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Introduction

Each Local Authority in England has a legal duty to ensure there is a place available for every school-age child in their authority area wishing to attend a publicly funded school. 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).

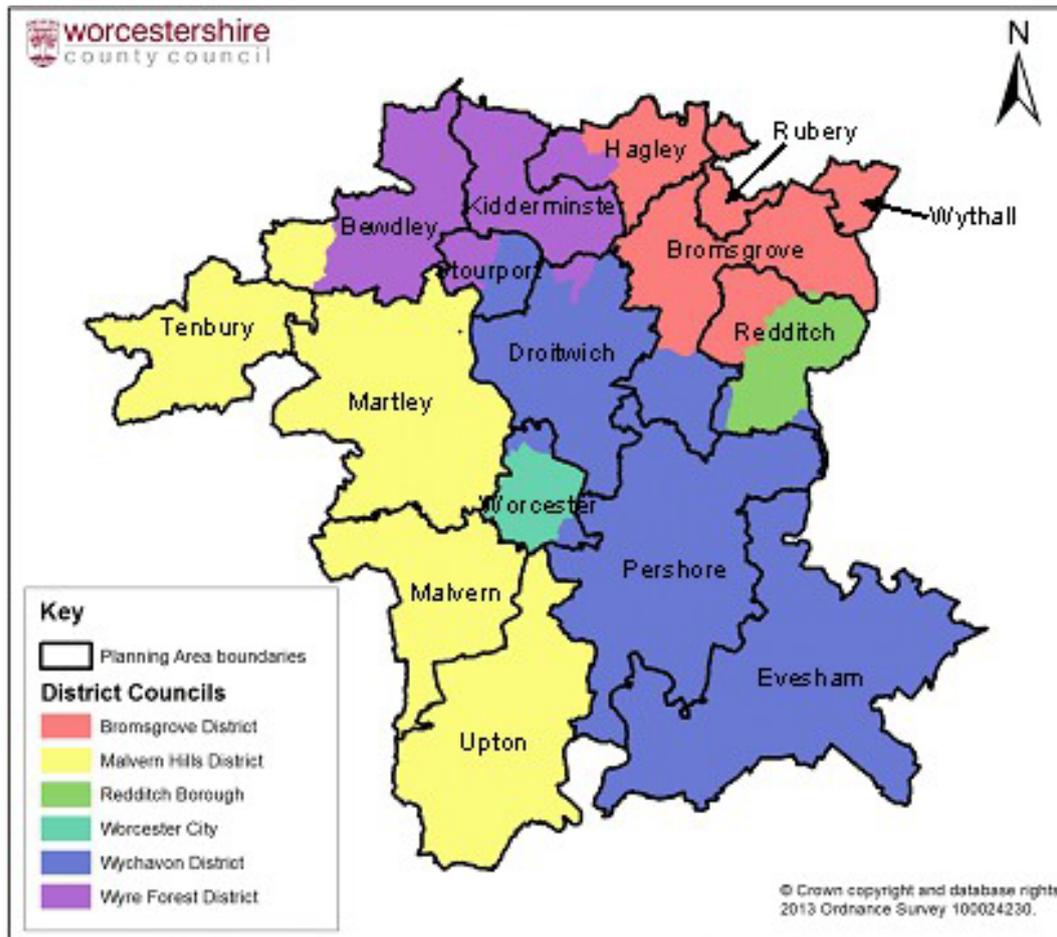
Along with this statutory duty, effective pupil place planning is critical to ensure the aims outlined in the Worcestershire's Education and Skills Strategy 2019-24, which shapes the Worcestershire vision and aims for education provision, are met. In particular, Objective 3 – to deliver more education places in good or outstanding provision by striving towards:

- 9 out of 10 pupils to receive their first or second school preference;
- Children from vulnerable groups continue to have equity of access to their preferred school;
- All children who need admittance during the school year are offered provision within 20 days;
- every child subject to the fair access policy (which enables children to move schools or access a school place at times other than the normal school entry points) should be given provision without delay; and
- home to school travel time is typically no longer than 45 minutes.

The Sufficiency Report findings provide a focus for the work of the Sufficiency and Place Planning Team and the Local Authority's strategy for the education capital programme allowing strategic decisions about investment to be made based on robust evidence of demand.

Worcestershire Local Authority seeks to maintain a 5% surplus of mainstream school places per planning area to allow families choice in the school their child attends and to allow for in-year admissions such as for families moving into a new planning area. This surplus is also imperative to allow us to meet the strategic aims of the strategy.

WCF review the sufficiency of places at a school and county level, as well as in smaller regional areas known as Education Planning Areas (EPA). Worcestershire currently operates 16 EPAs that are made up of schools located in close proximity to each other, which pupils could reasonably attend. The use of EPAs allows WCF to more accurately assess the current and future pupil demand for school place provision. Map 1 below shows how these Education Planning Areas relate to District Council boundaries.



Worcestershire is unique in the range of education tier structures available to families in the County. In areas which operate a two-tier model, children enter primary school at reception and transfer to a secondary school at the start of Year 7. Other areas operate a three-tier model, where children enter first school at reception, transfer to a middle school at the start of Year 5 or 6, depending on the age range of the middle school, and then transfer to high school at the start of Year 8 or 9, depending on the age range of the high school. Some EPAs operate both two tier (primary and secondary) and three tier (first, middle and high) in the same area, providing families with a choice. This includes some catholic school provision and some other schools that have sought to change their age range. In addition to this, a number of secondary and high schools in the County also offer sixth form provision. Table 1 details the predominant system within each EPA.

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

Figure 1 – Tier areas in Worcestershire

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

The forecast for each EPA takes into account demographic growth in each area, new housing developments, average pupil transfer rates and pupil migration patterns. Data used includes GP registrations from September 2021, the October 2021 school census and the 5 Year Land Supply Reports from each district council within Worcestershire. The number of pupils generated from new housing is not as predictable as demographic growth and therefore greater care is taken when considering these forecasts. In a longitudinal study of several Worcestershire housing developments over 10 years¹, it was discovered that the pupil yield is higher for primary school age pupils than for secondary school age pupils. Pupil place forecasting and school capacity data is provided to the DfE via the national SCAP survey (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-school-capacity>).

For further information on forecasting please visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/133/school_forecast_data

¹ Worcestershire County Council Pupil Product Ratio Evidence Basis

Overview

Mainstream school provision across Worcestershire is currently sufficient: 82% of schools are rated as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, compared to 83% last year. 91% of Primary school children received an offer from one of their three preferences for September 2022, this is lower than in September 2021 for Primary (98%), which was close to the 2022 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 national average for 2022 was 95.8%.

September 2016 saw the highest intake of Reception children in the County since 2000 (6536 pupils). This cohort moved into Middle schools (Year 5) in 2021 and will arrive in Secondary Schools (Year 7) in 2023, forecast to be 6682 pupils. For most areas this will represent a single year of need, whilst in others signifies a longer-term trend.

Over the last 5 years, the WCC EPA forecasts for mainstream Reception school places for 2 years ahead 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 first or primary schools. It takes approximately two years to consult, design and build additional capacity into mainstream schools, therefore any decisions made to change the size or structure of a school is based on an average 98% accuracy of actual requirements for places. When forecasting three 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, 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 0.5 Forms of Entry (FE) (15 places) for each intake point, whichever is greater. For Reception intake, this was achieved in every year over the last five years in 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 over the last five years. This was also achieved for all planning areas for forecasting High school intake.

First / Primary Year Groups

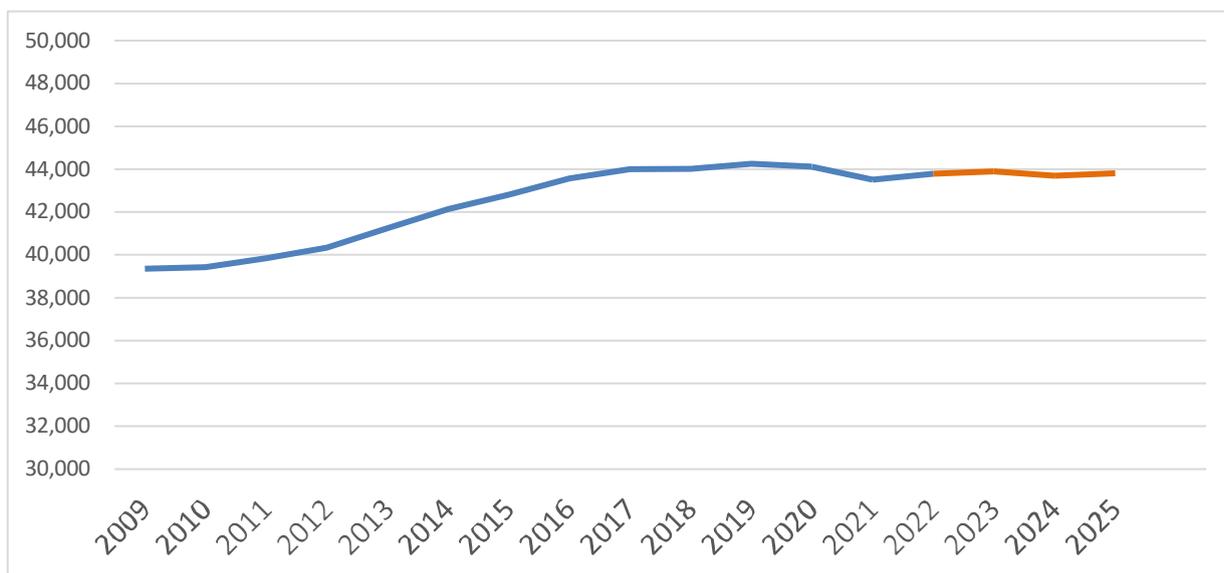
Over the last decade, the number of Primary age children (Reception to Year 6) in Worcestershire has increased by 9%. Over this time, WCF, have worked with schools to increase the capacity at a number of Primary and First Schools across Worcestershire to ensure we are able to meet the demand for places in key pressure areas. Whilst growth has been felt across the County, some 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 and Kidderminster were 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 a challenge to ensure small rural village schools remain sustainable.

The last 2 years saw the effects of lower birth rates on Worcestershire 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 peaked in 2019 at 44,252 and has since stabilized around 44,000. Therefore, as new housing is concentrated in pockets, namely Bromsgrove, Droitwich, Redditch and South Worcestershire, new schools and additional expansions will be required in certain areas to ensure sufficiency of places in Key Stage 1 and 2², but in other areas there will be surplus places.

