for every child wishing to attend a publicly funded school, therefore, 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 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 Children First (WCF) Sufficiency and Place Planning Team, who work with schools and partners across the County to meet the sufficiency duty of Worcestershire County Council (WCC). School place planning plays a crucial role in developing the Local Authority's strategy for capital programmes, allowing strategic decisions about investment to be made based on robust evidence. WCC currently seeks to maintain a 5% surplus of mainstream school places in each Education Planning Area (EPA) to allow families an ability to reflect preference in the school their child attends.

WCF reviews 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 living in the area could reasonably attend. The use of Education Planning Areas allows WCF 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 as compared to District Council Boundaries in Worcestershire



Worcestershire has a wide array of education structures offered 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. 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 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 offer Sixth form provision. A number of schools in 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.

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

Figure 2 – 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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*Pershore is consulting on a change to a 2-tier system.

The forecast for each EPA considers demographic growth in each area, new housing developments, average transfer rates and migration patterns. Pupil generation from new housing is not as predictable as demographic growth and therefore greater care is taken when considering these forecasts.

For further information on forecasting please visit [school forecast data](#).

Overview

Mainstream provision across Worcestershire is currently sufficient: 82% of schools are rated as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, which is stable compared to last year. 91% of Primary school children received an offer from one of their three preferences for September 2022, lower than the previous year for Primary (98%), which was close to the England average of 98.4%. There was also a small decrease in the percentage of children applying for a Secondary school place receiving an offer from one of their three preferences: 95.1% for September 2022 compared to 95.5% for September 2021.

The number of children taught in mainstream schools in Worcestershire has increased over the last five years with numbers now expected to stabilise. September 2016 saw the highest intake of Reception children the County has ever experienced. This cohort moved into Middle schools in 2021 and will arrive in Secondary Schools in 2023. For most areas this will represent a single year of need, whilst in others signifies a longer-term trend.

Over the last 5 years, WCC EPA forecasts for the demand for mainstream Reception school places for the following two years have on average been accurate to 98.8%. The accuracy of the forecasts improves further when forecasting for Middle and Secondary school places; which can be expected as pupils are usually already in attendance at feeder schools. It takes approximately two 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 three and four years into the future, this accuracy is still within 99% and 98% 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 four years.

For each EPA, WCF historically aimed to remain within this 95% accuracy or 0.5FE (15 places) for each intake point, whichever is greater. For Reception intake, this was achieved in every year over the last five years in 13 out of 16 planning areas when forecasting two years ahead. Reception numbers fell in Evesham further than forecast. The other planning areas, Hagley and Rubery, are restrained by the capacity of schools and significant demand for places comes from out of area 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 of error over the last five years. This was also achieved for all planning areas for forecasting High school intake.

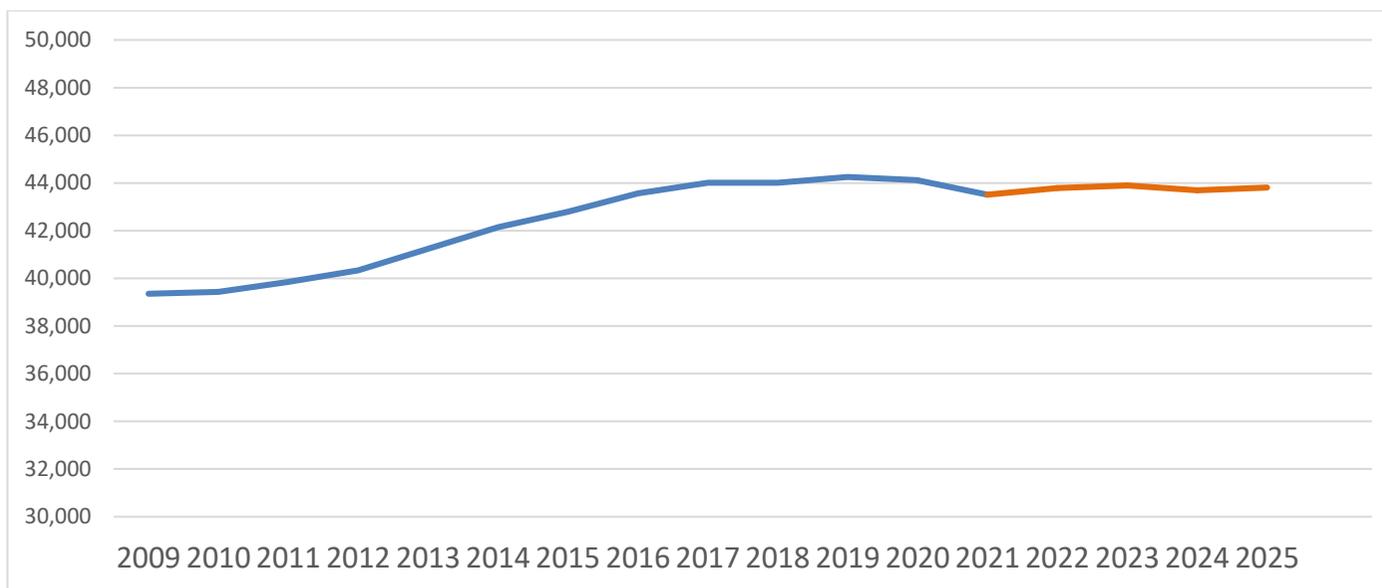
Primary Year Groups

Over the last decade, the number of Primary age children (Reception to Year 6) in Worcestershire has increased by 9%. Over this time, WCC and now WCF, have 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 and Redditch, have experienced a much higher rate than rural areas. Conversely the numbers arriving at Reception classes in Worcester City, Malvern and Kidderminster were much lower this year. Worcestershire has a mix of urban and rural areas with an increasing number of families moving into urban areas, a trend seen nationally. Over the next 5-10 years a number of large housing developments are expected to increase the numbers of families living within some urban areas. At the same time, there is also the challenge of ensuring small rural village schools are able to remain sustainable.

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. 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 year groups in Worcestershire seemed to have peaked in 2019 at 44,252 and since stabilized around 44000. Therefore, as

new housing is concentrated in pockets, additional expansions will be required in certain areas to ensure sufficiency of places in Key Stage 1 and 2, but in other areas there will be surplus places.

Figure 3 – Historic and forecast total number of Primary age pupils (R-Y6) in mainstream schools in Worcestershire 2009-2024



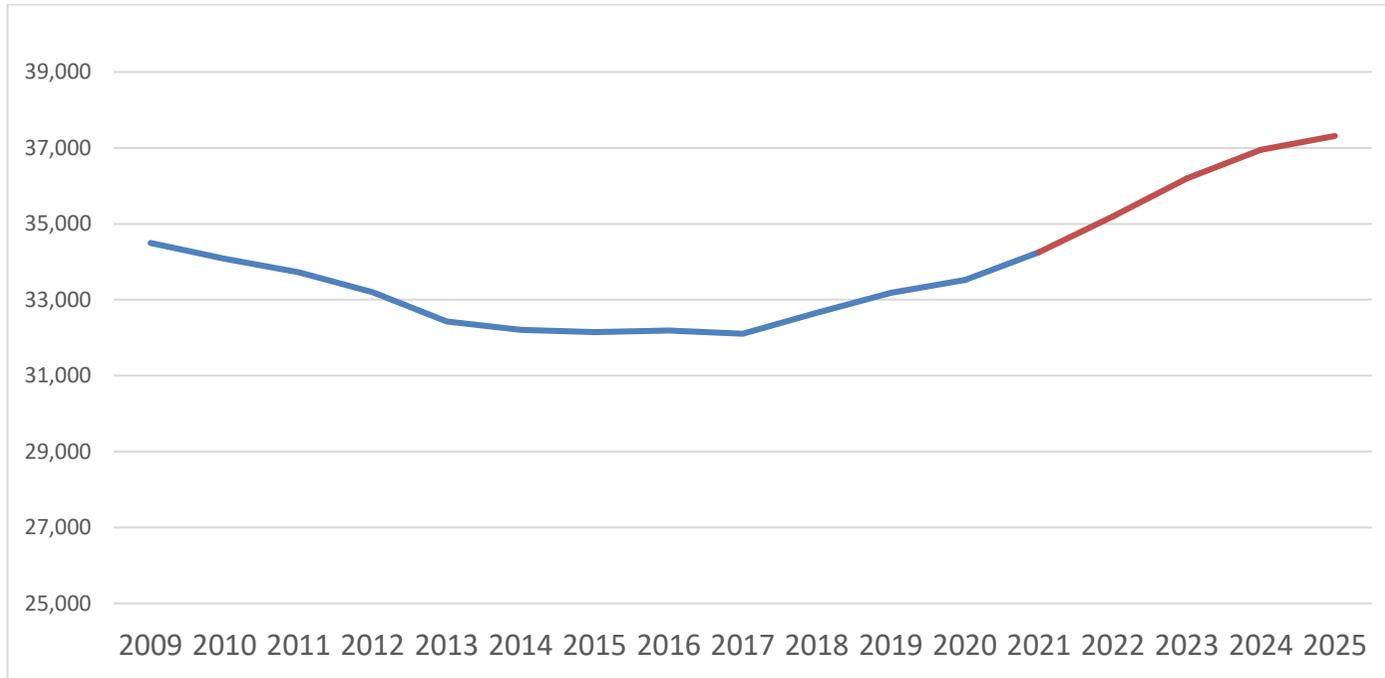
Higher Primary numbers from the last several years have now begun to reach Secondary transfer age, and those schools in three-tier systems are already experiencing higher numbers transferring through to Middle.

