

School Capacity Collection 2024

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Notes of this information

Every year the Department for Education (DfE) asks local authorities with responsibility for education to provide a variety of data to enable Government to predict funding requirements in future years. The Local Authority returns an annual report on the capacity of mainstream schools in Worcestershire and numbers of surplus places in those schools. The report also includes a forecast of future numbers on roll to assist with predicting shortfalls in school places.

The DfE describes how net capacity is calculated in [Assessing the Net Capacity of Schools](#). A list of all rooms available to the school is compiled, which along with the age range and the classrooms in use go into a calculation of net capacity. It is strongly influenced by the number and size of classrooms. If the net capacity is divided by the number of year groups, it can indicate the admission number that can generally be accommodated. This is not always the same as the PAN x the number of year groups.

The information contained within this document relates school capacity only, forecast information is published separately and can be found here: <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/schools-education-and-learning/school-statistics-and-data-collection>

Primary Phase Capacity Data

Key to Phase	
Primary Phase	PS
Middle School deemed Primary Phase	MP

Key to Governance	
Academy	CA
Community School	CO
Voluntary Aided	VA
Voluntary Controlled	VC

Estab		Phase	Governance	Number on Roll Jan 2024	Capacity Jan 2024	Unfilled Places Jan 2024	% Unfilled Places Jan 2024	Pupils in Excess of Capacity Jan 2024	% Pupils in Excess of Capacity Jan 2024
2000	Perry Wood Primary and Nursery School	PS	CA	374	420	46	11%	0	0%
2001	Crabbs Cross Academy	PS	CA	211	300	89	30%	0	0%
2002	Crown Meadow First School & Nursery	PS	CO	293	300	7	2%	0	0%
2005	Oasis Academy Warndon	PS	CA	478	630	152	24%	0	0%
2006	Ashton-under-Hill First School	PS	CO	92	108	16	15%	0	0%
2008	Beoley First School	PS	CO	97	108	11	10%	0	0%
2010	Heronswood Primary School	PS	CA	404	420	16	4%	0	0%

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2011	Carnforth School	PS	CA	166	210	44	21%	0	0%
2013	Broadway First School	PS	CO	78	110	32	29%	0	0%
2014	Birchen Coppice Academy	PS	CA	177	420	243	58%	0	0%
2015	Catshill First School	PS	CO	294	300	6	2%	0	0%
2016	Charford First School	PS	CO	419	450	31	7%	0	0%
2017	Finstall First School	PS	CO	295	296	1	0%	0	0%
2018	Lickey End First School	PS	CO	149	150	1	1%	0	0%
2019	Meadows First School	PS	CO	303	300	0	0%	3	1%
2020	Millfields First School	PS	CO	284	296	12	4%	0	0%
2022	Blackwell First School	PS	CO	151	150	0	0%	1	1%
2023	St George's CofE School	PS	CA	190	210	20	10%	0	0%
2024	St John's CofE Primary School	PS	CA	271	420	149	35%	0	0%
2025	Badsey First School	PS	CA	151	270	119	44%	0	0%
2026	Bretforton Village School	PS	CA	64	90	26	29%	0	0%
2027	Burlish Park Primary School	PS	CA	393	420	27	6%	0	0%
2028	Honeywell Primary School	PS	CA	142	281	139	49%	0	0%
2029	St George's CofE First School and Nursery	PS	CA	161	225	64	28%	0	0%
2030	St Stephen's CofE First School	PS	CA	149	150	1	1%	0	0%
2031	North Worcester Primary School	PS	CA	239	420	181	43%	0	0%
2032	Clifton upon Teme Primary School	PS	CO	84	105	21	20%	0	0%
2033	Northleigh CofE Primary School	PS	CA	165	315	150	48%	0	0%
2034	Dodford First School	PS	CO	67	75	8	11%	0	0%
2035	Westlands First School	PS	CO	222	300	78	26%	0	0%
2036	Chawson First School	PS	CO	335	405	70	17%	0	0%

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2037	Upper Arley CofE Primary School	PS	CA	61	105	44	42%	0	0%
2038	St Matthias Church of England Primary School	PS	CA	158	210	52	25%	0	0%
2039	Arrow Valley First School	PS	CA	130	225	95	42%	0	0%
2040	Cherry Orchard Primary School	PS	CA	553	630	77	12%	0	0%
2041	Swan Lane First School	PS	CO	309	351	42	12%	0	0%
2042	Witton Middle School	MP	CA	401	529	128	24%	0	0%
2043	The Orchards School	PS	CA	242	300	58	19%	0	0%
2044	Rushwick CofE Primary School	PS	CA	160	210	50	24%	0	0%
2045	Holywell Primary and Nursery School	PS	CA	382	420	38	9%	0	0%
2047	Fairfield First School	PS	CO	141	150	9	6%	0	0%
2055	Hagley Primary School	PS	CO	631	630	0	0%	1	0%
2078	Honeybourne Primary Academy	PS	CA	178	210	32	15%	0	0%
2079	Inkberrow Primary School	PS	CA	191	210	19	9%	0	0%
2080	Kempsey Primary School	PS	CA	358	420	62	15%	0	0%
2105	Great Malvern Primary School	PS	CA	329	336	7	2%	0	0%
2118	Pebworth First School	PS	CO	18	72	54	75%	0	0%
2119	Abbey Park First and Nursery School	PS	CO	158	150	0	0%	8	5%
2121	Orchard Primary School	PS	CA	197	210	13	6%	0	0%
2127	Astwood Bank Primary School	PS	CA	409	420	11	3%	0	0%
2128	Batchley First and Nursery School	PS	CO	266	300	34	11%	0	0%
2131	Holyoakes Field First School	PS	CA	290	300	10	3%	0	0%
2134	The Vaynor First School	PS	CA	447	450	3	1%	0	0%
2135	Webheath Academy Primary School	PS	CA	395	420	25	6%	0	0%
2136	Tenacres First School	PS	CO	284	300	16	5%	0	0%