Figure 2 shows the number and forecast number of Primary age pupils in Worcestershire mainstream schools.

Figure 2 – Historic and forecast total number of Primary age pupils (R-Y6) in mainstream schools in Worcestershire 2009-2025



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

Pupil numbers in Middle Schools

High pupil numbers reached the middle schools in Bromsgrove and Redditch in 2021, creating sufficiency issues. This effect has been much reduced in the Droitwich, Pershore and Evesham planning areas, mainly by the existence or recent conversion of first schools into primary schools. The conversions increase capacity in year 5 and 6, but also divert pupils away from middle schools as they seek secondary schools elsewhere in the county or outside the county.

² <https://www.gov.uk/national-curriculum>

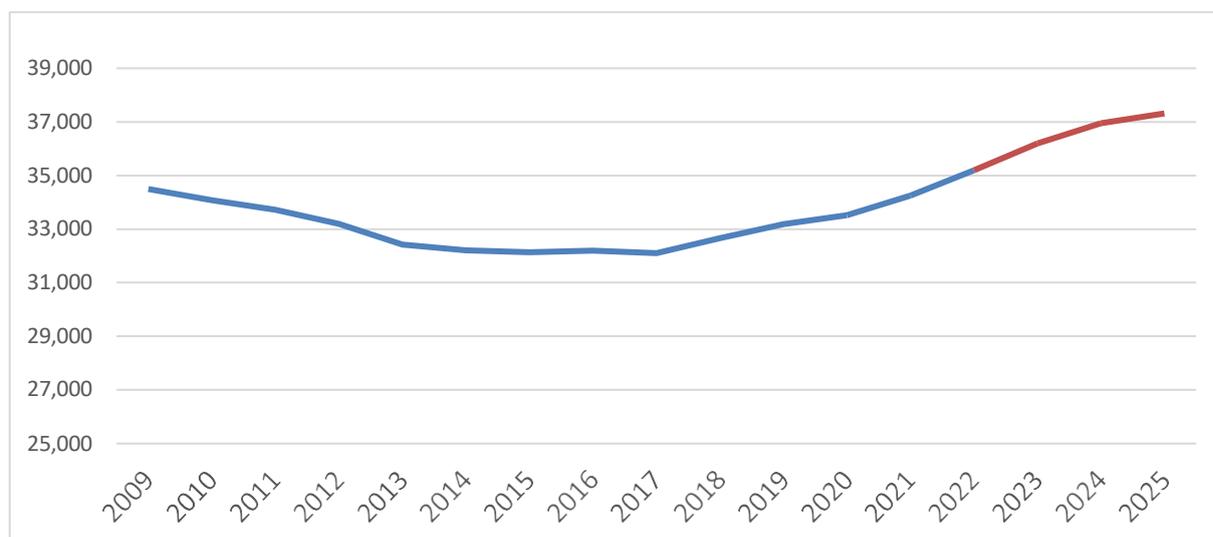
Secondary Year Groups

In 2017 and 2018, the number of pupils in Secondary schools began 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, 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.

Pupil 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 3 shows the number and forecast number of Secondary age pupils in Worcestershire mainstream schools.

Figure 3 – Historic and forecast total number of Secondary age pupils (Y7-Y13) in mainstream schools in Worcestershire 2009-2025



Forecast pupil numbers shown in the remainder of this report 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.

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 school age range changes, affecting mainly the Redditch, Pershore, and Evesham three-tier systems. WCF is working with schools, Academy Trusts and the Department for Education to ensure families are able to access a choice of school places within each EPA.

The remainder of this report analyses each Education Planning Area by supply and demand of mainstream school places.

Bewdley EPA

The Bewdley Education Planning Area covers the area to the North-West of the County around the Town of Bewdley. Much 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). A map is available in Mainstream Sufficiency Appendix Maps.

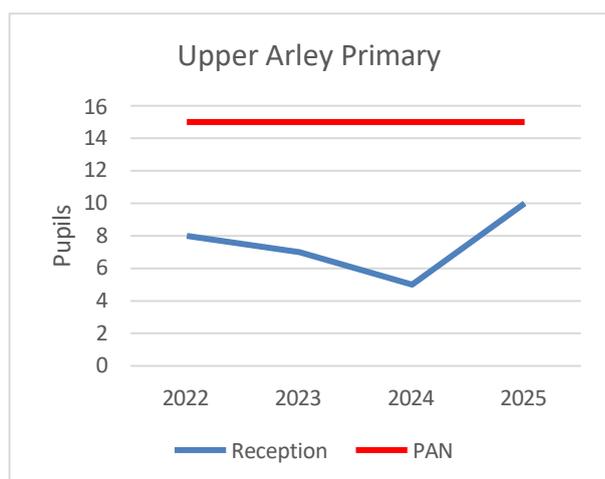
Bewdley Primary

There is an oversupply of school places in the Bewdley Primary EPA between 2022 and 2025.

Upper Arley CE Primary School has low numbers on roll and could consider reducing the PAN to 10. New housing developments (not agreed by the time of writing) are likely to increase the numbers on roll over the next 4 years.

1% of primary school age pupils in the County are educated in Bewdley EPA, with 20% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 40% deemed as 'Good'.

Figure 4 – Detail forecast of Upper Arley Primary



Bewdley Secondary

There are sufficient secondary school places in Bewdley Secondary EPA.

Forecasts are generally in line with previous years and intake across the district has been stable, with no concerns for sufficiency. Although numbers on roll in the Bewdley feeder primary schools are above the PAN of The Bewdley School, evidence details that pupils frequently travel between Bewdley, Stourport and Kidderminster. Both Baxter College, Kidderminster and Stourport High School are within 2 miles of Bewdley and are forecast to have sufficient places.

Bromsgrove EPA

The Bromsgrove Education Planning Area is made up predominantly of the Town of Bromsgrove and the surrounding rural areas. Much 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). A map is available in Mainstream Sufficiency Appendix Maps.

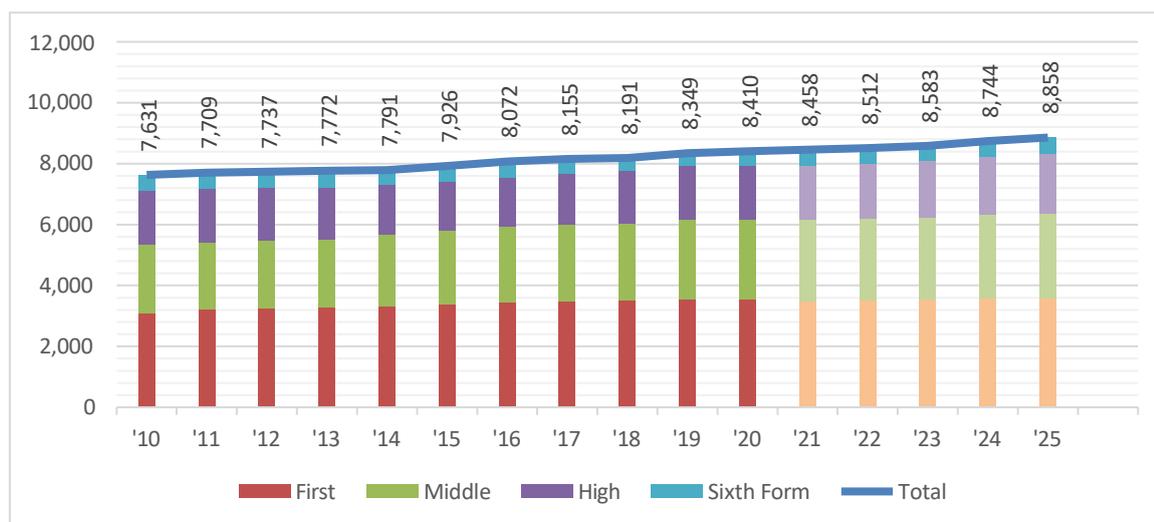
Bromsgrove First

There is an insufficiency of First school places in Bromsgrove EPA.

10% of primary school age pupils in the County are educated in Bromsgrove EPA, with 36% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 54% deemed as 'Good'.

The number of children taught in schools in Bromsgrove has increased year-on-year over the past decade, with this growth forecast to continue.

Figure 5 - Historic and forecast number of pupils in year groups R-Year 13 in mainstream schools in the Bromsgrove Education Planning Area 2010 – 2024



Housing developments on Perryfields and Whitford Road (1,800 dwellings 2022-2032 in Western Bromsgrove) are expected to generate pupil numbers which exceed the places available at the local schools, particularly the Orchards First School and Meadows First School. Therefore, a new First school will be delivered on the Perryfields site to serve families moving onto this development. WCF aims to deliver a new school alongside the build-out of the Perryfields and Whitford Road development, to ensure the school is delivered in line with need and to ensure other local schools are not adversely affected.

Figure 6 shows the forecast demand for Reception places in Bromsgrove Town

Figure 6 - Forecast demand for Reception places in Bromsgrove Town 2021 – 2025

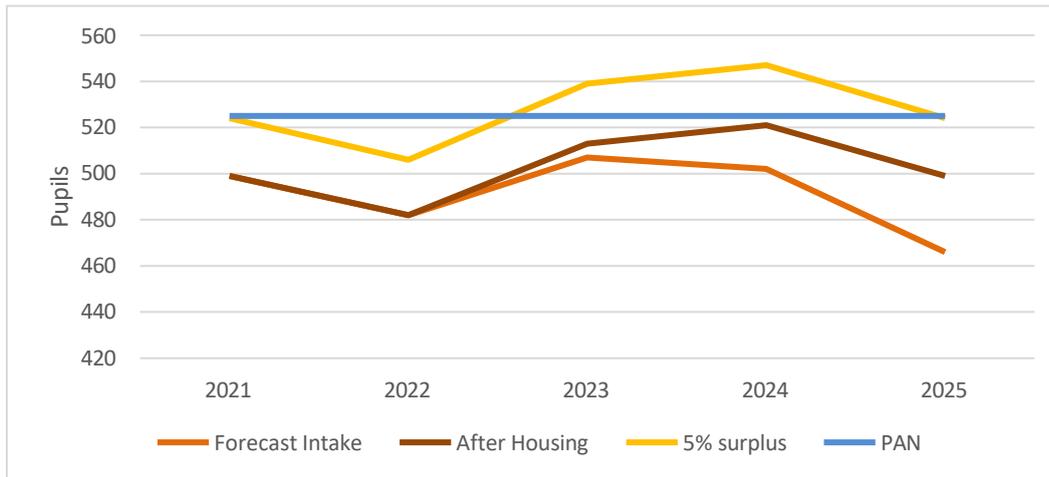


Figure 6 shows a localised forecast for the first schools of Bromsgrove town and first schools lying within 2 miles of the Whitford Road and Perryfields developments, based on known 3 year olds living within the catchments and the impact of housing. This is where the impact of the new housing will be felt. The PAN of the schools does not include the planned Perryfields first school as it is not likely to open before 2026.