Secondary Year Groups

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 anticipated increase due to housing growth. Over the last several years, WCC and WCF 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 close to the Worcestershire border 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.

Figure 4 – Historic and forecast total number of Secondary age pupils (Y7-Y13) in mainstream schools in Worcestershire 2009-2024



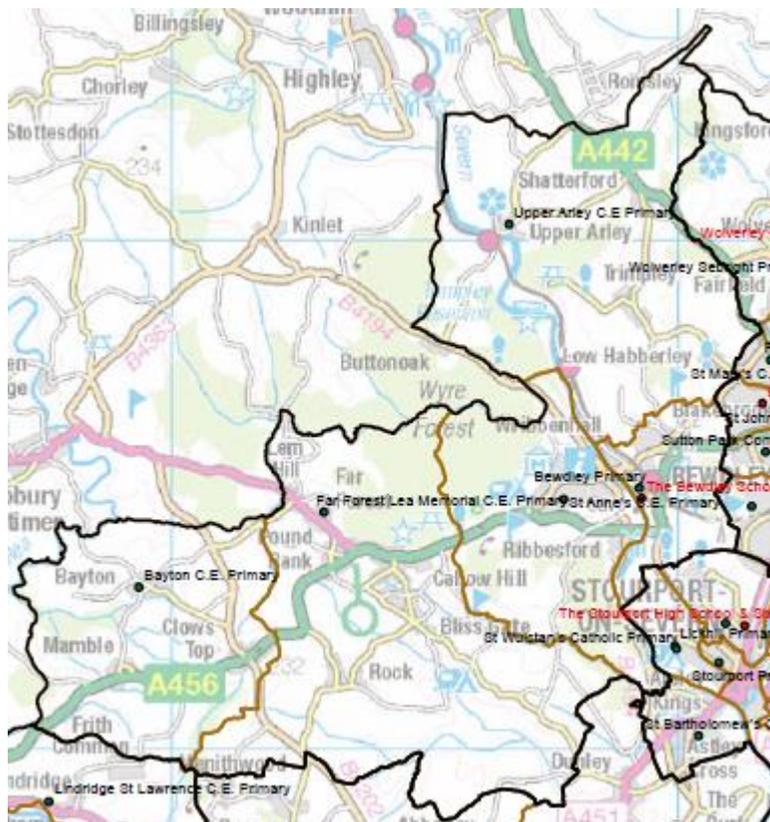
Forecast pupil numbers shown below are based on children currently living in Worcestershire, as well as additional demand generated from large new housing developments anticipated over this period. Further growth is anticipated in the pupil population of Worcestershire over this time.

Figure 5 – Global Historic and Forecast Number on Roll across Worcestershire Mainstream Schools as at October Census 2017-2026

	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-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
Oct-19	6214	6159	6388	6571	6429	6332	6159	6139	6175	5810	5734	5556	2005	1763	77434
Oct-20	6153	6212	6136	6372	6549	6378	6312	6128	6045	6031	5779	5555	2104	1876	77630
Oct-21	5923	6184	6208	6082	6336	6467	6310	6304	6135	6023	6025	5688	2121	1954	77760
Oct-22	6042	6040	6286	6294	6186	6383	6557	6430	6358	6167	6082	5999	2195	1962	78981
Oct-23	6094	6164	6146	6376	6402	6238	6477	6682	6488	6392	6229	6059	2314	2031	80091
Oct-24	5741	6209	6263	6230	6477	6446	6326	6596	6732	6514	6446	6197	2335	2131	80644
Oct-25	5951	5848	6302	6340	6324	6514	6527	6438	6639	6748	6560	6402	2384	2143	81123

A significant challenge for WCF 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. WCF 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 140 Reception places and 168 Year 7 places for 2022, as well as Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Bewdley Education Planning Area has supported an average of 1,855 pupils annually across all year groups. Over the following 4 years this is not anticipated to alter dramatically.

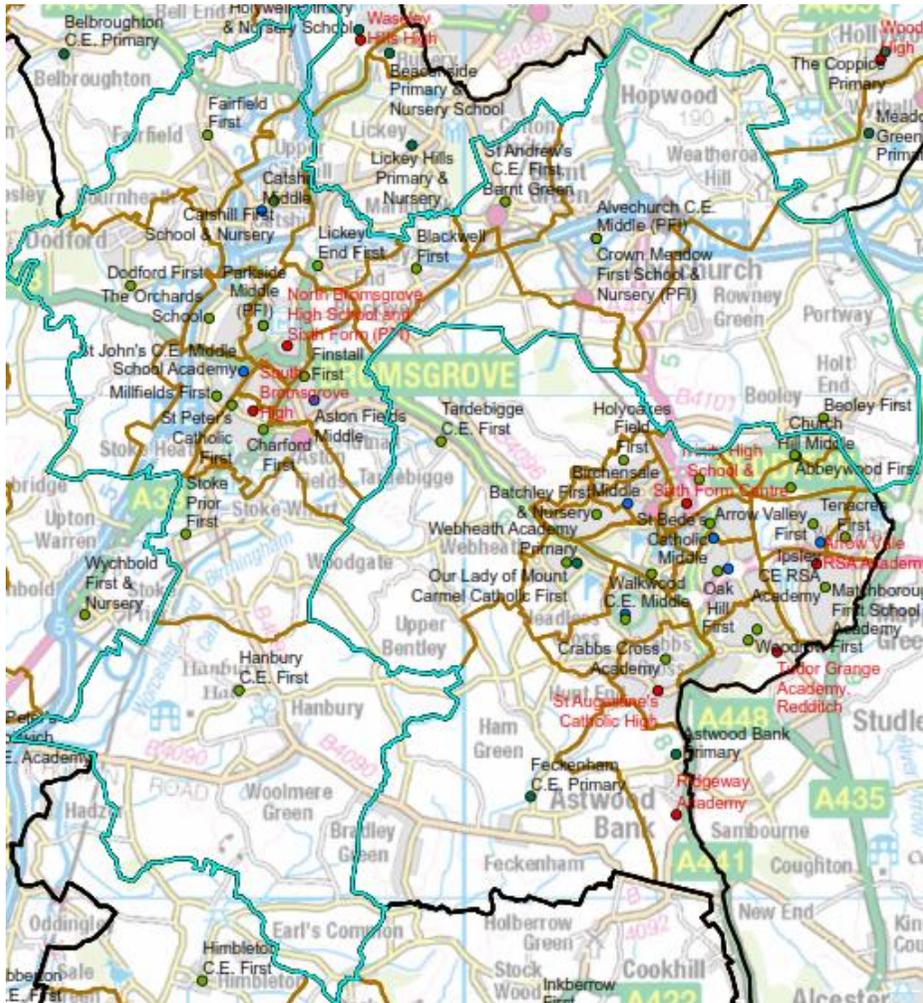
Global Number on Roll at Bewdley Schools as at October Census

	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-16	115	134	127	130	132	147	128	148	158	180	153	164	71	63	1850
Oct-17	129	117	133	135	128	131	149	161	154	162	183	151	60	62	1855
Oct-18	113	131	117	133	136	127	127	180	159	157	167	178	46	47	1818
Oct-19	120	116	130	127	136	137	132	168	181	168	168	166	47	32	1828
Oct-20	130	117	120	133	135	143	140	169	167	184	169	162	71	47	1887
Oct-21	121	136	120	122	133	130	142	180	166	168	174	165	69	64	1890
Oct-22	139	123	137	125	124	133	131	180	180	170	170	170	59	59	1901
Oct-23	93	141	124	142	126	124	134	166	181	185	172	167	61	50	1868
Oct-24	85	94	143	129	145	127	125	171	167	185	187	169	60	52	1838
Oct-25	86	87	95	148	131	145	128	159	171	171	188	183	60	51	1802

As a number of pupils at secondary level attend schools in Stourport or Kidderminster, there is no serious pressure on places within the Bewdley Education Planning Area. Upper Arley has many fewer known children in catchment than its PAN.

Bromsgrove

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 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 740 Reception places, 680 Year 5 places, and 635 Year 9 places for 2022, as well as Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Bromsgrove Education Planning Area supported an average of 8,312 pupils across all year groups. Over the next 4 years, this is anticipated to increase year-on-year to 8,875 pupils in 2025.