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2137	Woodrow First School	PS	CO	253	300	47	16%	0	0%
2147	Stoke Prior First School	PS	CO	148	147	0	0%	1	1%
2153	Suckley Primary School	PS	CA	91	84	0	0%	7	8%
2156	Welland Primary School	PS	CA	139	210	71	34%	0	0%
2162	Cranham Primary School	PS	CA	390	420	30	7%	0	0%
2167	Hollymount School	PS	CA	356	351	0	0%	5	1%
2172	Nunnery Wood Primary School	PS	CA	414	420	6	1%	0	0%
2173	Tudor Grange Primary Academy Perdiswell	PS	CA	375	420	45	11%	0	0%
2179	Stanley Road Primary School	PS	CA	289	446	157	35%	0	0%
2187	Wychbold First and Nursery School	PS	CA	136	150	14	9%	0	0%
2188	Meadow Green Primary School	PS	CO	263	315	52	17%	0	0%
2192	Moons Moat First School	PS	CO	192	300	108	36%	0	0%
2197	Beaconside Primary and Nursery School	PS	CO	212	210	0	0%	2	1%
2200	Pitmaston Primary School	PS	CO	628	630	2	0%	0	0%
2202	Oldbury Park Primary School	PS	CA	369	420	51	12%	0	0%
2204	Somers Park Primary School	PS	CA	540	632	92	15%	0	0%
2901	Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery	PS	CO	376	398	22	6%	0	0%
2902	Stourport Primary Academy	PS	CA	277	315	38	12%	0	0%
2904	Lickhill Primary School	PS	CA	185	210	25	12%	0	0%
2906	Abbey Park Middle School	MP	CO	93	252	159	63%	0	0%
2907	Comberton Primary School	PS	CO	369	420	51	12%	0	0%
2908	Foley Park Primary Academy	PS	CA	205	219	14	6%	0	0%
2910	Franche Primary School	PS	CO	741	840	99	12%	0	0%
2911	Offmore Primary School	PS	CO	295	315	20	6%	0	0%

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2914	Leigh and Bransford Primary School	PS	CA	186	208	22	11%	0	0%
2915	Coppice Primary School	PS	CA	623	630	7	1%	0	0%
2916	Westacre Middle School	MP	CO	451	450	0	0%	1	0%
2918	The Lyppard Grange Primary School	PS	CA	419	420	1	0%	0	0%
2919	Matchborough First School Academy	PS	CA	332	450	118	26%	0	0%
2920	Oak Hill First School	PS	CA	411	450	39	9%	0	0%
3000	Abberley Parochial VC Primary School	PS	VC	110	105	0	0%	5	5%
3001	Bayton CofE Primary School	PS	VC	100	105	5	5%	0	0%
3002	Belbroughton CofE Primary School	PS	VC	166	175	9	5%	0	0%
3005	Blakedown CofE Primary School	PS	VC	200	210	10	5%	0	0%
3008	Broadheath CofE Primary School	PS	CA	149	140	0	0%	9	6%
3010	Far Forest Lea Memorial CofE Primary School	PS	CA	95	140	45	32%	0	0%
3011	St Anne's CofE VC Primary School	PS	VC	205	262	57	22%	0	0%
3012	St Bartholomew's CofE VC Primary School	PS	CA	204	315	111	35%	0	0%
3013	Hartlebury CofE Primary School	PS	CA	176	210	34	16%	0	0%
3014	Callow End CofE Primary School	PS	CA	93	105	12	11%	0	0%
3015	Wilden All Saints CofE Primary School	PS	CA	187	230	43	19%	0	0%
3016	Cookley Sebright Primary School	PS	VC	207	210	3	1%	0	0%
3017	Castlemorton Church of England Primary School	PS	CA	84	105	21	20%	0	0%
3018	Church Lench CofE First School	PS	VC	72	83	11	13%	0	0%
3019	Claines CofE Primary School	PS	VC	207	202	0	0%	5	2%
3020	Cleeve Prior CofE (Controlled) Primary School	PS	VC	21	105	84	80%	0	0%
3021	St Catherine's CofE (VC) Primary School	PS	VC	409	420	11	3%	0	0%
3022	Clent Parochial Primary School	PS	VC	108	105	0	0%	3	3%

3026	St Oswald's CofE Primary School	PS	CA	152	210	58	28%	0	0%
3027	Crophorne-with-Charlton CofE First School	PS	VC	88	108	20	19%	0	0%
3028	Crowle CofE First School	PS	CA	57	75	18	24%	0	0%
3029	Defford-Cum-Besford CofE School	PS	VC	45	72	27	38%	0	0%
3038	Eckington CofE First School	PS	VC	73	135	62	46%	0	0%
3039	Eldersfield Lawn CofE Primary School	PS	VC	105	105	0	0%	0	0%
3040	Elmley Castle CofE First School	PS	VC	89	90	1	1%	0	0%
3041	Bengeworth CE Academy	PS	CA	530	540	10	2%	0	0%
3042	St Richard's CofE First School	PS	VC	317	365	48	13%	0	0%
3043	St Andrew's CofE School and Nursery	PS	VC	311	360	49	14%	0	0%
3048	Grimley and Holt CofE Primary School	PS	VC	96	105	9	9%	0	0%
3049	Hanbury CofE First School	PS	VC	144	150	6	4%	0	0%
3051	Hanley Swan St Gabriel's with St Mary's CofE Primary School	PS	CA	114	105	0	0%	9	9%
3053	Harvington CofE First School	PS	VC	173	180	7	4%	0	0%
3056	Himbleton CofE Primary School and Nursery	PS	VC	89	98	9	9%	0	0%
3057	Hindlip CofE First School	PS	VC	81	101	20	20%	0	0%
3072	The Littletons Church of England Academy	PS	CA	129	180	51	28%	0	0%
3074	Malvern Wyche CofE Primary School	PS	VC	127	140	13	9%	0	0%
3077	Martley CofE Primary School	PS	CA	135	140	5	4%	0	0%
3081	Norton Juxta Kempsey CofE Primary School	PS	CA	189	210	21	10%	0	0%
3082	Offenham Church of England First School	PS	CA	112	108	0	0%	4	4%
3084	Overbury CofE First School	PS	VC	81	90	9	10%	0	0%
3085	Pendock CofE Primary School	PS	VC	43	56	13	23%	0	0%
3088	Pinvin CofE First School	PS	CA	114	125	11	9%	0	0%