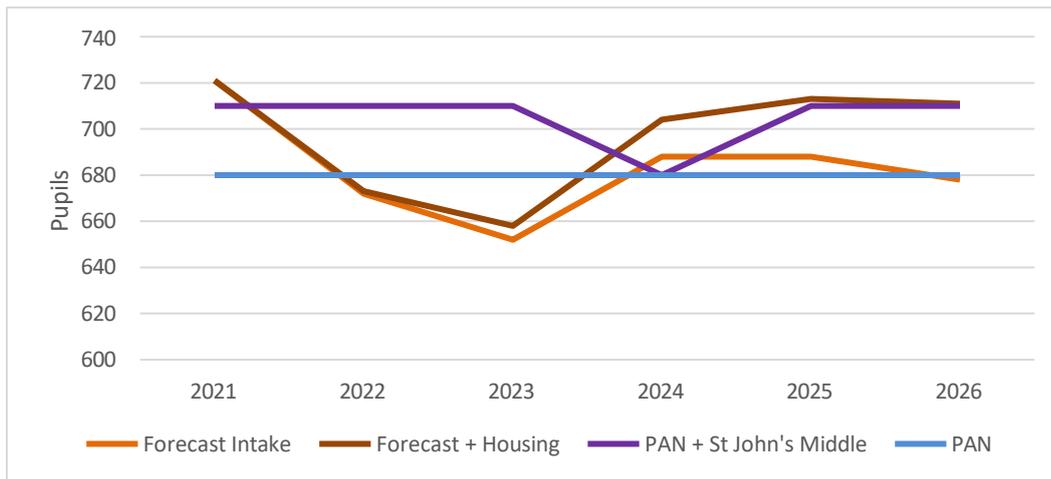
The WCF Sufficiency and Place Planning team monitor and review at a County, EPA and school level to ensure sufficiency of places where possible meets demand.

Bromsgrove Middle

There is an insufficiency of Middle school places in Bromsgrove EPA.

Figure 8 shows the forecast number of pupils requiring a Year 5 place in the Bromsgrove Middle Schools. The published total PAN is 680 and by 2024 the number of pupils requiring a Year 5 place will exceed this. St John’s Middle School has taken 1FE (30 pupils) over the PAN of 150 for the past 2 years including September 2021, but is unable to increase to 180 every year. If St John’s Middle School take up to 180 pupils in September 2023, the school will be unable to take additional pupils in September 2024 when demand exceeds the published PAN of 680.

Figure 7 – Current and forecast number on roll in year 5 at Bromsgrove Middle Schools 2021-2025



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

An additional 1 Form of Entry (30 places) will be needed at one of the Bromsgrove town middle schools by 2024 and forecasts indicate another 1FE by 2025.

Bromsgrove High

There is an insufficiency of High school places in Bromsgrove EPA.

Based on current forecasts of pupils in feeder schools, South Bromsgrove High will have insufficient places by 2023 and demand will continue to increase to another 1 FE by 2025. Depending on potential space, provision could be added to either North Bromsgrove High School or South Bromsgrove High to cover this demand.

Figure 8 – Pupil Forecast for North & South Bromsgrove High 2021-2026



Droitwich EPA

The Droitwich Education Planning Area is made up predominantly of the Town of Droitwich and the surrounding rural Villages. Much 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 (Years 8 – 13). A map is available in Mainstream Sufficiency Appendix Maps.

Droitwich First

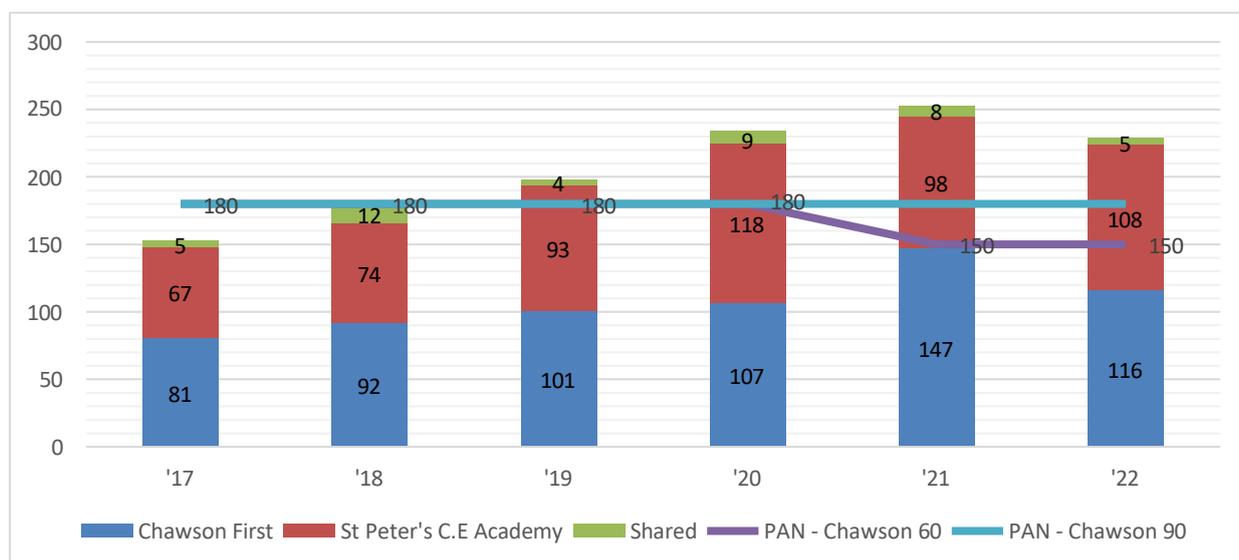
There is an insufficiency of First School places in Droitwich EPA.

5% of primary school age pupils in the County are educated in Droitwich First EPA, with 30% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 60% deemed as 'Good'.

There are two major development sites in Droitwich, on Land north of Pulley Lane and Newland Lane, and Copcut Lane (300 dwellings between 2022-2023) that are currently being built out. In 2018-2019 a total of 490 dwellings were built in the Droitwich education planning area. As a result, we have seen a noticeable increase in the number of pre-school and reception age children living in the area, which has increased demand for school places, particularly in the catchment areas of Chawson and St Peter's First Schools.

Figure 9 details the number of pre-school age children due to start school living in the school catchment areas compared to total PAN of the schools

Figure 9 - Children aged 0-3+ living in the Chawson First and St Peter's C.E Academy catchment areas



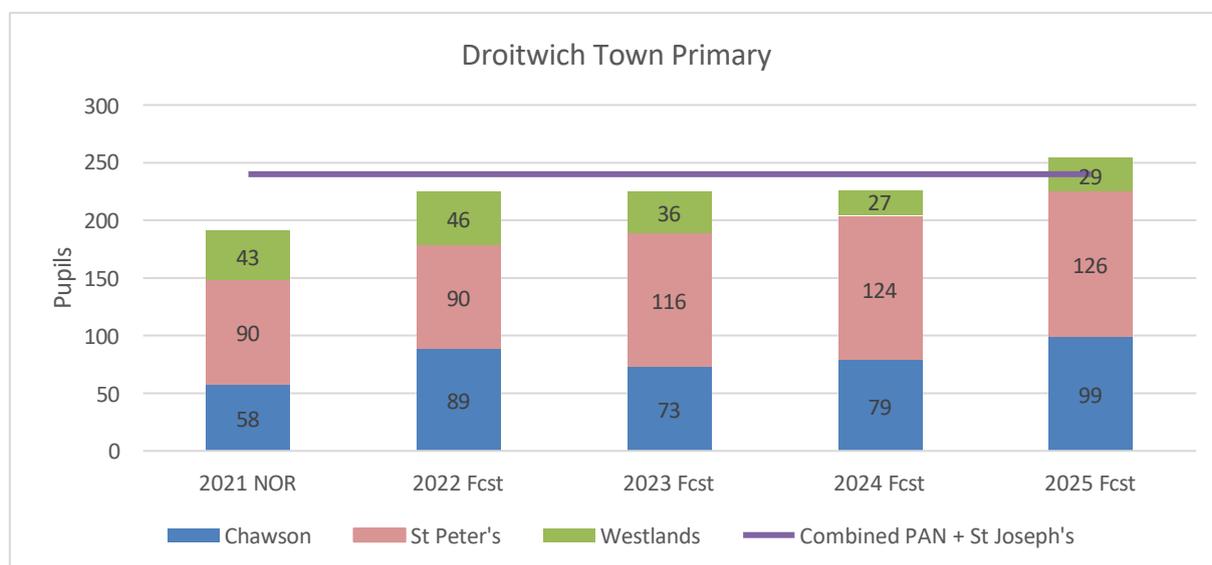
From September 2020 Chawson First School reduced the school PAN from 90 to 60 due to lower than expected pupil numbers. The school has accommodation capacity for 90 pupils per year group and will increase the PAN back to 90 to support the demand for school places.

WCF is investigating options for expansions at one of the 3 first schools within the town of Droitwich (St Peter's CofE First, Chawson Community First or Westlands First). A 2FE free first

school will be built East of Droitwich in line with planned housing as part of the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review, but not before 2026.