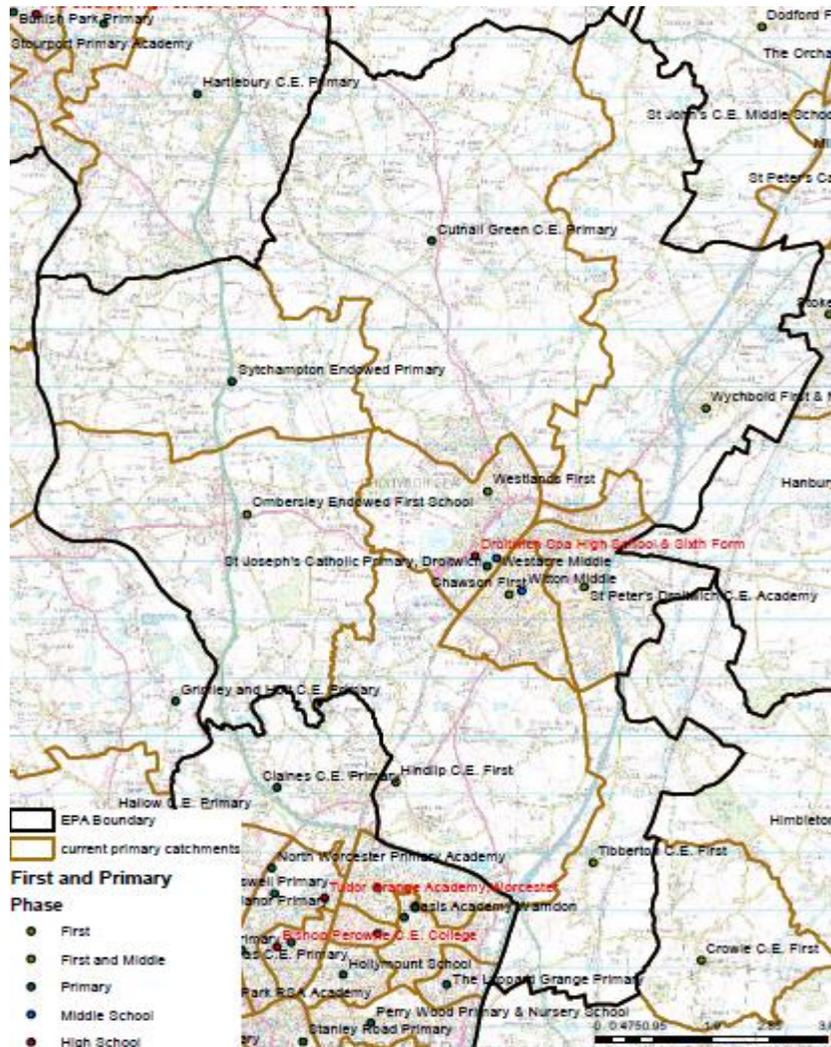


Global Number on Roll at Bromsgrove Schools as at October Census

	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-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
Oct-19	716	691	714	733	700	680	653	658	629	586	569	597	243	180	8349
Oct-20	709	711	682	705	736	654	678	643	659	602	577	565	259	230	8410
Oct-21	697	711	712	672	695	721	655	664	635	611	597	576	266	246	8458
Oct-22	706	701	713	710	675	673	723	643	659	619	604	591	248	248	8512
Oct-23	684	714	707	716	718	658	679	714	643	646	616	603	257	236	8591
Oct-24	716	697	725	715	728	704	669	676	717	635	648	619	264	248	8761
Oct-25	692	729	707	732	726	713	714	665	679	707	637	650	271	254	8875

Housing developments of over 2,000 dwellings are expected from 2022-2028 in both Perryfields and Whitford Road on the west side of Bromsgrove town, which will increase pupil numbers at First, Middle and High school phases. A new First school is planned to be built alongside the Perryfields housing. There is need for provision of a 1FE bulge year at The Orchards School or Meadows First in 2024, 1FE is likely to be required in the Middle phase in the area from 2023 and 2FE by 2025. Higher numbers will also warrant a 1FE expansion for High school provision in 2023 and a further 1FE expansion in 2025.

Droitwich



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. These schools offer a total of 408 Reception places, 405 Year

5 places, 330 Year 7 places and 305 Year 8 places for 2022, as well as Sixth Form provision. The year 7 provision in the Middle schools is lower than that for Year 5 because there are 2 Primary schools in the area, whose pupils tend to move to Stourport or Worcester Secondary schools. Over the last 5 years, the Droitwich Education Planning Area supported an average of 3,931 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 4,471 pupils in 2025.

Global Number on Roll at Droitwich Schools as at October Census

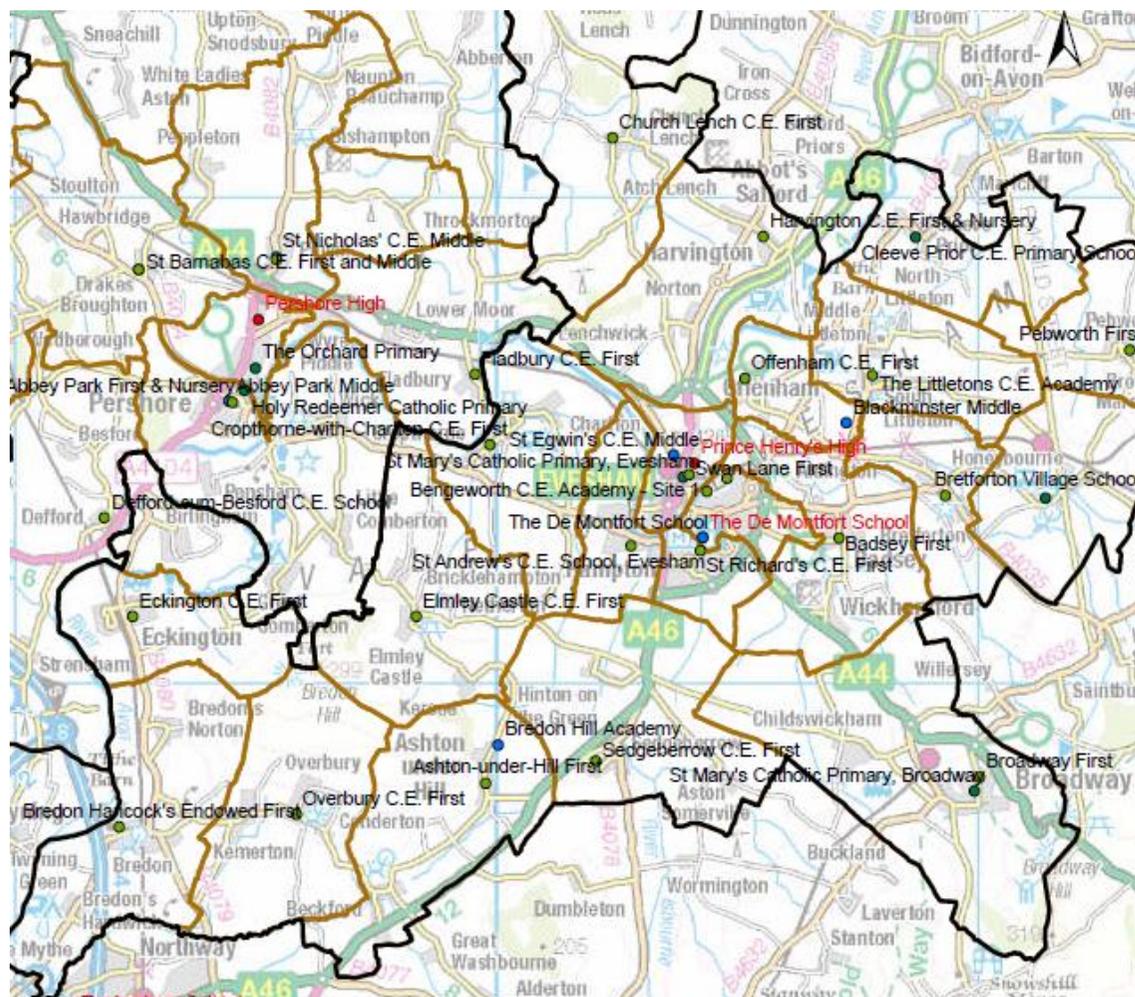
	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-16	369	359	330	350	338	324	338	265	255	279	227	258	109	105	3906
Oct-17	366	367	355	324	346	324	313	292	250	256	272	222	119	97	3903
Oct-18	301	365	379	362	325	327	327	261	271	253	264	269	99	103	3906
Oct-19	351	308	372	373	364	314	333	287	259	270	252	266	97	88	3934
Oct-20	359	359	300	378	359	352	311	288	267	257	266	249	91	96	3932
Oct-21	349	365	360	295	375	340	360	271	292	271	258	270	97	81	3984
Oct-22	401	361	375	367	301	367	349	318	269	302	279	265	111	95	4160
Oct-23	406	409	367	378	368	292	372	305	310	274	306	282	108	105	4282
Oct-24	407	414	414	369	378	355	296	324	296	314	277	307	114	101	4367
Oct-25	468	412	415	413	366	361	356	255	311	297	314	276	123	103	4471

There are two major development sites in Droitwich at Yew Tree Village and Copcut Lane that are almost completely built out. As a result, we have seen a noticeable increase in the number of pupils in Reception. Over time, this housing will impact on the requirement for more provision in Droitwich Middle and High schools. A 1FE expansion is being planned for one of the First schools in the town of Droitwich for 2023.

In response to the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review, it is possible that a new 2FE First school will be required to respond to housing in the next stage of the plan in Hadzor (up to 2041).

Evesham

The Evesham Education Planning Area is made up 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 Schools (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 676 Reception places, 662 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 6,825 pupils annually across all year groups. This is anticipated to peak at 6,869 pupils in 2023.