3089	Powick CofE Primary School	PS	CA	181	196	15	8%	0	0%
3091	Feckenham CofE Primary School	PS	CA	101	115	14	12%	0	0%
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3093	St Luke's CofE First School	PS	CA	137	150	13	9%	0	0%
3097	Romsley St Kenelm's CofE Primary School	PS	VC	195	196	1	1%	0	0%
3099	Sedgeberrow CofE First School	PS	VC	179	175	0	0%	4	2%
3104	Tenbury CofE Primary School	PS	CA	202	210	8	4%	0	0%
3105	Tibberton CofE First School	PS	VC	71	75	4	5%	0	0%
3107	Upton-Upon-Severn CofE Primary and Pre School	PS	VC	175	200	25	13%	0	0%
3108	Upton Snodsbury CofE First School	PS	VC	44	75	31	41%	0	0%
3110	Whittington CofE Primary School	PS	VC	211	206	0	0%	5	2%
3114	St Barnabas CofE Primary School	PS	VC	411	420	9	2%	0	0%
3116	Red Hill CofE Primary School	PS	VC	398	420	22	5%	0	0%
3205	St Nicholas' CofE Middle School	MP	CA	182	308	126	41%	0	0%
3208	St Barnabas CofE First and Middle School	MP	CA	194	393	199	51%	0	0%
3300	Astley CofE Primary School	PS	VA	93	105	12	11%	0	0%
3302	St Andrew's CofE First School	PS	VA	220	225	5	2%	0	0%
3306	Bredon Hancock's Endowed CofE First School	PS	VA	155	178	23	13%	0	0%
3308	Broadwas CofE Aided Primary School	PS	VA	81	105	24	23%	0	0%
3309	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	PS	CA	92	105	13	12%	0	0%
3310	St Peter's Catholic First School	PS	CA	247	300	53	18%	0	0%
3316	Cutnall Green CofE Primary School	PS	CA	139	182	43	24%	0	0%
3317	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	PS	VA	186	210	24	11%	0	0%
3318	St Peter's Droitwich CofE Academy	PS	CA	439	450	11	2%	0	0%

3322	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	PS	CA	155	210	55	26%	0	0%
3324	Fladbury CofE First School	PS	VA	67	100	33	33%	0	0%
3328	Great Witley CofE Primary School	PS	CA	187	210	23	11%	0	0%
3329	Hallow CofE Primary School	PS	VA	161	203	42	21%	0	0%
3330	Chaddesley Corbett Endowed Primary School	PS	VA	208	210	2	1%	0	0%
3331	St Mary's CofE (VA) Primary School	PS	VA	182	210	28	13%	0	0%
3332	Wolverley Sebright Primary Academy	PS	CA	208	210	2	1%	0	0%
3350	Lindridge St Lawrence CE Primary School	PS	VA	79	105	26	25%	0	0%
3353	Madresfield CofE Primary School	PS	CA	98	105	7	7%	0	0%
3357	Malvern Parish CofE Primary School	PS	CA	206	210	4	2%	0	0%
3358	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	PS	VA	96	210	114	54%	0	0%
3359	Malvern Wells CofE Primary School	PS	VA	90	105	15	14%	0	0%
3360	St James' CofE Primary School	PS	VA	55	105	50	48%	0	0%
3365	Ombersley Endowed First School	PS	VA	135	140	5	4%	0	0%
3368	Holy Redeemer Catholic Primary School	PS	VA	167	210	43	20%	0	0%
3369	Sutton Park Primary School	PS	CA	207	210	3	1%	0	0%
3380	St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School	PS	CA	149	210	61	29%	0	0%
3381	Sytchampton Endowed Primary School	PS	VA	88	100	12	12%	0	0%
3382	Tardebigge CofE First School	PS	VA	145	146	1	1%	0	0%
3387	Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary	PS	VA	183	210	27	13%	0	0%
3388	St Clement's CofE Primary	PS	CA	207	210	3	1%	0	0%
3389	St George's CofE Primary School	PS	VA	168	210	42	20%	0	0%
3390	St George's Catholic Primary School	PS	VA	206	210	4	2%	0	0%
3391	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	PS	VA	343	420	77	18%	0	0%

3393	St Ambrose Catholic Primary	PS	CA	202	210	8	4%	0	0%
3397	Bewdley Primary School	PS	CO	400	420	20	5%	0	0%
3398	Abbeywood First School	PS	CA	266	300	34	11%	0	0%
3400	Grove Primary School	PS	CO	130	236	106	45%	0	0%
3401	Northwick Manor Primary School	PS	CA	600	660	60	9%	0	0%
5200	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic First School	PS	CA	298	300	2	1%	0	0%
5201	Flyford Flavell Primary School	PS	CO	110	112	2	2%	0	0%
5202	St Thomas More Catholic First School	PS	CA	178	225	47	21%	0	0%
7025	Fort Royal	PS	CO	243	216	0	0%	27	13%

Secondary Phase Capacity Data

Key to Phase	
Secondary Phase	SS
Middle School deemed Secondary Phase	MS
All through School	AT

Key to Governance	
Academy	CA
Community School	CO
Foundation School	FO
Voluntary Aided	VA
Voluntary Controlled	VC

Estab		Phase	Governance	Number on Roll Jan 2024	Capacity Jan 2023	Unfilled Places Jan 2024	% Unfilled Places Jan 2024	Pupils in Excess of Capacity Jan 2024	% Pupils in Excess of Capacity Jan 2024
4001	The Bewdley School	SS	FO	967	990	23	2%	0	0%
4003	South Bromsgrove High	SS	CA	1344	1309	0	0%	35	3%
4004	The Stourport High School and Sixth Form College	SS	CA	1132	1500	368	25%	0	0%
4005	Droitwich Spa High School and Sixth Form Centre	SS	CA	1279	1435	156	11%	0	0%
4008	Arrow Vale High School	SS	CA	866	972	106	11%	0	0%
4009	Ipsley CofE Middle School	MS	CA	649	600	0	0%	49	8%
4010	Haybridge High School and Sixth Form	SS	CA	1174	1366	192	14%	0	0%
4013	Tenbury High Ormiston Academy	SS	CA	456	522	66	13%	0	0%
4014	Baxter College	SS	CA	806	1349	543	40%	0	0%
4017	Woodrush High School	SS	CA	1010	1033	23	2%	0	0%
4018	The De Montfort School	AT	CA	859	1270	411	32%	0	0%
4020	Ridgeway Secondary School	SS	CA	302	600	298	50%	0	0%
4021	North Bromsgrove High School	SS	CA	1043	1041	0	0%	2	0%
4028	The Chase	SS	CA	1408	1679	271	16%	0	0%
4030	Pershore High School	SS	CA	1138	1468	330	22%	0	0%
4044	Waseley Hills High School	SS	CA	732	1050	318	30%	0	0%
4400	Bredon Hill Academy	MS	CA	486	486	0	0%	0	0%
4401	Aston Fields Middle School	MS	CO	597	646	49	8%	0	0%