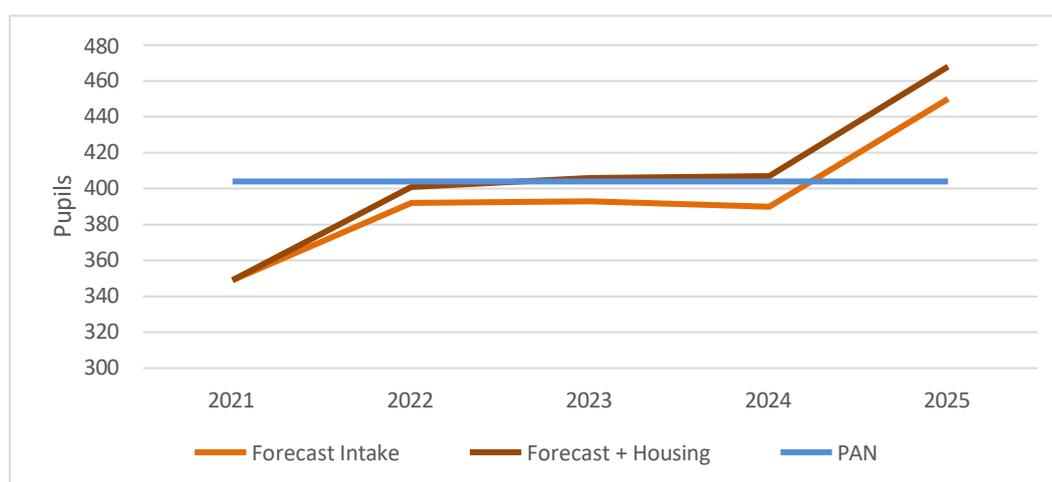
Figure 10 compares the number of known pre-school age children due to start school in the South of Droitwich with the available places.

Figure 10 – Comparison of Known Children living in the town of Droitwich catchments with forecast reception in local schools



This chart shows how the numbers of pupils in reception are forecast to increase above the PAN of the schools in the town of Droitwich by 2025. On average 14% of pupils from Droitwich catchments attend schools outside of Droitwich. By 2025, the forecast numbers of reception pupils across the Droitwich planning area are above the capacity of the planning area.

Figure 11 – Comparison of Forecast Reception pupils with PAN for Droitwich EPA



Droitwich Middle and High

There are sufficient middle and high school places.

The impact of new housing on the first school forecasts over the next several years will likely impact on the requirement for additional middle and high school provision in the longer term.

The numbers of pupils forecast to arrive in year 8 in 2023 and 2025 do not exceed the PAN of Droitwich Spa High School but do not enable the LA to retain 5% of surplus places. This will be monitored to ensure places are provided at the right time.

Evesham EPA

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). A map is available in Mainstream Sufficiency Appendix Maps.

Evesham First

There is an oversupply of First School places in Evesham

9% of primary school age pupils in the County are educated in Evesham First EPA, with 26% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 70% deemed as 'Good'.

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

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

Figure 12 – Eastern Evesham First Schools showing impact of low intakes

School	Ofsted	PAN	2022(First Preferences)	Forecast 2023	Forecast 2024	Forecast 2025
Badsey	Inadequate	30	28	28	30	26
Bretforton	Good	15	5	7	7	4
Cleeve Prior	Good	15	3	7	8	11
Church Lench	Outstanding	15	14	14	16	15
Harvington	Outstanding	30	28	21	25	22
Honeybourne	Good	30	22	21	25	29
Offenham	Good	18	24	19	16	17
Pebworth	Good	12	1	2	3	7
The Littletons	Good	30	18	22	30	25
Bengeworth	Outstanding	90	79	74	61	63
Broadway	Good	20	12	11	12	13
St Mary's Broadway	Outstanding	15	6	10	11	12
St Mary's Evesham	Good	30	20	20	18	18
Surplus places*	N/A	N/A	90	94	88	88

*Surplus spaces is only a local indicator in this instance as not all the urban schools are included.

Orange cells show insufficiency and blue cells show surplus places over 50%.

On average over 6 years 18% or 55 reception pupils from Evesham urban catchments attend schools outside Evesham.

Cleeve Prior First School has no schools within 2 miles range with surplus known children.

224 new dwellings are expected to be built near Pebworth First School 2022-2025, near the county boundary. This forecast assumed that 50% of the pupils would attend schools in Warwickshire rather than Worcestershire. The next 2 years should provide more reliable trends for Pebworth First School.

Figure 13 – Western Evesham First Schools showing impact of low intakes

School	Ofsted	PAN	2022 First Prefs	Forecast 2023	Forecast 2024	Forecast 2025
Ashton-under-hill	Good	18	15	13	9	22
Bredon Hancock's	Outstanding	30	18	27	22	35
Crothorne-with Charlton	Good	18	13	15	11	15
Eckington	Good	20	9	10	7	12
Elmley Castle	Good	15	16	7	9	5
Overbury	Good	15	12	15	16	16
Sedgeberrow	Outstanding	30	33	30	30	30
St Andrew's	Good	60	41	65	68	65
St Richard's	Good	60	43	44	46	45
Swan Lane	Good	60	42	46	40	31
Surplus places*	N/A	N/A	84	54	68	50

*Surplus spaces is only a local indicator in this instance as not all the urban schools are included.

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

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

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

One or more of the schools ought to consider lowering PAN or converting rooms into SEN spaces, most likely Eckington First School. Crothorne-with-Charlton First School has reduced its PAN from 18 to 15 from 2023.

Evesham Middle

There is an oversupply of Middle School places in Evesham

Blackminster Middle School is an Ofsted rated good school, yet pupil numbers have decreased to 50% of its PAN of 130. Honeybourne and Cleeve Prior became Primary Schools reducing the feeder schools / pupils to Blackminster. The pupils from these schools now either transfer to Blackminster Middle School at the end of year 5 (the intake point for Blackminster Middle School), the end of year 6 or go to a Warwickshire or Gloucester secondary school. Chipping Camden Secondary School in Gloucestershire over the last 5 years admitted 50 pupils per year.

The forecast for Blackminster is unlikely to increase for the next few years so a reduction of PAN could improve its viability. It could consider repurposing some accommodation for SEND capacity.

Figure 14 – Year 5 Evesham Firsts feeding Blackminster Middle School 2022-2025

School	Ofsted	PAN	2022	2023	2024	2025
Badsey	Inadequate	30	28	28	30	26
Bretforton	Good	15	5	7	7	4
Offenham	Good	18	24	19	16	17
Pebworth	Good	12	1	2	3	7
The Littletons	Good	30	18	22	30	25
Total	N/A	105	76	78	86	79

Demand for middle school places within Evesham town continues to rise, however the two schools serving the town have sufficient places to meet the needs of pupils currently at their feeder schools in most year groups. In previous years some children feeding into rural middle schools have been able to attend town schools, places will now be more limited.

Bredon Hill Academy (outstanding), St Egwin’s Middle School (good) and The De Montfort Middle School (Inadequate) have high demand for the next 4 years. Many pupils applying for places are from the catchment of Blackminster Middle School (good) so this does not represent a demand for more middle school places.

Evesham High

There is a sufficiency of High School places in Evesham EPA

Prince Henry High School (outstanding) continues to receive more applications than places available, including on average 30% from pupils living in The De Montfort High School’s catchment. This does not therefore represent a demand for more places, as these places are available at The De Montfort High School.

Hagley EPA

The Hagley Education Planning Area covers the area to the North-East of the County around the Village of Hagley. Much 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). A map is available in Mainstream Sufficiency Appendix Maps.

There are sufficient primary school places in Hagley EPA

5% of primary school age pupils in the County are educated in Hagley Primary EPA, with 100% of schools deemed as 'Good'.

Figure 15 – Forecast number of known children at primary schools in Hagley EPA 2022-2025

School	Ofsted	PAN	2022 Preferences	2022	2023	2024	2025
Belbroughton	Good	25	15	11	12	12	13
Blakedown	Good	30	23	26	17	13	21
Clent Parochial	Good	15	13	13	6	11	5
Hagley Primary	Good	90	92	98	75	72	58
St Kenelm's	Good	28	21	26	12	18	17
Housing	-	-	-	0	3	5	8
Spare Places	-	-	-	14	63	57	66

Hagley Primary School has had rapidly rising known children peaking above PAN in 2022. According to the latest housing supply forecasts, growth in known children is likely to be lower than the previous 5 years. Hagley Primary School tends to accept 21% applications from outside Hagley Primary School's catchment (some from Kidderminster as well as Dudley). Excluding these applications, Hagley Primary EPA will have sufficient places to meet local demand in 2022.

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

Hagley Primary EPA on average provides around 30 places to Dudley Local Authority children per year group, therefore there is not a demand to increase places for Worcestershire children.

Haybridge High School is likely to be oversubscribed for year7 throughout the forecast period, although on average 14% of the intake is from Dudley, this is not deemed demand issue for Worcestershire children. Intake to Hagley Catholic High School from Worcester catholic schools is very low, including 1 or 2 pupils from Worcester and Droitwich, therefore most pupils are from out of county.

Kidderminster EPA

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). A map is available in Mainstream Sufficiency Appendix Maps.

Kidderminster Primary

There are sufficient primary school places in Kidderminster EPA

10% of primary school age pupils in the County are educated in Kidderminster EPA, with 69% of schools deemed as 'Good'.

1,400 dwellings are planned to be built in the Lea Castle area. An additional 30 pupils from the site are expected by 2026, 45 in 2028 and 60 in 2031, therefore a 2FE (60 place / year group) primary school is planned to be delivered at the housing site in 2026. New pupils from the housing will be expected to attend the existing local primary schools before the new school is delivered, therefore this table forecasts the impact of new pupils as they use up many places in primary schools within 2 miles of the development.

Figure 16 – Forecast number of known children at primary schools near Lea Castle 2022-2025

School	Ofsted	PAN	2022	2023	2024	2025
Cookley Sebright	Good	30	29	25	25	25
Wolverley Sebright	Good	30	26	26	22	22
St Oswald's	Good	30	18	23	12	18
St Mary's	Good	30	28	23	20	19
St George's	Not inspected	30	21	18	20	23
Offmore	Good	45	33	41	31	45
Predicted additional pupils per year group from Lea Castle housing	-	-	6	12	22	31
Surplus / Shortfall of places			34	27	43	12

Another housing development of 1,450 dwellings in the East of Kidderminster near Comberton Primary School is expected to start in 2023 and be completed in 2035, with a new 2FE primary school to be delivered in 2028. The additional pupils arriving in these developments prior to new schools opening are expected to fill available places in neighbouring eastern Kidderminster Primary Schools within 2 miles.

Kidderminster Secondary

There are sufficient secondary school places in Kidderminster

Since 2019 Wolverley Secondary School has admitted pupils above PAN (150) which created an oversupply of Kidderminster secondary school places. However, the Lea Castle housing development requires a permanent increase of the PAN at Wolverley Secondary School from 150 to 180 from 2023.