Global Number on Roll at Evesham Schools as at October Census

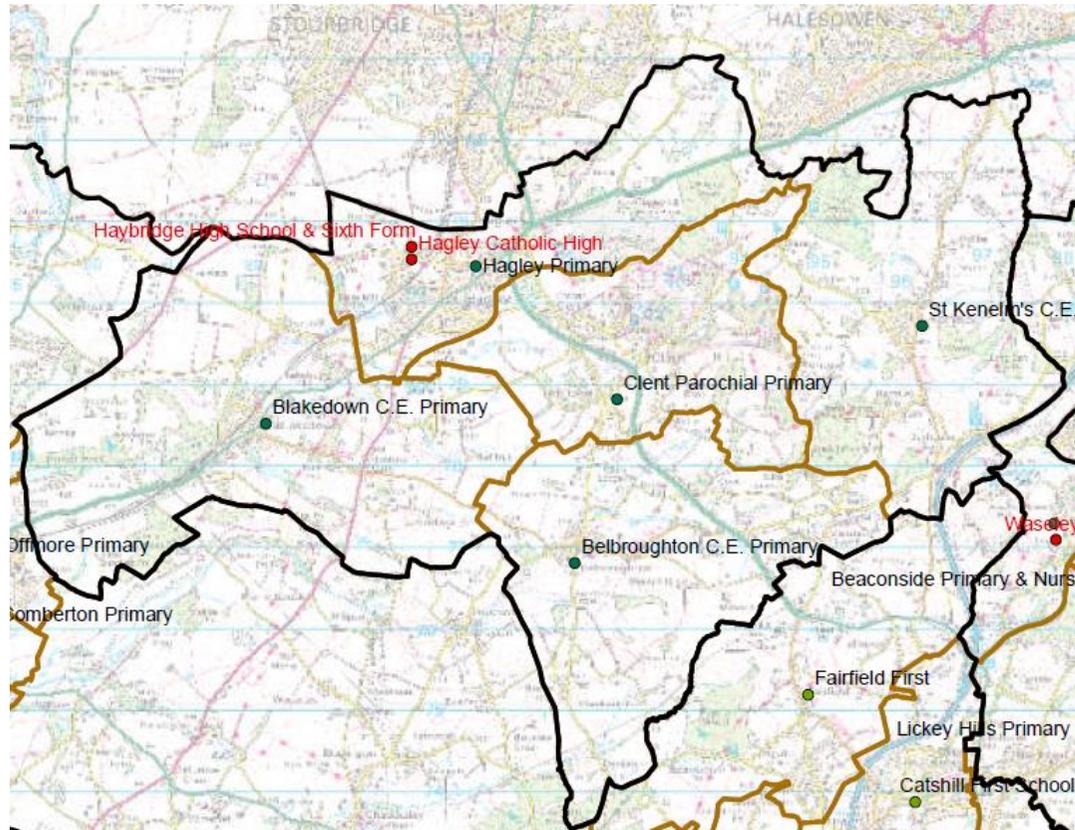
	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-16	586	603	559	583	546	554	556	479	459	466	467	445	256	172	6731
Oct-17	574	594	607	557	576	541	546	492	478	459	470	464	219	219	6796
Oct-18	583	569	595	598	574	565	534	490	486	478	463	461	211	205	6812
Oct-19	530	589	570	601	605	584	575	479	489	483	473	455	228	190	6851
Oct-20	570	535	584	565	595	600	572	478	476	481	487	468	242	219	6872
Oct-21	576	577	536	579	574	570	584	489	463	459	472	469	221	225	6794
Oct-22	529	580	577	533	583	567	564	510	484	458	459	463	229	203	6739
Oct-23	508	533	580	577	533	583	567	564	510	484	458	459	463	229	7048
Oct-24	477	511	533	580	577	533	583	567	564	510	484	458	459	463	7300
Oct-25	511	481	511	533	580	577	533	583	567	564	510	484	458	459	7351

Demand for Reception places within Evesham town remains high. At present, 17% of children from the town choose to attend rural First schools, supporting small village schools and relieving pressure on demand for places in the town.

Currently, there are sufficient places in the Middle and High Schools across the Education Planning Area, however some schools have elected to admit over PAN in response to parental preference. Some schools in isolated villages have low numbers on roll but are often much further than 2 miles from any densely populated area, therefore they are unlikely to attract any additional pupils.

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 2021, as well as Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Hagley Education Planning Area supported an average of 3,598 pupils annually across all year groups. Over the following 4 years, this is anticipated to increase to 3,935 in 2025.



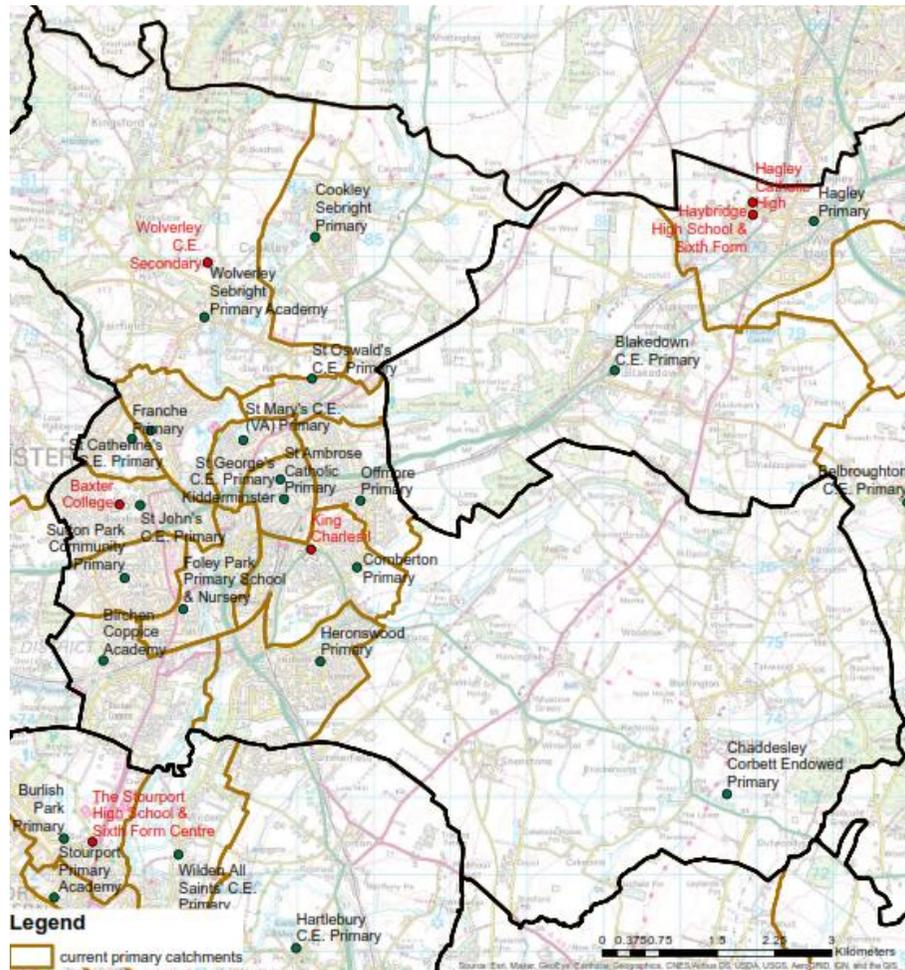
Global Number on Roll at Hagley Schools as at October Census

	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-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
Oct-19	168	175	182	195	195	185	177	380	379	378	372	328	242	258	3614
Oct-20	185	176	177	183	191	192	187	377	379	374	375	370	257	229	3652
Oct-21	184	186	179	177	186	191	191	359	379	378	365	372	223	231	3601
Oct-22	241	188	191	180	180	186	194	403	360	376	374	362	284	197	3715
Oct-23	188	247	194	193	183	180	190	411	405	357	372	372	277	252	3820
Oct-24	219	192	254	195	195	183	183	400	412	401	353	369	284	245	3886
Oct-25	218	224	197	255	198	195	186	386	401	408	397	351	282	251	3949

The number of pre-school children in this education planning area has increased over the last five years, but schools are able to meet the needs of families in this area. The number of children in both Primary and Secondary schools have been increasing. The Primary and Secondary schools support a significant number of pupils from out of county but they are able to meet the needs of Worcestershire pupils. Haybridge High School elected to increase PAN to take more pupils from out of county, which raises the PAN for Year 7 to 400.

Kidderminster

The Kidderminster Education Planning Area is made up 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 783 Reception places and 659 Year 7 places for 2021, as well as Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Kidderminster Education Planning Area has supported an average of 7,860 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 8,213 pupils in 2025.