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4402	Catshill Middle School	MS	CO	393	465	72	15%	0	0%
4403	Parkside Middle School	MS	CO	604	592	0	0%	12	2%
4408	Blackminster Middle School	MS	CO	271	363	92	25%	0	0%
4418	Birchensale Middle School	MS	CA	582	600	18	3%	0	0%
4427	Church Hill Middle School	MS	CA	431	360	0	0%	71	20%
4432	Christopher Whitehead Language College	SS	CA	1526	1640	114	7%	0	0%
4434	Nunnery Wood High School	SS	CA	1494	1500	6	0%	0	0%
4435	The Chantry School	SS	CA	878	875	0	0%	3	0%
4436	Woodfield Academy	MS	CA	578	600	22	4%	0	0%
4437	Trinity High School and Sixth Form Centre	SS	CA	942	1151	209	18%	0	0%
4438	Tudor Grange Academy Redditch	SS	CA	395	1120	725	65%	0	0%
4500	Hanley Castle High School	SS	CA	1086	1113	27	2%	0	0%
4501	King Charles I School	SS	CA	1105	1304	199	15%	0	0%
4503	Wolverley CofE Secondary School	SS	VC	948	1115	167	15%	0	0%
4575	Alvechurch CofE Middle School	MS	CA	440	440	0	0%	0	0%
4576	St Egwin's CofE Middle School	MS	VC	448	450	2	0%	0	0%
4579	Walkwood Church of England Middle School	MS	CA	662	708	46	6%	0	0%
4754	Bishop Perowne CofE College	SS	CA	1113	1200	87	7%	0	0%
4800	Hagley Catholic High School	SS	CA	1114	1180	66	6%	0	0%
4801	Dyson Perrins CofE Academy	SS	CA	614	1040	426	41%	0	0%
5400	St Augustine's Catholic High School	SS	CA	956	1005	49	5%	0	0%
5401	St Bede's Catholic Middle School	MS	CA	652	640	0	0%	12	2%
5402	Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College	SS	VA	1053	1050	0	0%	3	0%
5403	Prince Henry's High School	SS	CA	1293	1324	31	2%	0	0%

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5404	St John's Church of England Middle School Academy	MS	CA	651	600	0	0%	51	9%
5950	Vale of Evesham School	AT	CA	180	165	0	0%	15	9%
6009	Holy Trinity School	AT	CA	747	806	59	7%	0	0%
6905	Tudor Grange Academy Worcester	SS	CA	1099	1250	151	12%	0	0%
7000	Kingfisher School	AT	CA	138	109	0	0%	29	27%
7001	Rigby Hall Day Special School	AT	CO	212	159	0	0%	53	33%
7003	Riversides School	AT	CA	68	68	0	0%	0	0%

Commentary by Planning Area

Schools Capacity Survey 2024

Local Authority Commentary

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Local Authorities are asked to provide a commentary to assist the Department of Education in its analysis of current and projected pupil place pressures and available capacity. It provides an opportunity to qualify the impression that might be obtained from capacity data; pupil forecasts; and capital spend data. The commentary should provide a brief explanation where school capacity is an issue, notably where schools/planning areas currently have or are projected to have a shortfall of places, and the steps being taken to address these. Local Authorities should also use the commentary to provide an explanation of any other significant changes to capacity and the effect this would have on school place planning.

1 General LA overview indicating LA wide trends (including both primary and secondary age)

The LA is geographically on the periphery of the Black Country and Birmingham with several small towns and wider rural areas with markedly different trends in urban, rural or mixed planning areas.

The birth rate in Worcestershire is now dropping, and the number of children entering reception is on the decline, with the total primary school population having peaked in 2019. This is creating a challenge for some of the small rural schools, which are crucial to ensuring children living in these areas are able to access a school within a suitable distance, and some are facing falling numbers on roll that threaten the viability of these schools. At the same time, we are still facing increasing pressure in some town schools where numbers remain high.

Worcestershire has a number of large (1000+) housing developments continuing across the county resulting in a requirement of new first / primary schools.

This is a new challenge for the county and there is a risk that the developer contributions do not provide sufficiently to fund the delivery of the new schools required.

Secondary rolls are increasing due to a peak in pupils currently in year 7. We recently increased capacity through a number of secondary school expansions to meet this need, however in certain areas, such as Worcester City and Bromsgrove we require additional places and are having to consider a range of mitigations. A new secondary school in Worcester has been approved by Cabinet, however, due to financial pressures, the requirement to purchase land and planning conditions, alternative mitigations are having to be found in the short and medium term. In Bromsgrove PFI constraints are hindering potential solutions to the issue of delivering the necessary places in the right locations.

Demand for specialist educational places continues to outstrip supply in the county. The number of children with EHCPs in both mainstream and special schools is continuing to grow. A recent new SEND Provision report details the areas of demand for specialist education provision in Worcestershire, with some proposed priorities to enable more children and young people with SEND to remain in county for the education provision.

Worcestershire is a mix of two-tier and three-tier planning areas. Several schools in three tier areas have, over the last 5 years, sought approval for a change of age range to two-tier. Where these applications have been to the DfE, they have for the most part been granted, however Worcestershire has frequently been unable to support these changes because of the impact on alternative schools and in some cases, a lack of clear transition for pupils. Some areas, in particular the Pershore Education Planning area, continue to face viability issues due to these changes.

Migration between counties is generally modest but is still a factor along borders that must be considered, particularly for Secondary and High Schools which are generally affected more. Several secondary schools in Worcestershire receive a large number of their pupils from out of county. As most of our secondary and high schools are now academies, they are their own admissions authority.

2 Factors affecting overall LA pupil numbers e.g. migration, housing development, live births. If you experience cross local authority boundary movement please identify the other local authorities involved and the scale of places affected.

Migration is generally modest with some movement across LA boundaries. In general this impacts on Birmingham (net 600 from Birmingham), Dudley (net 400 from Dudley) and Solihull (net 200 to Solihull).

In urban areas such as Redditch, Bromsgrove, Kidderminster and Worcester, major housing developments are offsetting the drop in population growth in primary school admissions.

Planned housing developments are having an impact already and are expected to continue over the next 10 years. The housing development plan for the south of the county was adopted in Spring 2016. This includes over 4,000 dwellings over the next 10 years in and adjacent to the Worcester Planning Area, the majority of which has now been granted planning permission and will have a major impact on education provision within and in the direct vicinity of Worcester City. Major housing developments are beginning in Redditch (c. 2,000 dwellings by 2030), Kidderminster (1,300 dwellings by 2030) and Bromsgrove (1,300 dwellings by 2030) in particular, though not all yet approved.

3 Summary of primary places in individual planning areas where:

- a) there is current or projected pressure on places,
- b) there is current or projected sustained surpluses in capacity, or
- c) there are pipeline free schools or planned presumption schools.

You should include details on:

- i) local factors affecting the area, relating them to the LA-wide factors described above;
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If you plan at Local Authority level only and do not use planning areas, you should complete this section to illustrate any regional variations.