There are strong parental preferences in Kidderminster towards secondary schools in Stourport and Bewdley, though across the Wyre Forest District there are sufficient places.

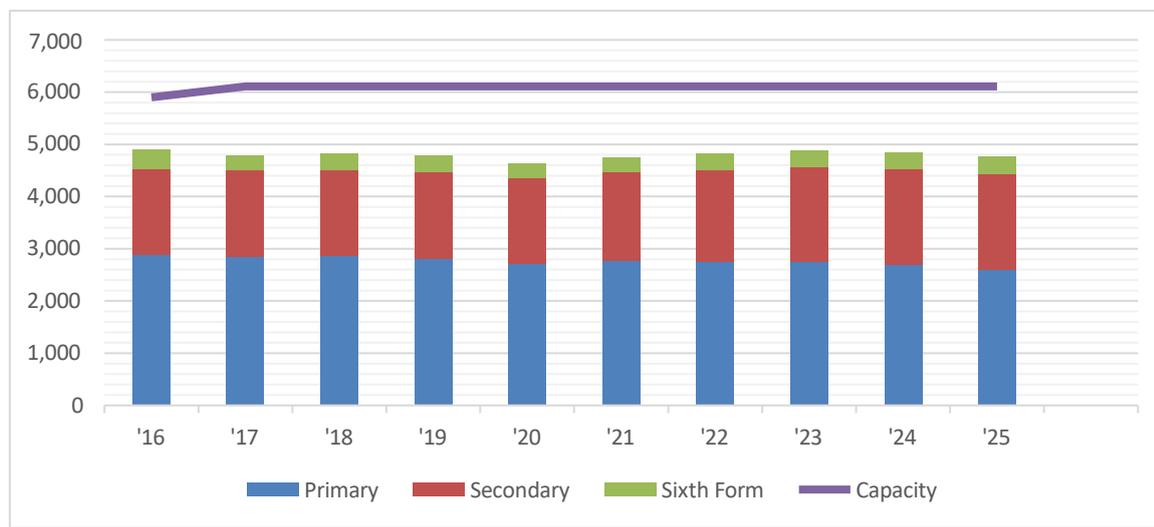
Figure 17 – Forecast numbers on roll at Year 7 Kidderminster Secondary Schools 2022-2025

School	Ofsted	PAN	Operating PAN	2022	2023	2024	2025
Wolverley Secondary	Good	150	180	163	171	164	165
Baxter College	Good	180	180	278	259	263	257
King Charles the First	Good	224	224	181	211	218	211
Holy Trinity	Good	75	75	-	-	-	-
Predicted additional pupils from Housing	-	-	-	12	23	38	50
Surplus / Shortfall of Places	-	-	-	25	-5	-24	-24

Malvern EPA

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). A map is available in Mainstream Sufficiency Appendix Maps.

Figure 18 – Malvern EPA Capacity and Numbers on Roll



Malvern Primary - Town

There is an oversupply of primary school places in Malvern Town

6% of primary school age pupils in the County are educated in Malvern EPA, with 13% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 56% deemed as 'Good'.

Expansion at Somers Park on the satellite site of Malvern Vale was delivered early to prepare for new families moving into the Newlands housing development (800 dwellings). However, approval for the development is still pending. As a result, in September 2022, there was a 18% surplus of Reception school places across the town. The current Year 1 cohort of 411 is the largest year group since 2019, but Reception numbers are forecast to drop. The majority of this surplus impacts on the Malvern Town schools.

The Grove and Northleigh Primary schools reduced the number of places on offer per year group in the last 2 years by 45. Accommodation capacity is available at both schools should it be needed in future years.

Figure 19 – Malvern Town Primary Schools and Known 3+ Year Olds

Primary School	Ofsted	PAN	2022	2022	2023	2024	2025
Great Malvern	Good	48	53	0	1	1	0
Grove	Inadequate	30	6	22	15	16	11
Madresfield C.E.	Good	15	13	2	2	4	5
Malvern Parish C.E.	Good	30	33	9	7	8	7
Malvern Wells C.E.	RI	15	13	12	9	4	6
Malvern Wyche C.E.	Good	20	16	11	11	14	8
Northleigh C.E.	Inadequate	45	7	6	6	9	9
Somers Park	Outstanding	88	92	-	-	-	-
St James’s C.E.	Good	15	4	4	4	7	7
St Joseph’s RC	Good	30	14	-	-	-	-
St Matthias C.E.	Inadequate	30	15	3	1	2	1
Shared Malvern Town Catchments**	-			231	245	192	168
Surplus places				66	65	109	144

*First Preference applications - blue cells show surplus places over 50%.

**Total known 3 year olds in all urban shared catchments

St Joseph’s RC Primary School has had low intakes for the last 3 years, which are expected to continue.

Malvern Town has a large proportion of shared catchments so a school with low known children in catchment is not necessarily an issue. The whole town still has 66 surplus places which are forecast to rapidly rise as 2024 and 2025 are low birth years in Malvern as well as several other EPAs. One or more of the schools with very low first preference applications could consider dropping PAN or using surplus capacity to add alternative provision for example SEND provision as none exist in the district.

Malvern Primary – North

There are sufficient primary school places in the North of Malvern.

Although primary schools in Malvern Town have an oversupply of places, the rural primary schools to the north of the Town are oversubscribed but with known children numbers less than PAN the demand for places is not from the local catchments, it is likely from the Town catchment areas as both schools are Ofsted rated ‘outstanding’.

Figure 20 – Known children by year of arrival in reception in Malvern Primary Schools 2022-2025

School	Ofsted	PAN	2022	2023	2024	2025
Suckley	Outstanding	12	9	7	6	7
Leigh & Bransford	Outstanding	30	21	19	21	15

Leigh & Bransford Primary School receives several children per year from Malvern, therefore despite being oversubscribed, there is not a demand to increase places.

Malvern Secondary

There are sufficient secondary school places in Malvern EPA.

The two Malvern secondary schools share the entire planning area with each other and have sufficient capacity for all secondary age children. There is a strong preference for pupils living in Rushwick for schools within Worcester and also pupils living in the south of Malvern to attend Hanley Castle in the Upton planning area.

Figure 20 – Forecast for Year 7 Malvern Secondary Schools 2022-2025

School	Ofsted	PAN	2022	2023	2024	2025
Dyson Perrins CofE	Good	168	143	144	141	147
The Chase	Good	240	212	213	209	218

Martley EPA

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). A map is available in Mainstream Sufficiency Appendix Maps.

There are sufficient primary school places in Martley EPA.

3% of primary school age pupils in the County are educated in Martley EPA, with 11% of schools deemed as ‘Outstanding’, with a further 89% deemed as ‘Good’.

There are sufficient secondary school places in Martley EPA.

The Chantry School are predicated to receive more applications than the school’s PAN in 2023 and 2024. This is largely due to large intake years in some of the planning area’s primary schools. This table shows that although the pupil numbers in the feeder schools are high, a significant proportion of these pupils living outside The Chantry School’s catchment area, therefore there is not a demand for more places at The Chantry. There is sufficient provision in Stourport Secondary EPA for pupils to be “pushed-back” but there is not sufficient provision in Worcester Secondary EPA for Worcester resident pupils at year 7.

Figure 21 – Forecast of year 7 intake at The Chantry School 2022-2025

The Chantry School	2022	2023	2024	2025
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Year 6 in primary schools	171	177	199	165
Y6 resident Stourport	15	12	15	12
Y6 resident Worcester	16	12	11	9
Y6 from out of county	4	4	6	9
Remaining intake	136	149	167	135
The Chantry PAN	175	175	175	175

Pershore EPA

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). A map is available in Mainstream Sufficiency Appendix Maps.

First / Primary

4% of primary school age pupils in the County are educated in Pershore EPA, with 25% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 75% deemed as 'Good'.

There are sufficient First school places in Pershore EPA.

Figure 22 – Pershore Town Schools showing Known 3+ Year Olds

School	Ofsted	PAN	2022	2023	2024	2025
Orchard Primary	Good	30	34	43	38	47
Abbey Park First	Good	30	39	41	35	45
Pinvin First	Good	25	14	18	9	10
Holy Redeemer Primary	Good	30				
Additional pupils from Pershore housing			4	6	8	9
Surplus / shortfall of places			9	-8	10	-11

The new developments in Pershore are close to the catchments of Orchard Primary, Pjnvln First and Abbey Park First Schools which in 2023 will not be sufficient to cover all Year 4 or 5 children. As Abbey Park Middle and St Nicholas Middle Schools have surplus accommodation, together a reorganised Pinvin First & St Nicholas Middle School and Abbey Park First & Middle Schools could accept any new arrivals in years R-6 surplus to Orchard Primary School's PAN.

However, outside the town, there are some first schools with overcapacity.

Figure 23 – Pershore Schools showing low numbers of Known 3+ Year Olds

School	-	PAN	2022	2023	2024	2025
St Barnabas	Known Children	30	34	30	26	32
St Barnabas	Housing	-	2	2	2	2
St Barnabas	Sub-total	-	36	32	28	34
Crowle	Known Children	15	6	6	7	4

Himbleton	Known Children	14	2	4	6	5
Upton Snodsbury	Known Children	14	6	9	5	7
Defford-com-Besford	Known Children	12	4	8	11	9

Blue cells show where surplus places are over 50%

The expected additional children coming from new housing in Drakes Broughton are in excess of 30 but not enough for St Barnabas First & Middle School to increase to a PAN 45 primary school. On site accommodation is sufficient but running 2 classes for 36 pupils is financially unsustainable.

Middle

There is an oversupply of Middle school places in Pershore EPA.

High

There are sufficient High school places in Pershore EPA.

This table shows the current PAN at year 7 (less the 90 places at Pershore High) and the expected PAN required for year 7 at Pershore High in 2024 if all middle school year 7 places close.