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-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
Oct-19	707	712	727	709	704	699	649	611	583	515	533	496	152	130	7927
Oct-20	677	697	701	724	715	693	702	568	596	507	468	467	174	133	7822
Oct-21	645	679	696	703	734	718	695	632	573	597	557	503	178	147	8057
Oct-22	663	650	684	700	713	735	724	608	639	562	599	547	172	150	8147
Oct-23	651	669	656	689	711	714	741	633	615	627	565	589	187	145	8192
Oct-24	575	656	674	661	699	713	721	648	641	604	629	556	201	158	8137
Oct-25	644	586	666	684	676	705	724	635	660	633	611	623	192	173	8213

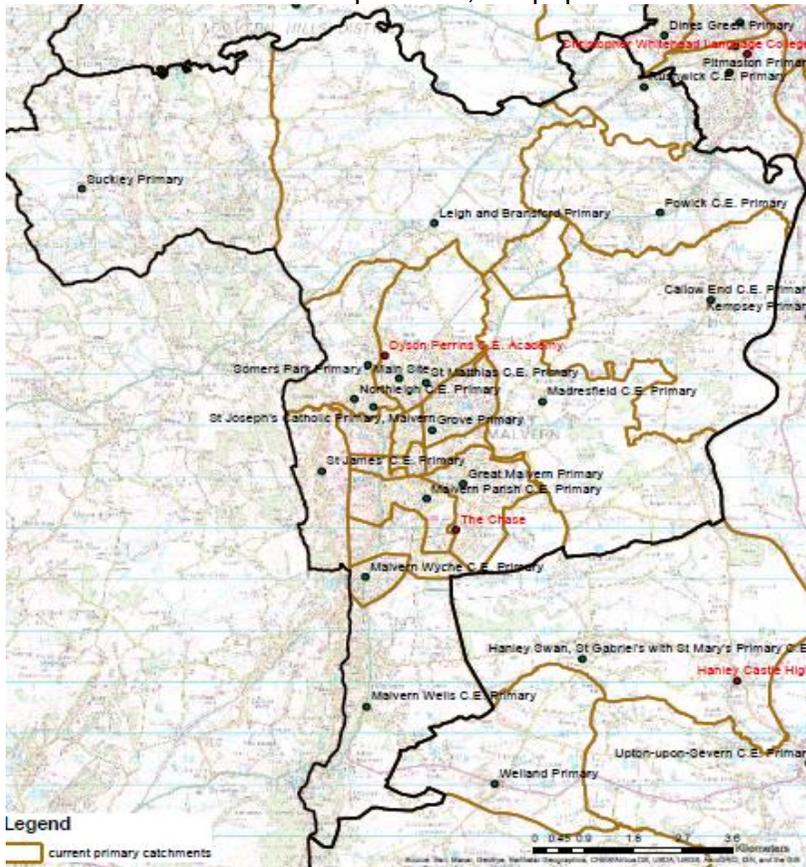
There is currently an oversupply of places in this Education Planning Area though Birchen Coppice Primary has reduced its PAN from 60 to 45. At present, Franche Community Primary attracts a high percentage of children from across Kidderminster town.

There are two large housing developments planned for 2022 onwards near Comberton and Lea Castle, both of which will include the building of new primary schools. However, it is likely that bulge-year provision will be needed in 2024.

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 be close to the capacity of local Secondary schools in 2024, so the situation will be monitored closely.

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 406 Reception places and 408 Year 7 places for 2021, as well as Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Malvern Education Planning Area supported an average of 4,761 pupils annually across all year groups. With lower birthrates and some families moving away from Malvern forecast there will be an expected 4,398 pupils in 2025.



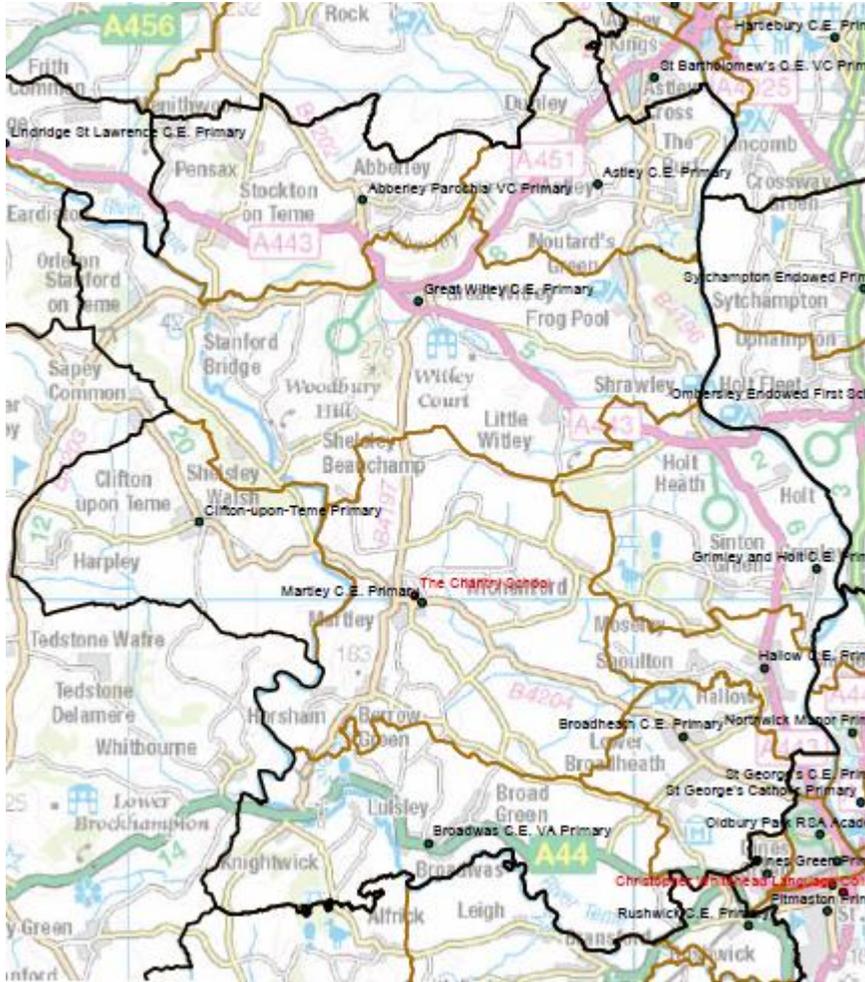
Global Number on Roll at Malvern Schools as at October Census

	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-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
Oct-19	369	410	395	410	411	389	419	333	331	329	349	324	148	165	4782
Oct-20	344	373	409	389	402	406	382	343	299	325	375	316	134	145	4642
Oct-21	398	354	381	421	398	404	409	352	377	330	329	325	154	124	4756
Oct-22	372	405	358	387	423	403	409	357	359	387	346	313	160	151	372
Oct-23	384	377	406	361	387	426	406	355	362	367	402	327	154	155	384
Oct-24	343	388	377	409	361	389	428	351	359	368	380	378	160	147	343
Oct-25	323	347	388	379	408	363	390	370	355	365	382	358	184	153	323

In January 2019 a development for 800 dwellings in the north of the town was approved. Expansion at Somers Park on the satellite site of Malvern Vale was arranged early to prepare for new families moving into this development, but construction has not yet commenced. As a result, in September 2021, there was a 15% surplus of Reception school places across this planning area until new housing is built. The current Reception cohort of 398 is the largest since 2018, but Reception numbers are forecast to drop further. The majority of this surplus impacts on the Malvern Town schools. The relatively higher pupil numbers living in Rushwick, Powick and Callow End cannot be expected to travel over the 3 miles distance to the town.

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 169 Reception places and 175 Year 7 places for 2021. Over the last 5 years, the Martley Education Planning Area supported an average of 1,912 pupils annually across all year groups. This is anticipated to remain stable for the next 4 years.



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-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
Oct-19	165	145	184	169	166	163	180	154	173	149	150	138	1936
Oct-20	156	163	152	191	174	168	164	180	159	175	149	148	1979
Oct-21	126	158	163	155	194	175	168	172	179	159	175	150	1974
Oct-22	136	130	164	171	161	199	182	172	178	183	161	176	2014
Oct-23	156	142	138	174	180	168	209	189	180	184	187	164	2070
Oct-24	128	162	148	145	181	185	175	214	195	185	186	188	2093
Oct-25	150	132	168	155	151	186	192	179	221	199	186	187	2106

Demand for places at the Secondary school serving this area, The Chantry School, has increased over the last 4 years compared to population of feeder schools. This is mainly as a result of increased popularity of the school from out of area, though children at feeder schools in this area will continue to be able to transfer through and access a place here.

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 urban expansion will include a new primary school. The development is not expected to be completed until the early 2030s, but the impact of new housing on the Martley Education Planning area during this time will be monitored closely.