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Total number of primary planning areas across the Local Authority.		26
Planning area name/ID		
a. PRIMARY NAME: Alvechurch ID:8850034	Overview	
	These schools are popular and have sufficient capacity for a steady trend of additional pupils from Rubery.	
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.	
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)	
	On average 20 pupils per year come from the Rubery Primary area 8850011.	
b.	Overview	

PRIMARY NAME:Bewdley	This is a rural area with some schools experiencing low numbers on roll that are not likely to increase in the near future.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	The LA is considering methods to reduce the capacity of one or more of these primary schools.
ID:8850001	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
c.	Overview
PRIMARY NAME: Bromsgrove	1,670 dwellings are planned in 2 developments on the west side of the town by 2034. This is forecast to add 41 pupils to each primary age year group by 2026. In the short term, First school places are forecast to be sufficient in Bromsgrove Most of the middle schools starting in year 5 are frequently over-subscribed. They attract some pupils from outside the planning area.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
ID:8850002	Within the planning for the new housing development, a new 60 place first school (Perryfields) is planned to be delivered in line with the housing trajectory (indicative 2028). St John's CE Middle School 5404 Academy Trust have confirmed they can take over PAN for 2025 and 2026 (the years forecasting over PAN) . Longer term additional middle school places will be required to be delivered. Feasibilities have been completed on all Bromsgrove Middle School to determine what options are available and viable to deliver additional middle school places.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	The Bromsgrove middle schools (from year 5 - year 8) attract on average 19 pupils per year group resident in Alvechurch

	8850034.
d.	Overview
PRIMARY NAME:	There is a high parental preference for urban residents to attend rural first schools. Although there are more known children than places within the town of Droitwich, trends show reception intakes are not likely to be full in the years up to 2026.
Droitwich	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	Monitoring parental preference trends year on year to ensure demand within Droitwich does not outstrip supply.
ID:8850003	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	On average 40 pupils per year group attend schools outside the planning area, mostly Worcester North 8850015.
e.	Overview
PRIMARY NAME:	Cleeve Prior 3020 and Pebworth 2118 each have surplus places above 50% of their PAN.
Evesham East	The distance (over 2 miles) between neighbouring school catchments and schools does not support sharing of pupils. Planned housing schemes in Evesham and Badsey are likely to increase pupil numbers but these areas are beyond 4 miles from Cleeve Prior or Pebworth.
	Since Honeybourne 2078 became a primary school in a 3 tier planning area, the local middle school, Blackminster 4408, has had falling pupil rolls.
ID:8850035	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	Both Cleeve Prior and Pebworth are being monitored and supported by the Schools Support Forum to consider the viability of both schools and what options area available to retain appropriate provision within these areas.

	De Montfort Middle and High School 4018 will lower its year 6 PAN from 150 to 120 from September 2024 due to ongoing low intake numbers.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	Parental preference results in pupils from Evesham East choosing another middle school, St Egwin's 4576, in Evesham North 8850033.
f.	Overview
PRIMARY NAME:	
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
Evesham North	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
ID:8850033	Parental preference attracts pupils from Evesham East 8850035 to St Egwin's CE Middle Schools 4576 in this planning area.
g.	Overview
PRIMARY NAME:	Hagley Primary 2055 is usually oversubscribed but this school is close to the border with Dudley LA. Currently 77% of the pupils attending Hagley schools reside in the planning area. Based on known pre-school children living in the planning area, there are sufficient primary places.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
Hagley	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)

ID:8850005	Dudley LA confirms there is sufficient capacity for any Dudley pupils not successful in their applications to Hagley Primary 2055.
<p>h.</p> <p>PRIMARY NAME:</p> <p>Kidderminster North</p> <p>ID:8850037</p>	Overview
	830 dwellings are planned in the east side of the planning area, Lea Castle by 2030. (1400 dwellings total by 2035). This is forecast to add 42 pupils per year group by 2026 and create a shortfall of 26 places in the intake year across primary schools within 2 miles safe walking route.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	A new 2FE primary school (Lea Castle) is planned to be delivered within the site, adding 60 places to be delivered in line with the housing trajectory (indicative 2028).
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	Primary age places within Kidderminster East 8850036 and Kidderminster West 8850006 within 2 miles of the new development area sufficient to provide mitigation of places before the new school opens.
<p>i.</p> <p>PRIMARY NAME:</p> <p>Kidderminster East</p>	Overview
	1,450 dwellings are planned in the east side of the planning area by 2036. This is forecast to add 3 pupils per year group by 2026 and 18 pupils per year group by 2029.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	A new 2FE primary school is planned to be delivered within the site adding 60 places to be delivered in line with the housing trajectory (indicative 2030).

ID:8850036	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	Primary age places within Kidderminster East and within 2 miles of the new development are sufficient to provide mitigation of places before the new school there opens in 2030.
j.	Overview
PRIMARY NAME:	The west side of Kidderminster has 80 surplus places in reception in 2024. There is a strong parental preference towards schools in Kidderminster East 8850036, Kidderminster North 8850037 and in Bewdley 8850001.
Kidderminster West	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	Birchen Coppice 2014 reduced its PAN from 60 to 30 for September 2023
ID:8850006	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	Primary age pupils from Kidderminster East 8850036 and Kidderminster North 8850037 that exceed the PAN of the Planning Areas, however there are places available Kidderminster West 8850006 especially where the new housing developments are within 2 miles of schools in West.
k.	Overview
PRIMARY NAME:	This area is experiencing low birthrates and has an estimated 68 surplus reception places in 2024. Most of the schools have shared catchments therefore there is no obvious connection between known children and the surplus places in any specific school.
Malvern North	A development of 800 dwellings is approved to the north of the town of Malvern. It is expected to generate 18 additional pupils per year group by 2026.
ID:8850007	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	The LA has investigated options for reducing capacity in the area, meeting with all primary schools and requesting Governing Bodies /

	Trusts consider PAN reductions. No primary school in Malvern North have decided to reduce PAN or propose to reduce PAN.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	33 pupils on average from Malvern South 8850038 attend schools in Malvern North 8850007.
l.	Overview
PRIMARY NAME:	300 dwellings (Qinetic site) are planned to be built in this area 2023-2026, with 18 additional pupils per year group expected by 2026. However schools in Malvern North within 2 miles have surplus places, therefore there is no current need to add places.
Malvern South	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
ID:8850038	The LA has investigating options for reducing capacity in the area, meeting with all primary schools and requesting Governing Bodies / Trusts consider PAN reductions. The LA has agreed a PAN reduction from 30 to 15 at The Grove Primary School and submitted a request to the OSA for an earlier reduction in 2024. No other Malvern Schools have decided to reduce PAN or propose to reduce PAN.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	33 pupils on average from Malvern South 8850038 attend schools in Malvern North 8850007.
m.	Overview
PRIMARY NAME:	The Martley planning area is on the western edge of Worcester as well as bordering Stourport. On average 23 pupils per year resident in the Martley planning area attend schools in Worcester and 18 attend schools in Stourport.
Martley	The West Worcester Urban Expansion is being built in this planning area, with 400 dwellings by 2024 and 2,300 by 2037. This housing is forecast to yield an additional 21 pupils per year group by 2024 and 107 additional pupils per group group by 2033. This is forecast to fill up nearby primary schools in Worcester West 8850041.