Figure 24 – Forecast Pershore Schools Numbers on Roll when they reach Year 7

School	Ofsted	PAN	2022	2023	2024	2025
St Nicholas Middle	RI	112	86	72	71	67*
St Barnabas First & Middle	RI	81	35	27	44	44*
Abbey Park First & Middle	RI	84	34	37	30	35*
Orchard	Good	30	29	31	30	30
Norton-juxta-Kempsey	Good	30	23	41	24	30
Inkberrow	Outstanding	30	23	22	26	24
Flyford Flavell	Good	15	12	19	16	10
Himbleton	Good	14	-	8	12	14
Housing	-	-	6	8	10	11

Total Year 7	-	-	248	265	263	265
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*assuming no changes

Change of Age Range

The Pershore EPA are working collaboratively to propose a change from a mixed tier structure to a consistent two-tier structure. All schools and Multi-Academy Trusts have consulted on the necessary proposals to change age ranges and / or intake points from September 2025.

Pershore High School changed age range to accommodate 90 Year 7 places from September 2021. If the age range changes are agreed, an additional 192 places for year 7 will be required at Pershore High School from September 2025 and all remaining First or Middle Schools will need to become Primary Schools.

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

Redditch EPA

The Redditch Education Planning Area is made up of the Town of Redditch and the immediate surrounding areas. Much 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). A map is available in Mainstream Sufficiency Appendix Maps.

15% of primary school age pupils in the County are educated in Redditch EPA, with 5% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 65% deemed as 'Good'.

The sufficiency profile of Redditch first differs between east and west, therefore they will be explained in separate sections.

Redditch First - West

There are sufficient first school places in Western Redditch as long as the new First school at Foxlydiat is delivered

The Foxlydiat and Brockhill housing developments are to the west and north-west of Redditch respectively. Foxlydiat will be built out to 2,560 dwellings and Brockhill to 960 by 2037, which is 350 and 325 respectively by 2026. This is expected to increase demand for places at first schools in western Redditch by 1FE (30 places) in 2024 and then another 1FE (30 places) in 2026.

A new First school will be delivered on the Foxlydiat site currently expected to be open in 2027 to accommodate the additional pupils from these housing developments.

Any additional places required can be supported by the other First and Primary Schools in the western area of Redditch. Crabbs Cross and St George's have previously decreased their PAN therefore have the accommodation to increase PANs.

Figure 25 – Known 3+ Children and Housing in Western Redditch First Schools 2022-2025

School	Ofsted	PAN	Preferences 2022	2022	2023	2024	2025
Astwood Bank Primary	Outstanding	60	69	39	28	33	43
Batchley	Good	60	36	40	51	40	33
Crabb's Cross	Good	45	32	81	101	68	67
Feckenham Primary	Good	15	17	4	9	7	6
Holyoakes Field	Good	60	53	65	87	78	83
Oak Hill	Good	90	59	61	85	64	84
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Good	60	63				
St George's	Inadequate	30	18	53	50	48	61
St Luke's	RI	30	21	48	50	45	40
St Stephen's	Inadequate	30	28	70	49	59	59
Tardebigge	Outstanding	30	40	45	41	53	50
The Vaynor	Good	90	74	59	61	64	55

School	Ofsted	PAN	Preferences	2022	2023	2024	2025
Webheath Primary	Good	60	71	77	48	52	50
Predicted pupils per year group from new housing				7	14	25	37
Surplus / Shortfall of places			79	4	-28	-1	-45

Over the last 5 years on average 45 pupils per year from these school catchments attended schools in eastern Redditch. Together with returns to historic PAN there is sufficient capacity without requiring Holyoakes Field to expand to a 3rd form of entry.

Redditch First – East

There are sufficient first school places in Eastern Redditch

There are sufficient places in the first schools in the eastern area of Redditch. If pupil numbers in the west of the town exceed places, places are available in the eastern First schools.

Redditch Primary

There are sufficient places in Redditch Primary Schools.

Redditch Middle

There are insufficient places in Redditch Middle Schools

Ridgeway Academy School changed age range from Year 5 to Year 8, admitting its last Year 5 in 2021 to become a Secondary School. This change reduced the number of year 5 and 6 places available in Western Redditch. Some Year 7 pupils choose to attend Studley High .

Figure 26 – Year 4 NOR and Housing in Redditch 2022-2025

School	Ofsted	PAN	2022	2023	2024	2025
Birchensale	Good	150	140	146	169	168
Walkwood	Good	168	168	176	184	198
St Bede's	Good	160	167	174	169	154
Woodfield	Good	150	132	158	162	152
Predicted additional pupils from Foxlydiate housing			0	2	7	9
Predicted additional pupils from Brockhill housing			3	3	3	3

Net Surplus / Shortfall of			16	-31	-61	-54
places in Western Redditch						
Church Hill	Good	90	91	71	87	77
Ipsley	Good	150	161	173	132	168
Net Surplus / Shortfall of places in Eastern Redditch			48	-4	21	-5
Net Surplus / Shortfall of places Redditch Middle Schools			64	-35	-40	-59

The above table shows expected numbers on roll in year 5 if all pupils transferred to their feeder schools. Trends show that Walkwood Middle School and St Bede's Middle School attract many pupils who would otherwise transfer to Woodfield Academy or Birchensale Middle School. Across west Redditch (see orange cells), there is need for a permanent increase of 1FE (30 places) in 2023 and an additional 1FE (30 places) in 2024. Birchensale Middle School, St Bede's Middle School and Walkwood Middle School are being approached regarding possibilities for expansion or larger classes.

In Eastern Redditch, RSA Church Hill and Ipsley Middle Schools accommodated bulge year groups in September 2021 into Year 5. There are further peaks of pupils expected in 2023 and 2025. The existing accommodation for the current bulge can be used again in 2025 after the bulge leaves, but additional accommodation is required for the 2023 higher pupil numbers.

Redditch High

There are sufficient places in Redditch High Schools

Over the last five years, there has been a growing percentage of children in the Redditch pyramid leaving to attend alternative schools from year 7. In 2021 this represented 13.6% of all children that had attended a Redditch school in year 6 seeking provision outside the county or independent schools.

Figure 27 – Transfer rate of children on roll in the Redditch Education Planning Area to schools out of area from year 6 to Year 7

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
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Percentage of year 6 pupils transferring out of county area	6.7%	7.0%	10.1%	12.8%	13.6%
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St Augustine's High School is an Outstanding high school and is frequently oversubscribed. Many pupils transfer from non-Catholic First Schools to St Bede's Middle School and on average 60 pupils transfer from Walkwood Middle School annually.

Figure 28 – Forecast Year 9 numbers on roll for Redditch High Schools 2022-2025

School	Ofsted	PAN	2022	2023	2024	2025
Arrow Vale RSA	Outstanding	224	240	240	240	240
Trinity	Good	252	252	252	252	252
St Augustine's RC	Outstanding	235	235	232	235	235
Tudor Grange Academy	Good	180	105	104	152	180
Ridgeway Academy	Inadequate	60 to 30	42	65	79	84
Surplus / Shortfall of places			77	58	-7	-40

This table shows the expected numbers on roll in year 9 if pupils transferred according to their feeder schools. St Augustine's Catholic High School attracts many more pupils from non-feeder middle schools. Whilst Arrow Vale RSA Academy, St Augustine's High School and Trinity High School are all oversubscribed, Tudor Grange Academy has surplus places. Tudor Grange Academy and Trinity High all have net capacity assessments over their current numbers on roll, so there are options to increase intakes in 2024-2025 if necessary.

An outstanding secondary school just outside the county border in Warwickshire, attracts pupils from the three Redditch primary schools (Astwood Bank, Webheath and Feckenham), which would otherwise feed into Ridgeway Academy. Ridgeway Academy will have changed from a Middle to a Secondary school in September 2023. Numbers on roll in year 9-11 have been increasing slowly. Data from Astwood Bank Primary School suggests the numbers transferring to Ridgeway Academy as a High School (20%) are much less than they were as a Middle (58%). This forecast assumes a 40% transfer as one would expect a trend in between these two rates.

Figure 29 – Historic and Forecast numbers on roll for Ridgeway Academy 2021-2025

Year	PAN	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
2020	90	33	50	35	60	67	69	60
2021	90	24	34	68	35	58	75	71
2022	90	0	28	78	65	42	57	69
2023	90	0	0	83	79	65	36	56
2024	30	0	0	58	84	79	56	35
2025	30	0	0	50	59	84	68	55

Rubery EPA

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 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 (Years 7 – 13). A map is available in Mainstream Sufficiency Appendix Maps.

Rubery Primary

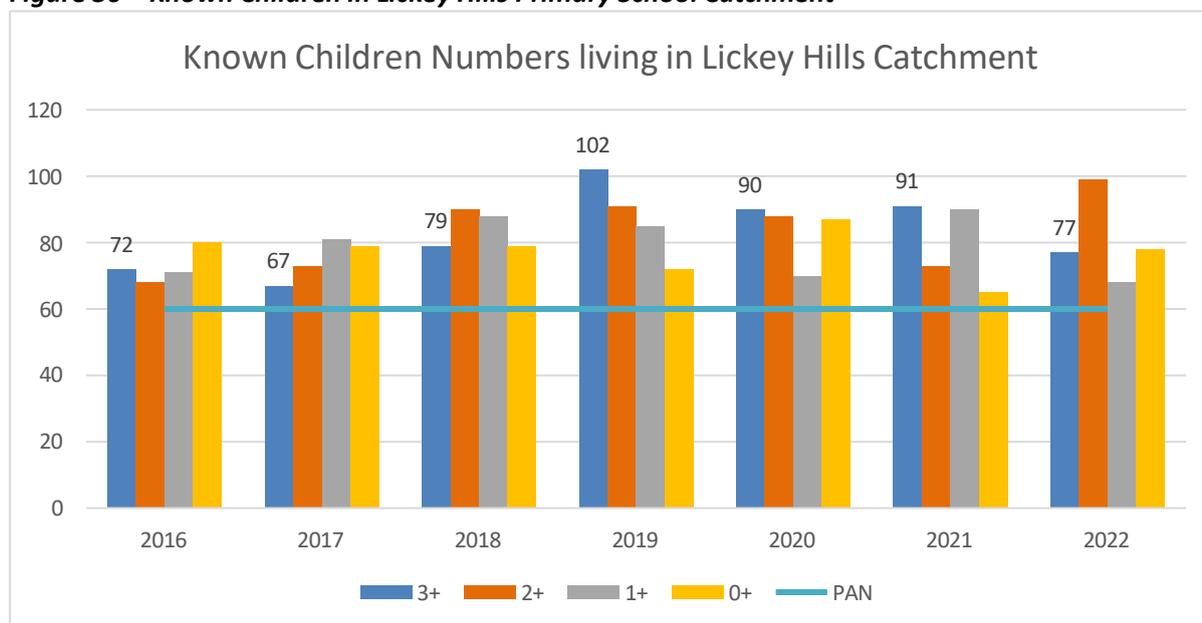
There are insufficient primary school places in Rubery.