Global Number on Roll at Pershore Schools as at October Census

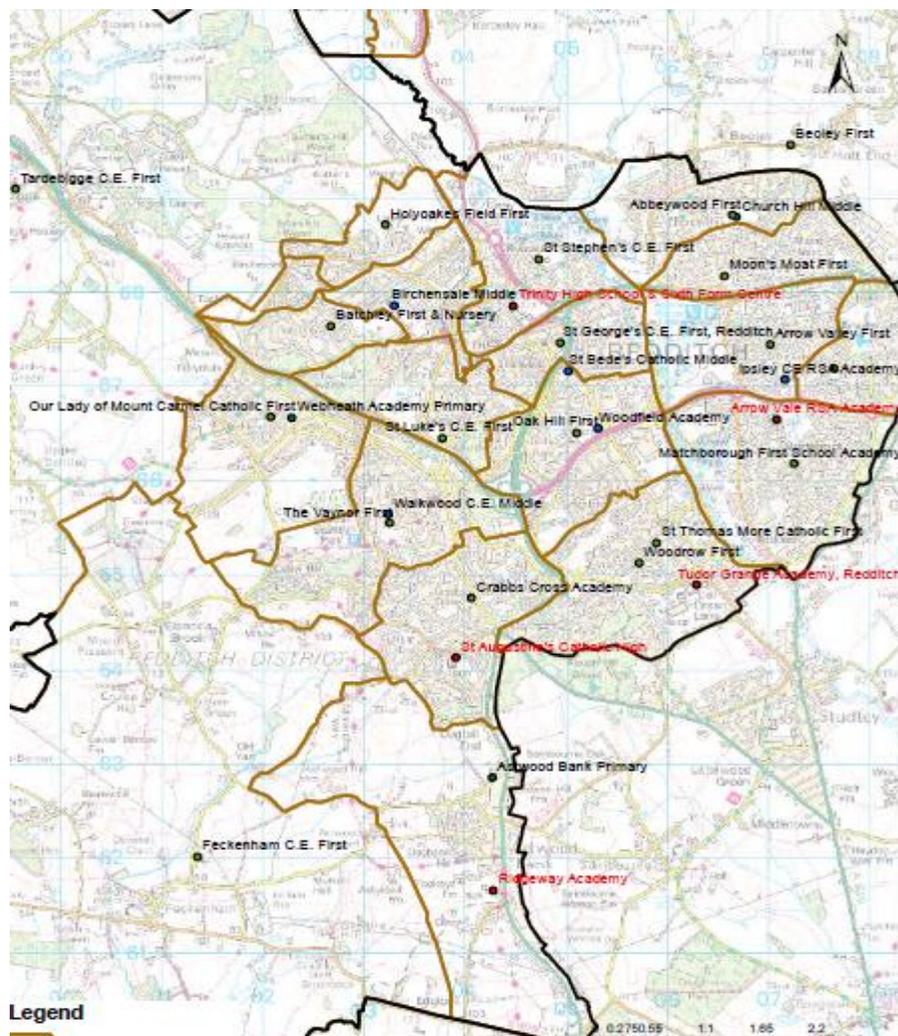
	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	SF1	SF2	TOTAL
Oct-16	275	267	272	263	246	258	241	247	240	221	195	222	98	105	3150
Oct-17	266	277	271	274	255	247	261	222	247	243	227	192	63	93	3138
Oct-18	234	264	278	264	275	248	244	227	232	249	240	224	83	61	3123
Oct-19	265	238	256	286	268	284	256	220	236	230	246	234	101	74	3194
Oct-20	249	262	238	250	286	278	300	222	220	230	228	241	107	100	3211
Oct-21	259	257	266	240	254	291	273	239	219	228	239	221	106	101	3193
Oct-22	234	265	261	270	244	261	299	241	247	224	234	238	93	105	3218
Oct-23	269	239	268	264	273	250	268	263	248	251	229	232	99	91	3245
Oct-24	247	273	241	269	266	278	255	235	268	250	254	225	96	96	3253
Oct-25	294	250	274	242	271	270	283	223	239	271	253	250	93	92	3307

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. Conversion from a First to a Primary school requires additional capacity of year 5 and year 6. The three Middle schools from year 5 to year 7 are now running at unsustainably low numbers on roll.

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.

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), three High Schools (Years 9-13) and one Secondary School (Years 7-13). In total these schools offer a total of 1,080 Reception places, 1,071 Year 5 places and 1,027 Year 9 places for 2021, as well as Sixth Form

provision. Over the last 5 years, the Redditch Education Planning Area has supported an average of 11,923 pupils annually across all year groups. Over the following 4 years, this is anticipated to stabilise to around 12,200 pupils for the next few years.

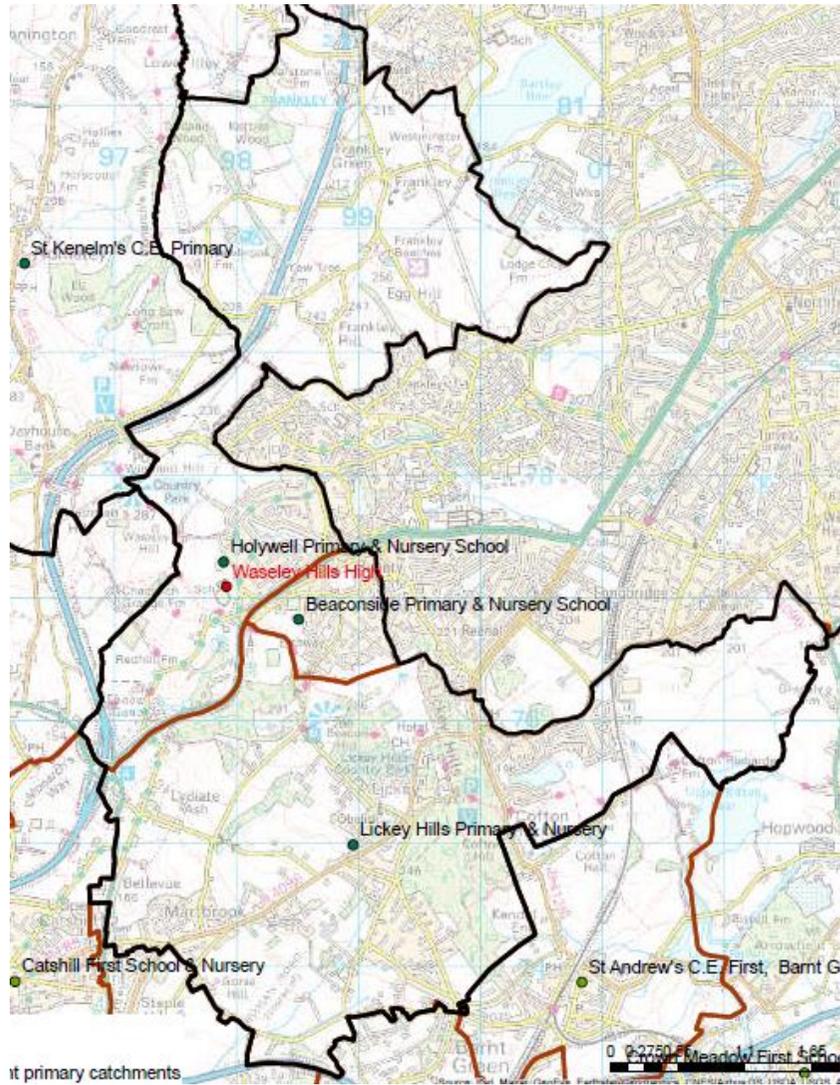
Global Number on Roll at Redditch Schools as at October Census

	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-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
Oct-19	987	999	965	1082	999	1010	963	880	939	864	824	818	342	259	11931
Oct-20	992	995	997	965	1072	1023	1008	864	881	933	864	811	374	307	12086
Oct-21	913	999	995	985	957	1094	1020	920	863	892	925	853	328	348	12092
Oct-22	922	917	1003	997	987	973	1104	939	916	865	891	914	388	271	12089
Oct-23	953	926	921	1004	998	1002	981	1015	934	916	864	881	416	319	12130
Oct-24	879	957	930	923	1006	1014	1011	904	1010	936	916	854	401	342	12084
Oct-25	950	884	962	933	926	1022	1024	932	901	1011	935	906	389	331	12104

Holyokes Field First School was relocated and expanded to meet growth from a development in the Brockhill area. There is a further area of housing development near Webheath on the southwestern corner of Redditch attracting significant numbers of additional children in 2024. A new 2FE First school is planned for this area in 2026. Conversely, on the East side of Redditch, the First school intakes are forecast to drop, resulting in a local surplus of places. One First school in this area has undertaken a PAN reduction to manage this fall.

Additional Middle school places are required to meet a shortfall of places of 1FE in 2023 mainly in Eastern Redditch. Then the demand switches to Western Redditch for 2FE more places in 2024. At High school level, there has been a growing percentage of children in the Redditch pyramid leaving the county to attend alternative schools from Year 7. In 2019 this represented 10% of all children that had attended a Redditch school in year 6.

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 School. In total these schools offer 150 Reception places and 178 Year 7 places for 2021, along with Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Rubery Education Planning Area supported an average of 1,762 pupils annually across all year groups. This is anticipated to increase year-on-year over the following 4 years to 1,931 in 2025.