ID:8850008	
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	A new 2FE primary school is planned to be delivered within the site in adding 60 places to be delivered in line with the housing trajectory (indicative from September 2028).
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	Primary age places within Martley and Worcester West 8850041 and within 2 miles of the new development are only just sufficient to provide mitigation of places before the new school there opens in 2028.
n.	Overview
PRIMARY NAME:	Since 2018 some first schools in Pershore converted to primary schools.
Pershore	The creation of additional places in years 5, 6 and 7 as a result of the approved changes has resulted in a forecast level of surplus in these year groups of 40% in September 2024, which is projected to rise.
ID:8850009	A public consultation is due to launch in September 2024 to propose schools change their age range to become primary schools to convert to a fully two-tier education system in Pershore. Capital funding is confirmed should the outcome of the consultation suggest that decisions to proceed to a change of tier structure. .
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	The 3 middle schools (two have adjacent first schools, paired as 2119/2906, 3088/3205 and the St Barnabas 3208 is an integrated first and middle school) each have surplus capacity. The LA and DfE are supporting these schools to manage accommodation, staffing and finances pending decisions on conversion to two tier system. 3088 Pinvin and 3205 St Nicholas Middle are to amalgamate into one school.
	6 first schools have already converted into primaries with 4 firsts schools remaining .

	There is additional housing being built in Drakes Broughton and Pershore within the catchment area of Orchard Primary, Pinvin Academy and Abbey Park.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	[none]
<p>o.</p> <p>PRIMARY NAME:</p> <p>Redditch NW</p> <p>ID:8850010</p>	Overview
	House building in the north of the town is underway, adding 195 dwellings by 2026 and 845 by 2037. This is forecast to add 19 pupils per year group by 2026 and 52 pupils per year group by 2036. Holyoakes Field First School 2131 relocated into this area with the new build incorporating the potential to expand from 2FE to 3FE.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The LA are considering the options for when to expand Holyoakes Field First 2131 from 2FE to 3FE. The LA is delivering a 1FE expansion to Birchensale Middle School 4418 for 2024, and a bulge year 5 (the intake year) increase (adding 30 permanent places and 30 temporary places)
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	Parental preference supports primary age pupils from Redditch NW 8850010 into Redditch SW where there are sufficient school places. Some of the schools in the middle of Redditch are within walking distance of the other new development in Redditch SW 8850040 (Foxlydiat) and are likely to fill available places 2024-2026.
<p>p.</p> <p>PRIMARY</p>	Overview
	Housing in the Foxlydiat area is expected to add 350 dwellings by 2026 and 2,560 by 2036. This is forecast to add 30 pupils per year group by 2027 and 130 pupils per year group by 2036

NAME: Redditch SW ID:8850040	
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	A new 3FE first school is planned to be opened in 2027 within the Foxlydiate housing development. Additional pupils from the housing can be accommodated in existing Redditch SW and Redditch NW schools until the new school is delivered.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	The expansion to Birchensale Middle 4418 in Redditch NW 8850010 and a bulge year in Redditch East Middle 8850039 will address the shortage in the cohort starting year 5 in 2024.
q. PRIMARY NAME: Redditch East ID:8850039	Overview
	Eastern Redditch is experiencing lower birthrates therefore there have been surplus places in reception since September 2022. Eastern Redditch has high numbers of pupils reaching year 5 in the middle schools in alternating years starting in 2025.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	The LA planned for a 1 FE bulge at Church Hill Middle 4427 for 2023 and again in 2025. These are the years when the expected year 5 numbers on roll exceed the PAN of the planning area.
	Church Hill Middle 4427 have decided to increase PAN for 2024 also, not at the request of the Local Authority. This could provide a surplus of places required.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	[none]

<p>r.</p> <p>PRIMARY NAME:</p> <p>Rubery</p> <p>ID:8850011</p>	Overview
	There are higher numbers of known children in the catchment of Lickey Hills 2901 than its PAN of 60. Parental preference from this planning area opt to apply for schools in the Alvechurch planning area 8850034.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
<p>s.</p> <p>PRIMARY NAME:</p> <p>Upton</p> <p>ID:8850014</p>	20 pupils per year tend to join schools in the Alvechurch planning area 8850034.
	20 pupils per year attend schools in Birmingham and 38 pupils from Birmingham attend schools in the Rubery planning area.
	Overview
	Small scale housing development in Kempsey village has increased reception numbers in Kempsey 2080.
	The South Worcester Urban Expansion of 2500 dwellings is within the catchment of Kempsey 2080 and is expected to generate 20 pupils per year group by 2027.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	The South Worcester Urban Expansion includes the planned delivery of a 2FE primary school (Hopfields) in the site in 2028.
	We are also monitoring planning applications around the village of Kempsey with a view to using land for a satellite site for Kempsey Primary School as this school is already at 2FE and cannot be expanded further on the current site.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	Until the opening of the new school, most of the urban expansion new pupils are expected to attend primary schools in Worcester South

	(8850042).
<p>t.</p> <p>PRIMARY NAME:</p> <p>Tenbury</p> <p>ID:8850013</p>	Overview
	Tenbury is a small and geographically isolated area bordering Shropshire.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	Though the area has higher numbers of pupils than Tenbury primary school's PAN, on average 8 pupils per year group attend a school in Shropshire. No shortage of accommodation is forecast at the moment.
<p>u.</p> <p>PRIMARY NAME:</p> <p>Worcester North</p> <p>ID:8850015</p>	Overview
	Low birthrates have resulted in 93 reception surplus places this year but the surplus places are expected to decrease as there are longer term housing developments planned in the city.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	On average 45 pupils per year group per year resident in Worcester South 8850042 attend schools in Worcester North. Many of these attend the catholic schools as there are none in Worcester South.

v. PRIMARY NAME: Worcester West ID:8850041	Overview
	Low birthrates have resulted in 38 surplus places in reception in 2024. New housing is forecast to fill up nearby primary schools.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	The West Worcester Urban Expansion in the Martley area 8850008 will attract additional pupils but will also deliver a new 60 place primary school. This is planned to open in 2028, though this depends on when the houses are completed. Until the opening, additional pupils are expected to attend Worcester West primary schools.
w. PRIMARY NAME: Worcester South ID:8850042	Overview
	This planning area is sufficient for the pupils residing within it.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	On average 45 pupils per year group per year resident in Worcester South 8850042 attend schools in Worcester North. Many of these attend the catholic schools as there are none in Worcester South. Additional pupils arriving in the South Worcester Urban Expansion adjacent to Worcester but in the Upton planning area 8850014 are expected to attend primary schools in Worcester South (8850042), until a new 60 places school opens within the housing development.
x.	Overview
	Owing to high cross-border migration to and from Birmingham and Solihull it is hard to determine basic need for the Wythall planning

<p>PRIMARY NAME:</p> <p>Wythall</p> <p>ID:8850016</p>	area. Meadow Green 2188, despite high numbers of pre-school children resident in catchment, has low admissions.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	Meadow Green is carrying out a consultation on reducing its PAN from 45 to 30, to match low admissions. In the event of out-of-county children not being allocated a place at this school, there are sufficient places available to them in their local areas.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	The Birmingham and Solihull LAs are adjacent to this planning area, with a number of primary schools within 2 miles.