2% of primary school age pupils in the County are educated in Rubery EPA, with 67% of schools deemed as 'Good'.

On the border with Birmingham all Rubery schools receive many applications from outside the county.

The Lickey Hills Primary School catchment area has numbers of known children over the school PAN. On average 20 children per year group choose to attend St Andrew's First School Barnt Green, Catshill and Blackwell First Schools. These pupils then remain in the Bromsgrove pyramid. There are also on average 20 children from the catchment area per year group attending schools in Birmingham as well as around 6 Birmingham children per year group attending Lickey Hills Primary School.

Figure 30 – Known Children in Lickey Hills Primary School Catchment



Additional pupils from new housing increased the known children numbers each year to now be consistently above the Lickey Hills Primary School PAN of 60. A strong parental preference for other neighbouring schools (54%) means the school has sufficient places for the first preference

applications from the catchment area and room for most of the first preference applications from neighbouring catchments.

A 1FE (30 place) Primary Free school (Austin Park) is planned to be delivered in the area. There are also 109 dwellings to be built over the next 2 years in Cofton Hackett, bordering Longbridge in Birmingham.

Stourport EPA

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 (Years 7-13). A map is available in Mainstream Sufficiency Appendix Maps.

There are sufficient primary school places in Stourport EPA.

4% of primary school age pupils in the County are educated in Stourport EPA, with 14% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 57% deemed as 'Good'.

The known pre-school age children across Stourport EPA are decreasing. There are 400 dwellings to be built in the Astley area from 2023-2028 which will increase known children in future years. Numbers on roll at St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School (PAN 30) is likely to remain below 20 for the next 4 years.

There are sufficient secondary school places in Stourport EPA.

Tenbury EPA

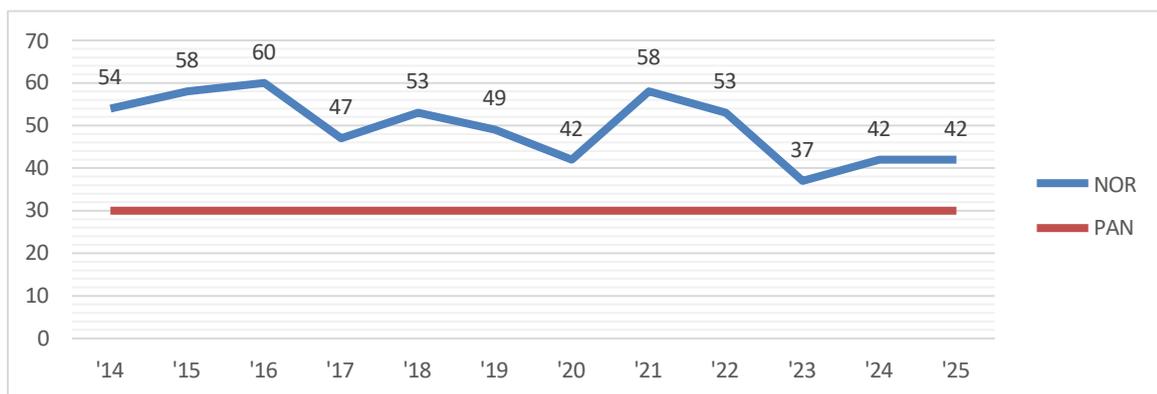
The Tenbury Education Planning Area covers the area in the North-West of Worcestershire and is made up predominantly of the Town of Tenbury Wells and the surrounding rural areas and villages. The area sits entirely within the District Council of Malvern Hills, with Shropshire to the north. The planning area is served by two Primary Schools (Years R-6), and one Secondary School (Years 7-11). A map is available in Mainstream Sufficiency Appendix Maps.

There are sufficient primary school places in Tenbury EPA

1% of primary school age pupils in the County are educated in Tenbury EPA, with both schools deemed as 'Good'.

There has been a consistent level of children living in the Tenbury area of Worcestershire for the past decade. There was a large cohort starting at reception in 2022, but lower intakes are forecast for the following years.

Figure 31 – Historic and forecast 3+ year olds living in the Tenbury Education Planning Area 2014-2025



There are sufficient secondary school places in Tenbury EPA

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

Upton EPA

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). A map is available in Mainstream Sufficiency Appendix Maps.

Upton Primary

There is an oversupply of primary school places in the Upton EPA

3% of primary school age pupils in the County are educated in Upton EPA, with 14% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 71% deemed as 'Good'.

Castlemorton Primary School (Requires Improvement) in Upton has very low known pre-school age children and neighbouring schools do not have more pupils than they can accommodate. Castlemorton Primary School could consider a reduction in PAN to 12 or 10.

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

The table below focuses on Kempsey & Upton-on-Severn Primary Schools as they are the least affected by the pupil migration just described. There is insufficiency at Kempsey Primary School related to housing in the South Worcester Urban Expansion and developments around the village of Kempsey. The school is also separated from the rest of Upton EPA by the bridge over the River Severn at Upton.

There are planning applications for 500 dwellings in the Kempsey catchment. These are pending a decision at the time of writing. However, should they be approved and completed by 2025 they may provide an additional 15 pupils per year group in 2025. A new 2FE (60 place) primary school is planned for Kempsey but not before 2026. A temporary increase in accommodation will be needed in Kempsey or adjacent schools if these developments proceed quickly. The table shows the impact of both developments already agreed and those not yet agreed.

Figure 32 – Known Children at Kempsey & Upton-on-Severn Primary Schools 2022-2025

Schools	Ofsted	PAN	2022	2023	2024	2025
Upton-on-Severn	Good	30	32	23	32	28
Kempsey	Good	60	41	53	49	64
Predicted additional pupils from agreed Housing			2	2	3	3
Total		90	75	78	84	95

Surplus places			15	12	6	-5
Predicted additional pupils from pending applications			2	2	13	21
Surplus places			15	12	-4	-23

Upton Secondary

There are sufficient secondary school places in Upton

Over the last 5 years, 25% of the intake for Hanley Castle High School (or 44 pupils) migrate from either Malvern or outside the county. The largest cohort currently in the Upton primary phase is year 5, with 149 pupils for a PAN of 180.

Worcester EPA

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. A map is available in Mainstream Sufficiency Appendix Maps.

Worcester Primary

There are sufficient primary school places in the EPA as a whole, but different parts of the city have different sufficiency profiles and have therefore been described separately.

18% of primary school age pupils in the County are educated in Worcester EPA, with 13% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding', with a further 78% deemed as 'Good'.

Worcester Primary – South East

There are insufficient primary school places in the South East of Worcester City.

There are several recently completed housing developments within the area, namely, the Kilbury Drive and Perry Wood Walk sites, and 260 more dwellings expected in the Swinesherd Way site under construction between 2022-2025. There is also a high level of new housing anticipated in the area within the South Worcester Urban Expansion (over 2,000 dwellings between 2021-2030).

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

A new 2FE (60 place) Primary School will be delivered as part of the South Worcester Urban Expansion (SWUE). The school will not be delivered before 2026.

Figure 33 below shows that the distribution of known pre-school age children numbers is no longer matching the PAN of primary schools. In order to address this issue, a review of the Worcester City school catchments would be required, to redistribute known children into appropriate school catchments.

As the SWUE housing site continues to be developed, another 1FE (30 places) will be generated every 3 years until beyond 2030-

Figure 33 –Current and forecast 3+ year olds living in the catchment areas of South East Worcester primary schools due to start school 2022-2025

Schools	Ofsted	PAN	2022	2023	2024	2025
Cherry Orchard	Inadequate	90	80	73	78	64

Lyppard Grange	Good	60	43	31	34	37
Nunnery Wood	Good	60	23	41	35	31
Perry Wood	Good	60	94	121	84	88
Red Hill	Good	60	32	35	24	17
Stanley Road	Good	60	79	76	66	84
Whittington	Good	30	59	49	61	53
Predicted pupils from new housing			6	14	20	23
Total		420	416	440	402	397
Surplus / Shortfall of places			4	-20	18	23

Worcester Primary – North

There are sufficient primary school places in the North of Worcester

There was significant growth in the number of known children in the Claines catchment area as a result of a new housing development but this reduced in 2020. Around 15 children per year travel to primary schools in the North from the Cranham and Carnforth Primary catchments in the northeast of the city.

Figure 34 – Current and forecast 3+ year olds living in the catchment areas of North Worcester primary schools due to start school 2022-2025

North	Ofsted	PAN	2022	2023	2024	2025
Claines C.E.	Good	30	58	60	54	44
Northwick Manor	Good	90	93	104	84	79
North Worcester Primary	New	60	-	-	-	-
Perdiswell Primary	Good	60	63	78	58	59
St Barnabas C.E.	Good	60	57	59	50	40
St George's Catholic	Good	30	-	-	-	-
St George's C.E. Primary	RI	30	-	-	-	-
Predicted pupils from new housing			4	7	7	7
Total		360	275	308	253	229
Surplus of places			85	52	107	131

Worcester Primary - North East

There are sufficient primary school places in the North East of Worcester

A significant number of pupils from the northeast catchments go to schools in the North of the City, so despite known children being higher than PAN there is not a need for additional places.

Figure 35 –Current and forecast 3+ year olds living in the catchment areas of North East Worcester primary schools due to start school 2022-2025

North East	Ofsted	PAN	2022	2023	2024	2025
Carnforth Primary	Inadequate	30	57	44	28	34
Cranham Primary	Good	60	57	51	63	47
Hollymount	Good	50	92	69	60	68
Oasis Academy Warndon	Good	90	134	127	123	87
St Joseph's RC	Good	60	-	-	-	-
Predicted pupils from new housing			2	4	6	11
Total		290	342	295	280	247
Surplus			-52	-5	10	43

Worcester Primary - West

There are sufficient primary school places in the West of Worcester.

2,000+ dwellings are planned to be delivered in the West Worcester Urban Expansion (WWUE) over the next decade. It will impact all of the schools listed in figure 36 as well as Broadheath and Rushwick CE Primary schools. However, the effects of the housing are unlikely to be seen until after 2024. A new 2FE (60 place) Primary School will be delivered as part of the Urban Expansion in order to accommodate the new pupils after 2025.