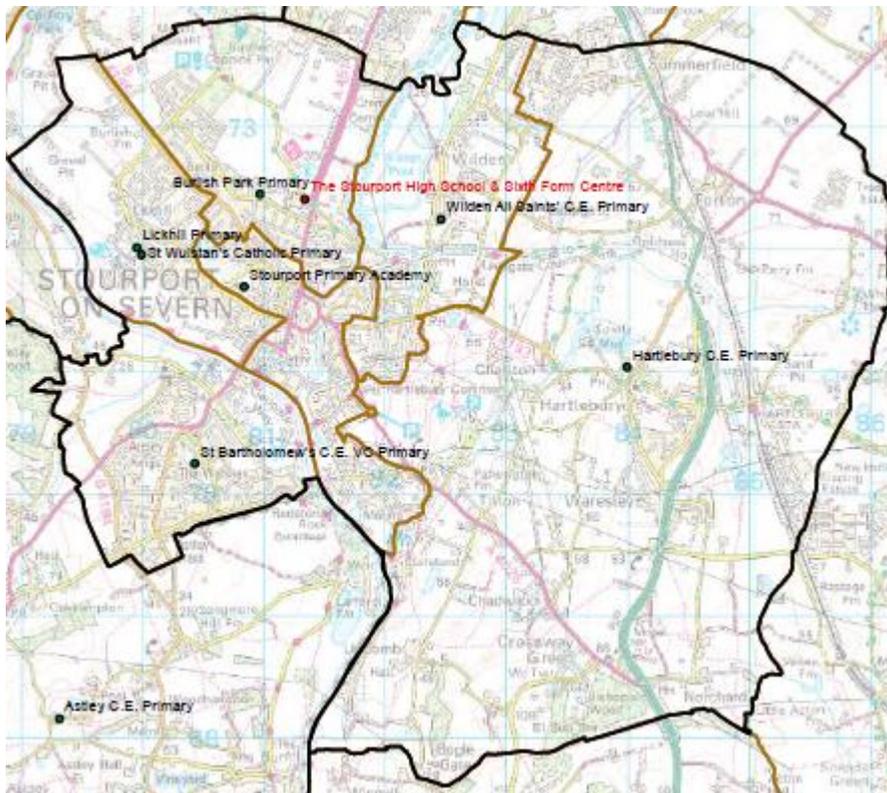
Global Number on Roll at Rubery Schools as at October Census

	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-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
Oct-19	151	150	155	153	149	140	134	128	151	124	120	126	48	30	1759
Oct-20	151	145	148	155	150	143	140	148	132	152	117	116	34	43	1774
Oct-21	155	154	144	151	149	140	135	162	142	129	146	114	40	30	1791
Oct-22	167	166	163	151	159	148	146	152	167	146	133	151	38	42	1929
Oct-23	163	169	165	161	150	149	145	155	148	162	141	130	47	33	1920
Oct-24	173	165	169	163	160	141	146	154	151	144	156	138	41	41	1942
Oct-25	152	175	165	167	163	150	138	155	150	146	139	153	43	35	1931

The Rubery Education Planning Area accepts a large proportion of pupils from outside of Worcestershire, and as a result, all Reception places were filled since 2018. The provision provided by the Primary Schools has historically easily been sufficient to support demand from families living within the area. However, known pre-schoolers living in the Lickey Hill Primary catchment exceed current spaces. A new Primary Free School in this planning area is being planned but if the delivery of the school is delayed, then an expansion of Lickey Hills Primary School is being considered. Significant numbers of parents in the area show a preference for nearby schools in the Bromsgrove 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 275 Reception places and 254 Year 7 places for 2021, along with Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Stourport Education Planning Area has supported an average of 2,796 pupils across all year groups. This is anticipated to drop to 2,691 by 2025.

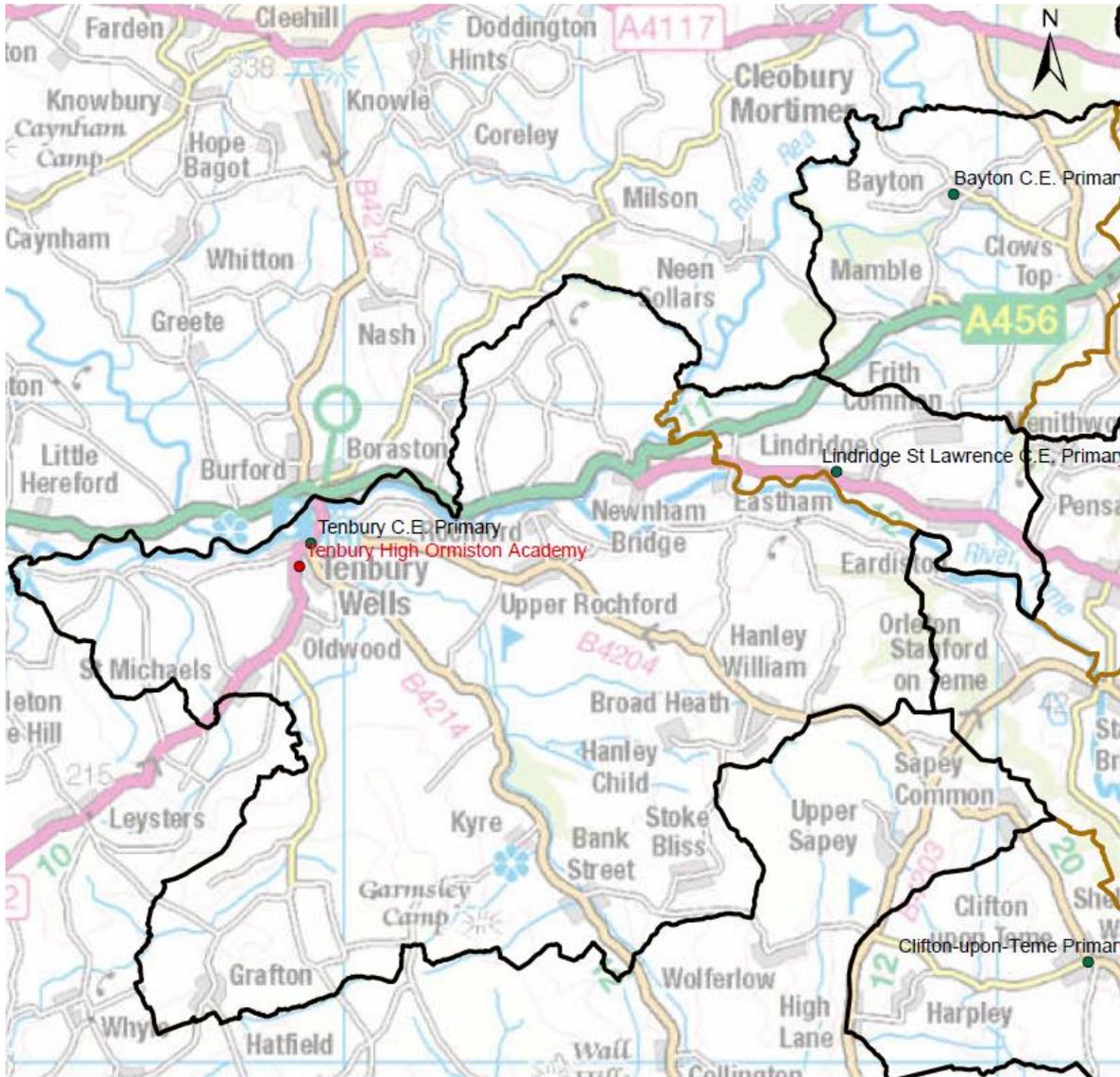


Global Number on Roll at Stourport Schools as at October Census

	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-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
Oct-19	226	233	241	245	246	246	212	238	231	190	182	178	79	44	2791
Oct-20	240	229	233	241	243	242	244	192	226	218	187	176	57	67	2795
Oct-21	210	245	226	230	245	239	240	187	187	217	215	181	82	66	2770
Oct-22	196	212	243	226	235	243	236	216	180	179	212	209	64	72	2721
Oct-23	222	199	213	245	232	234	242	214	209	174	177	207	74	58	2701
Oct-24	184	227	202	216	254	234	235	221	210	204	174	175	74	69	2679
Oct-25	193	191	231	207	226	257	236	216	217	205	204	174	64	70	2691

There has been little change in the forecasts for this area and therefore no additional provision is required in the area at present. Higher numbers in Bewdley and Kidderminster are likely to increase the year 7 intake for 2024.

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 2021. Over the last 5 years, the Tenbury Education Planning Area has supported an average of 676 pupils across all year groups, which is expected to increase slightly year on year to 762 in 2025.

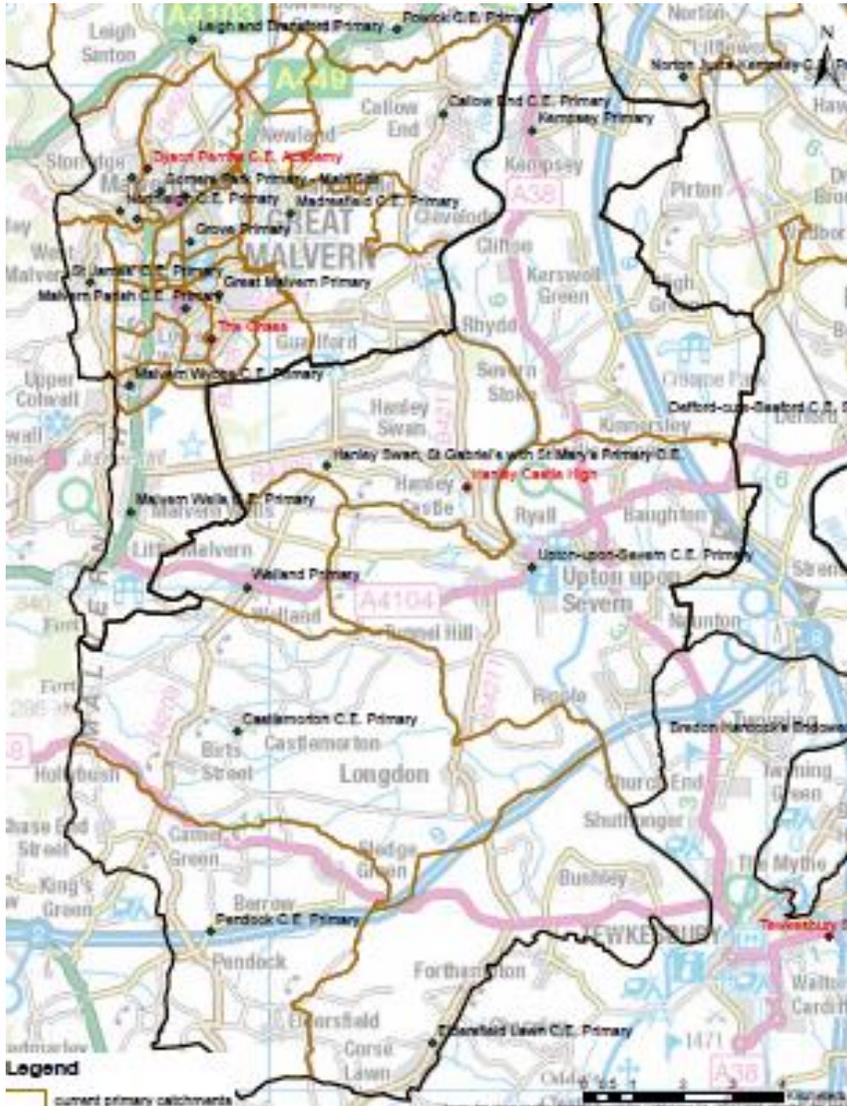
Global Number on Roll at Tenbury Schools as at October Census