- 4 Summary of secondary places in individual planning areas where:**
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Total number of secondary planning areas across the Local Authority.		14
Planning area name/ID		
a.	Overview	
SECONDARY NAME:	The 2 high schools (years 9-11) have a lower capacity than the current middle schools and are forecast to have a shortage of 54 places by 2025. Current numbers on roll in the middle schools are higher than the PAN of the high schools.	
Bromsgrove	The Bromsgrove Secondary planning area receives pupils from Bromsgrove 8850002 and Alvechurch 8850034 primary areas.	
ID:8850018	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.	
	Planning and negotiations are underway to increase places one or both high schools in the planning area for 2025.	
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)	
	Across the secondary age range, on average (based on the previous 5 years) 20 pupils resident in Rubery 8850027 per year group attend middle and high schools in Bromsgrove. An additional 8 pupils come from outside the county.	

	Since there is a parental preference for one high school, pupils from outside the planning area applying to the other high school are allocated places there. When oversubscribed pupils are redistributed later, some Bromsgrove pupils are not able to be placed at either high school.
b.	Overview
SECONDARY NAME:	Evesham is a 3-tier area with 4 primary schools and 4 middle schools (year groups 6-8) and 2 high schools (year groups 9-11). Currently there are 82 surplus places in year 7 and 65 places in year 9 (the intake for high school in this planning area). The high school demand is forecast to be closer to capacity in 2024.
Evesham	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
ID:8850020	The De Montfort Middle and High School will lower PAN from 150 to 120 in year 6 and from 250 to 180 in year 9 from September 2024
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	On average 70 year 7 pupils from this planning area travel to high schools outside the county.
c.	Overview
SECONDARY NAME:	Hagley high schools typically attract a large number of pupils from Dudley LA, therefore have a greater capacity than the total of Hagley primary planning area schools (885005). The forecast is capped at the combined PAN of the schools, since there are enough places for local pupils.
Hagley	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)

ID:8850021	High numbers of pupils come from the Dudley LA to this planning area for secondary schools.
d.	Overview
SECONDARY NAME:	
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
Malvern	
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
ID:8850023	On average 28 pupils a year from Malvern apply to the Hanley Castle High School 4500 in the Upton Secondary Planning Area (8850030). From 2025 onwards many of these pupils are likely to be pushed back to Malvern due to housing growth in Upton upon Severn, Kempsey and the adjoining South Worcester Urban Expansion area.
e.	Overview
SECONDARY NAME:	The Chantry School 4435 has a forecast high cohort arriving in year 7 in 2024 that is 30 over the school's PAN. Those not resident in the catchment are unlikely to be allocated places, hence they are being transferred to the residents' local planning area forecasts.
Martley	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
ID:8850024	The Local Authority have commissioned feasibility studies on the five (5) Worcester City Secondary Schools, two (2) Malvern schools and the Chantry School to identify options to increase places for 2026 and 2027 prior to a new secondary school being delivered in Worcester City for 2028. The higher pupil numbers in the Martley secondary EPA in year 7 are not expected in the planning area until 2030.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	The Chantry School 4435 has a PAN of 175. There is a large cohort passing through the Martley primary planning area 885008 arriving in year 7 in 2024. 11 of these pupils reside in the Worcester secondary planning area 8850031 and 15 in the Stourport secondary planning

	area 8850028. The LA are working with the five (5) Worcester City Secondary Schools, two (2) Malvern schools and the Chantry School to identify options to increase places for 2026 and 2027 Prior to the new secondary school being delivered in Worcester City.
f.	Overview
SECONDARY NAME:	Pershore is a mixed tier planning area. Following previous decisions for some schools to change to primary and secondary, some schools have seen falling numbers on roll and struggled to remain viable and achieve the best outcomes for pupils. The whole EPA have agreed to proceed to consult on a conversion to a 2-tier planning area.
Pershore	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
ID:8850025	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	Recent uncertainty over the future has diverted perhaps 20 year 7 pupils per year into neighbouring planning areas, such as Worcester 8850031, Droitwich 8850019 and Upton 8850030. This may reduce if decisions to change to two-tier are made.
g.	Overview
SECONDARY NAME:	There are three Primary Schools within the 3-tier planning area of Redditch High; Webheath 2135, Astwood Bank 2127 and Feckenham 3091. They feed into local middle schools but also into a secondary school in Warwickshire and the recently converted Redditch Secondary School 4422.
Redditch	Parental preferences are diverting pupils towards St Augustine's Catholic High 5400 and Trinity High 4437 but away from Ridgeway Secondary School 4422 and Tudor Grange Academy 4438.
ID:8850026	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.

	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	Redditch has lost on average 100 year 7 pupils to a neighbouring secondary school in Warwickshire, reducing to 77 in 2022.
<p>h.</p> <p>SECONDARY NAME:</p> <p>Rubery</p> <p>ID:8850032</p>	Overview
	This is a small planning area close to urban areas of Birmingham LA. Any surplus or deficit of places in this planning area are likely to be offset by the neighbouring LA.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	On average 8 pupils per year group reside in Birmingham. There are therefore sufficient places at this school for Worcestershire pupils and no plans to increase provision at this school.
<p>i.</p> <p>SECONDARY NAME:</p> <p>Tenbury</p>	Overview
	This is a small planning area bordering Shropshire LA and is also geographically isolated from the rest of Worcestershire.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.