Figure 36 –Current and forecast 3+ year olds living in the catchment areas of West Worcester primary schools due to start school 2022-2025

West	Ofsted	PAN	2022	2023	2024	2025
Honeywell	RI	45	53	57	62	50
Oldbury Park	Good	60	45	38	51	51
Our Lady Queen of Peace	Good	30	-	-	-	-

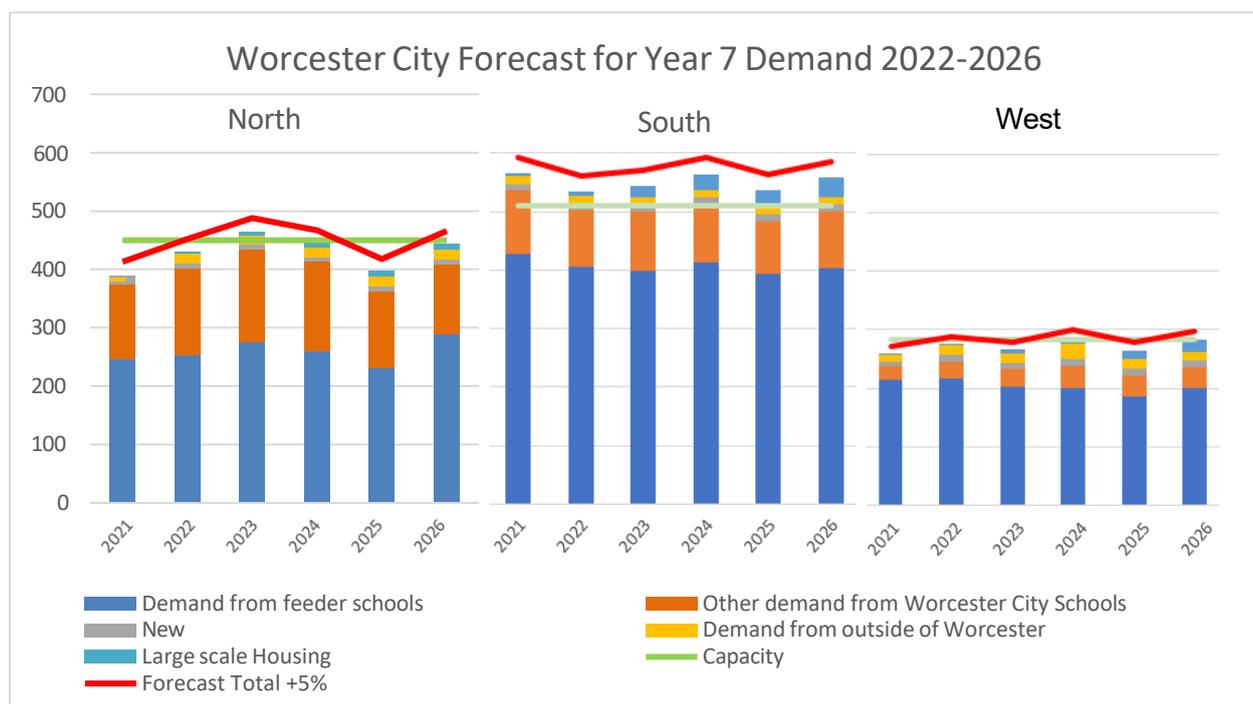
Pitmaston	Outstanding	90	85	89	73	81
St Clements CE	Outstanding	30	-	-	-	-
Predicted additional pupils from new housing			9	19	28	36
Total		255	192	203	214	218
Surplus			63	52	41	37

Worcester Secondary

There are insufficient secondary school places in Worcester

The majority of the pressure for secondary school places exists within the South East of the City. The South Worcestershire Councils are currently consulting on the requirement for an additional 14,000 dwellings across South Worcestershire until 2041 starting delivery in 2023. A new 4FE (120 place) secondary school is planned to be delivered in September 2026. In the meantime all Worcester City Secondary Schools have been requested to admit over PAN.

Figure 37 - Forecast and capacity for year 7 places in Worcester Secondary schools



The secondary school places in Worcester City will become more insufficient as admissions grow from the South Worcester Urban Expansion (SWUE). They are estimated together to become 3FE (90 places) over PAN by 2024. A new 4FE (120 place) secondary school is planned to be delivered in 2026.

Wythall EPA

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 but borders both Birmingham and Solihull. The planning area is served by two Primary schools (Years R-6), and one Secondary school (Years 7-13), though 2 further Primary schools from outside the county feed into Woodrush Secondary School. A map is available in Mainstream Sufficiency Appendix Maps.

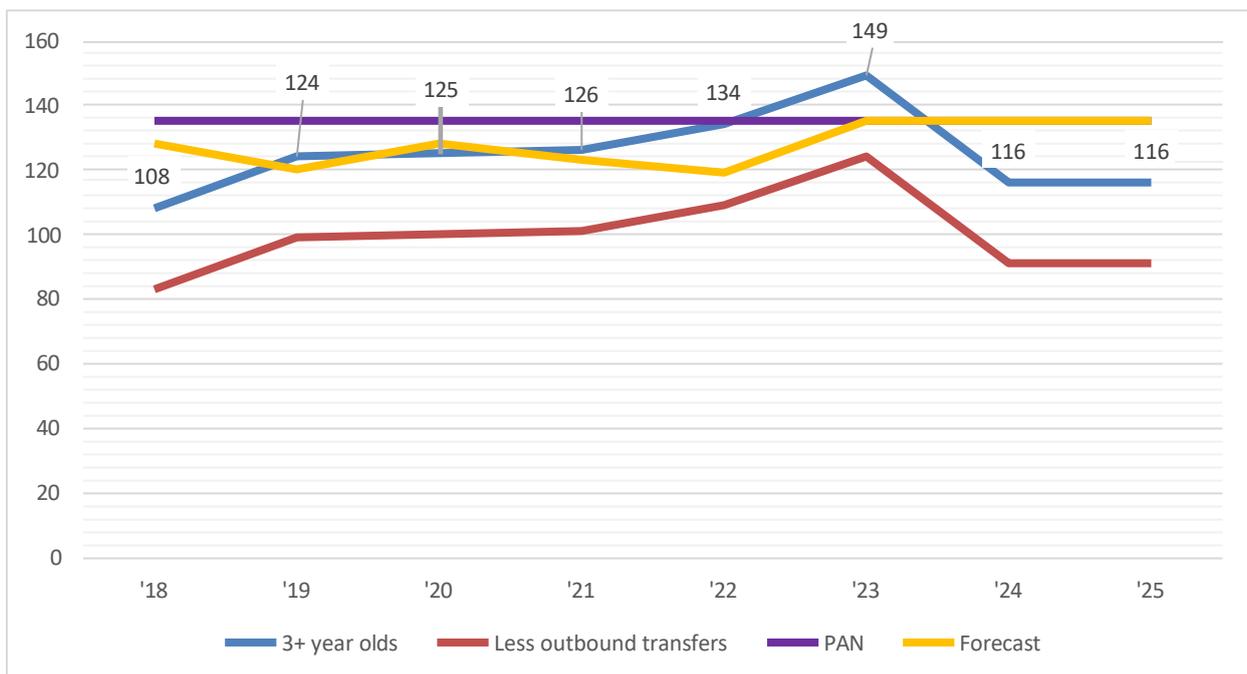
Wythall Primary

There are insufficient primary school places in Wythall

2% of primary school age pupils in the County are educated in Wythall EPA, with both schools deemed as 'Good'.

Known children and reception numbers have been steadily rising for some years including a high birth year which will be arriving in reception in September 2023.

Figure 38 – Forecast reception pupils in Wythall education planning area compared with known children living in Wythall in previous year



On average over 5 years, 29 pupils on roll at the two Wythall primary schools where from outside the county. Over the same period 25 pupils living in the Wythall area attended schools outside the planning area. The combined number of known children living in Wythall due to start the reception year in 2023 will peak at 14 over PAN. However, with expected outward migration the forecast pupil numbers are expected to be lower than the PAN of 135 and admissions from outside the county will bring the schools up to PAN.

Wythall Secondary

There are sufficient secondary school places in Wythall

Woodrush High School has 2 feeder schools in the county and 3 more outside the county. It does not have sufficient capacity for all current Year 6 across all feeder schools but it does have sufficient capacity for all the Worcestershire pupils. There is requirement for additional places, however cross-border collaboration with Birmingham and Solihull authorities would be necessary to provide for all the feeder primary schools.

Overview of Recommended Actions

The below schemes have previously been approved to respond to increased demand for school places (basic need) as outlined above.

Approved schemes	Issue	Scheme	Year
Worcester Secondary	Insufficiency	New School	2024
Rubery Primary	Insufficiency	Austin Park New Free School	TBD

The following schemes are recommended to address the need for additional school places (basic need) as outlined in this report above, however, are not yet confirmed to be delivered.

Recommended schemes	Issue	Scheme	Year
Bromsgrove First	Insufficiency	1FE (30 place) bulge year group	2024
Bromsgrove Middle	Insufficiency	1FE (30 place) expansion	2024
Bromsgrove High	Insufficiency	1FE (30 place) increase pupils	2024
Bromsgrove High	Insufficiency	1FE (30 place) expansion	2025
Redditch Middle - West	Insufficiency	1FE (30 place) expansion Birchensale	2024
Redditch Middle - East	Insufficiency	1FE (30 place) bulge Church Hill	2023
Redditch Middle - East	Insufficiency	1FE (30 place) bulge Church Hill	2025
Droitwich First	Insufficiency	1FE (30 place) bulge Chawson	2022
Droitwich First	Insufficiency	1FE (30 place) increase PAN - Chawson	2023

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

EPA	School	Forecast Intake / PAN	Year
Bewdley	Upper Arley Primary	5/15	2024
Evesham	Pebworth	2/12	2023
Evesham	Cleeve Prior	7/15	2023
Evesham	Eckington	7/20	2023
Evesham	Elmley Castle	5/15	2024
Evesham	Blackminster Middle	65/130	2023
Evesham	The De Montfort School	131/150	2023
Malvern	St Joseph's Catholic Primary	10/30	2025
Malvern	St James' CofE Primary	3/15	2023
Malvern	Grove Primary	14/30	2025
Upton	Castlemorton Primary	10/30	2022