	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-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
Oct-19	40	34	45	41	38	34	41	93	84	81	72	83	686
Oct-20	29	39	36	45	37	40	32	89	92	87	82	65	673
Oct-21	36	31	39	38	42	40	40	111	93	87	84	79	720
Oct-22	45	39	33	42	38	46	42	104	114	97	92	84	777
Oct-23	41	47	40	35	41	41	47	106	106	118	102	90	813
Oct-24	32	42	47	41	34	43	41	116	107	109	122	99	832
Oct-25	32	32	42	48	39	35	43	100	117	109	112	118	827

There is a large cohort starting at reception in 2022, but lower intakes are forecast for the following years.

The Secondary school serving the area, Tenbury Ormiston Academy, draws a number of children from out of area and is therefore forecast to be full, or almost full in most year groups over the next several years, though there is sufficient capacity for Worcestershire pupils. We are monitoring the pupil numbers together with the Shropshire local authority.

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 180 Year 7 places for 2021, as well as Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Upton Education Planning Area has supported an average of 2,071 pupils across all year groups. This is anticipated to increase year on year over the following 4 years to 2,396 in 2025.

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-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
Oct-19	153	132	143	142	143	153	138	178	180	174	166	168	115	99	2084
Oct-20	162	153	136	143	140	145	151	178	178	178	170	165	95	110	2104
Oct-21	142	162	157	142	145	147	148	184	180	175	171	166	114	91	2124
Oct-22	150	145	168	163	148	147	152	187	183	180	172	169	112	104	2181
Oct-23	156	153	150	175	170	150	152	192	186	183	176	170	114	103	2230
Oct-24	172	158	158	156	181	172	155	192	191	186	179	174	115	105	2293
Oct-25	214	175	164	164	162	184	177	195	191	190	182	177	118	105	2396

The number of children living in the Upton Education Planning Area has increased significantly over the last few years following the build out of several housing developments. In particular, pre-school children within the Kempsey Primary and Welland Primary catchment areas have increased notably. As a result, Kempsey Primary was expanded from 30 to 60 places in 2019-2020 and Welland Primary expanded from 20 to 30 places in September 2021.

Due to the distribution of schools across this area, children do not migrate far from their catchment school and therefore catchment increases must be accommodated within the local school. For most schools in this area, this is not possible due to site constraints and further expansion options for schools in this area are severely limited.

Since 2017 15% of the intake for Hanley Castle High School come from the Malvern Education Planning Area, where there is sufficient capacity. This means that despite high applications to this popular Secondary school, there is sufficient capacity for all pupils in the Upton Education Planning Area.

The Worcester Education Planning Area is located at the centre of Worcestershire and is predominantly made up of the City of Worcester. The area encompasses the entirety of the city council of Worcester and also 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 1310 Reception places and 1244 Year 7 places for 2021, as well as Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Worcester Education Planning Area has supported an average of 13,767 pupils across all year groups. This has increased year-on-year over the last 5 years. The number of pupils is expected to peak at 13,821 in 2023 as primary school numbers dip and secondary school numbers increase.

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-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
Oct-19	1146	1099	1179	1171	1178	1176	1158	1150	1148	1089	1076	1003	118	158	13849
Oct-20	1072	1144	1097	1176	1178	1172	1164	1189	1135	1145	1088	1056	167	110	13893
Oct-21	989	1039	1121	1043	1128	1128	1122	1203	1188	1146	1139	1073	177	157	13653
Oct-22	1087	1045	1104	1183	1109	1209	1192	1227	1212	1192	1147	1138	172	176	14191
Oct-23	1103	1107	1065	1116	1202	1128	1219	1246	1235	1215	1191	1145	182	171	14327
Oct-24	1011	1125	1130	1079	1137	1224	1140	1276	1257	1240	1216	1190	184	182	14392
Oct-25	949	1027	1143	1139	1095	1153	1230	1190	1281	1255	1235	1210	190	178	14276

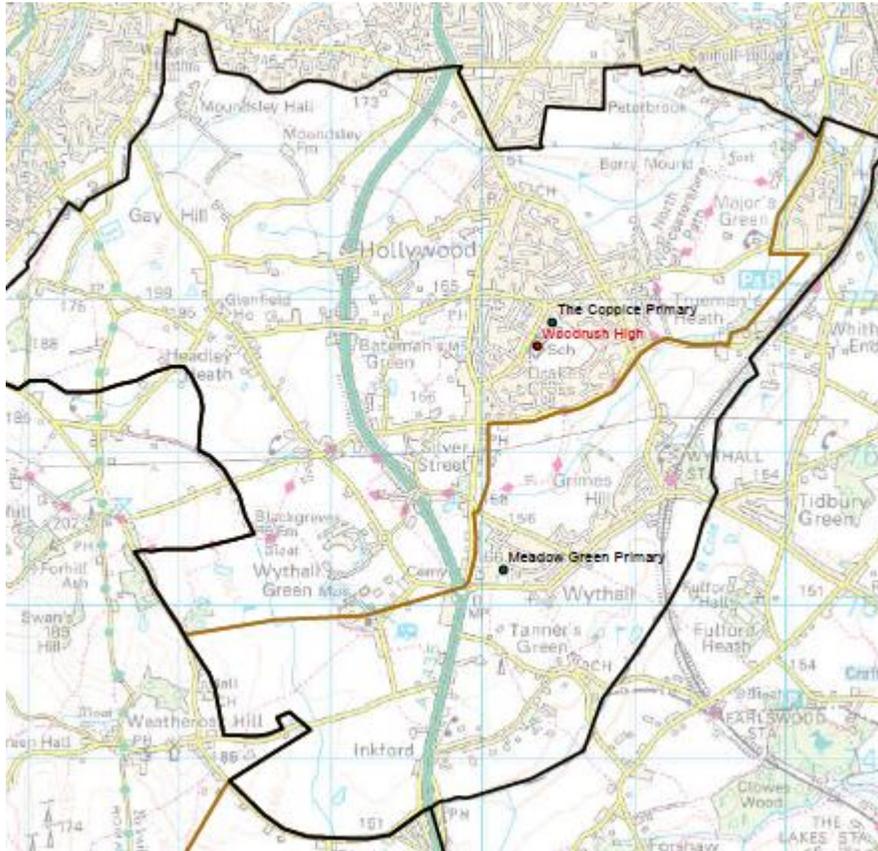
Two new 2FE Primary schools will be built on the two largest sites to support pupils arising from the new housing developments South and West of the City, possibly in 2026. The construction of these sites has been delayed since last year's forecast.

The Claines area has high numbers of known children throughout the forecast period, but there are sufficient places across Northern Worcester for these pupils.

As higher cohort numbers move through to Secondary schools, demand is sufficient for the planning of a new 4FE Secondary school for the city. Additional bulge year places may be necessary at other city Secondary schools in 2023-2025, prior to the new school opening.

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 2021, as well as Sixth Form provision. Over the last 5 years, the Wythall Education Planning Area has supported an average of 1,896 pupils across all year groups. This is anticipated to increase year-on-year over the following 4 years to 2,028 in 2025.



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-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
Oct-19	120	128	130	134	127	138	139	182	182	180	182	176	45	56	1919
Oct-20	128	114	126	129	136	127	137	200	179	183	177	180	42	40	1898
Oct-21	123	131	113	129	127	139	128	179	199	176	179	171	66	43	1903
Oct-22	142	124	131	114	131	128	141	203	180	198	175	176	51	61	1955
Oct-23	158	143	124	132	115	132	129	222	203	178	196	171	52	47	2002
Oct-24	121	159	142	124	133	116	133	204	222	201	177	192	51	48	2023
Oct-25	120	121	158	143	126	134	117	209	204	220	199	173	57	47	2028

Every year, a number of pupils from outside of Worcestershire will seek a place within the Wythall Education Planning Area. Provision across all 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.

The birth rates in 2018 and 2019 have been higher than previously leading to higher numbers at Reception. However, it is usual in this area for many pupils to attend schools in Solihull so that the Wythall primary schools will remain sufficient to local demand.