ID:8850032	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	Tenbury High Ormiston Academy draws on average 22 pupils a year from Shropshire and 27 from Herefordshire. There are therefore enough places for any Worcestershire child in catchment who wants to attend and no plans to increase provision at this school.
<p>j.</p> <p>SECONDARY NAME:</p> <p>Upton</p> <p>ID:8850030</p>	Overview
	Hanley Castle High 4500 is the only secondary school in this planning area. 14% of pupils at this school, on average 28 a year, come from the neighbouring Malvern planning area 8850023. 15 pupils a year come from outside the county (mostly Gloucestershire).
	The South Worcester Urban Expansion of 2500 dwellings is within this planning area and is expected to generate 20 year 7 pupils by 2027.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	Though Hanley Castle 4500 may be oversubscribed from 2024 onwards, there will be sufficient places for Upton pupils and currently no plans to increase provision at this school but this will continue to be monitored.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	On average 28 pupils per year group per year come from the neighbouring Malvern planning area 8850023 but due to higher numbers from housing in Upton upon Severn, Kempsey and the South Worcester urban expansion, many of these are likely to be “pushed back” from 2025. It is also forecast that between 10 and 26 year 7 pupils will attend schools in Worcester 8850031.
k.	Overview
	Worcester Secondary is forecast to be over PAN in three or more year groups for the next 4 years by up to 100 places in some cohorts..

<p>SECONDARY NAME:</p> <p>Worcester</p> <p>ID:8850031</p>	
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	A new 4FE secondary school is planned to be delivered in 2028 and the area's secondary schools have agreed to take pupils over PAN for 2024.
	<p>Number of new places required: 120 places for September 2026 and circa 90 places for September 2027 with the opportunity for further expansion as a result of long-term housing growth. These figures are higher than the forecast to reflect the potential for admissions of out of catchment pupils in under-subscribed schools.</p> <p>The Local Authority have commissioned feasibility studies on the five (5) Worcester City Secondary Schools, two (2) Malvern schools and the Chantry School to identify options to increase places for 2026 and 2027 prior to the new school being delivered in 2028.</p>
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	<p>In 2026 and 2027 it is forecast that between 10 and 26 year 7 pupils from the South Worcester urban expansion but within the Upton planning area (8850030) will attend secondary schools in Worcester.</p> <p>The West Worcester urban expansion is within the Martley planning area (8850024) but the secondary catchment is shared with Christopher Whitehead Language College 4432, within Worcester. It is expected that 15-38 pupils from Martley will attend secondary schools in Worcester.</p>
<p>SECONDARY NAME:</p>	Overview
	Two large housing developments of 1400 dwellings each are planned to be built in Kidderminster requiring additional secondary school places, though the impact in secondary schools is not likely to need these places until 2029.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.

Wyre Forest ID:8850022	
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
1. SECONDARY NAME: Wythall ID:8850032	Overview
	This is a small planning area close to urban areas of Birmingham and Solihull LAs and is also geographically isolated from the rest of Worcestershire. Any surplus or deficit of places in this planning area are likely to be offset by the neighbouring LAs.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	Though Woodrush High is oversubscribed, on average 58 pupils reside in Birmingham and 8 reside in Solihull each year. There are therefore sufficient places at this school for Worcestershire pupils and no plans to increase provision at this school.

5 General LA overview indicating LA wide trends in demand for specialist educational provision.

The significant increase in the number of EHC plans in Worcestershire since 2016 has in part been a result of rising population numbers, however this does not explain the trend entirely. Over the last several years, the number of EHC plans as a percentage of the total pupil population (including Independent schools and Post-16 establishments) has increased from 2.9% in January 2016 to 6.8% in January 2023.

A significant contribution to this has been the rise in the post-16 population with an EHC plan following a change in Government legislation: where the educational or training outcomes of the EHC plan are not achieved by age 18, the EHC plan can remain in place until the young person reaches 25. When calculating the number of children up to the age of 25 with an EHC plan compared to the total pupil population of Worcestershire, 6.8% of all pupils have an EHC plan.

34% of all pupils with EHC plans attend LA funded special schools, and 33% are supported within a state-funded mainstream school in or out of Worcestershire. 837 (16%) are attending post-16 colleges. This corresponds to the responsibility to continue education opportunities up to the age of 25 for young people with EHC plans and is the age group which saw the most growth in 2018-2019.

The gap between the percentage of children attending maintained special schools and mainstream schools has decreased between Worcestershire and nationally. In 2017, Worcestershire had 15% more attending maintained special schools than nationally, in 2023, the difference was 6%. The percentage of young people in post-16 providers with EHC plans in Worcestershire is also higher than nationally with a 1% difference to national figures. The percentage of children with EHC plans in Worcestershire going to independent settings is 2% above the national percentage. We can expect the rise in the percentage of children with EHC plans to continue over the next several years as the trends and changes in the system continue to have a positive impact on identification of support needed by pupils to achieve their full potential.

Following the rise in numbers of EHC plans in the last several years, we have seen growth in numbers and percentages of pupils placed in special schools. In 2022/23, nationally, 28% of children with EHC plans were placed in maintained special schools, whereas in Worcestershire, 34% of children with EHC plans were placed in maintained special schools.

6 Factors affecting overall numbers of pupils with Education, Health, and Care Plans.

The percentage of children identified with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities has increased over the last 10 years in Worcestershire and continues to increase. Worcestershire experiences above national average demand for EHCNA. This is likely to continue to increase year on

year as a percentage of the total population. A contributory factor is the continual advancement in identification and diagnoses. Where previously babies with difficulties of various causes wouldn't survive early childhood, today they are living fulfilling lives through school and beyond, but with a variety of special needs.

Most schools report that children's needs are becoming more complex which supports the trend seen nationally that special schools are providing more places for more complex children. High level of complex needs more often require more physical space for equipment, or breakout areas and quiet rooms. As mainstream schools develop their expertise in special needs education, they will be able to accept more children with EHC plans. Mainstream Autism Bases (MABs) and Language Units also provide resourced provision within mainstreams schools, enabling special schools to meet the needs of pupils with the most complex needs. Enhanced Mainstream Autism Bases (EMABs) provide SEN Unit provision attached to mainstream schools.

A further factor affecting overall numbers is the impact that changed legislation has had on meeting the needs of young people aged 19-25 with SEND, whereby their EHC plan will continue if the outcomes of the plan have not been achieved.

Although increases are being seen nationally a contributory factor to this is the financial challenges that some schools are facing, which is likely to have an additional impact. In addition, we continue to see parental requests for EHCNA, although this has remained consistent in line with the percentage of requests received.

7 Details on any anticipated gaps in existing LA high needs provision offers.

Since 2020, the number of pupils with a primary need of Social Emotional & Mental Health (SEMH) has continued to rise. In the Secondary phase, the number of CYP with an EHCP and primary need of SEMH has now overtaken Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Lack of specialist placements for CYP with SEMH means we are currently reliant on independent settings and short-term placements in Alternative Provision.

The January 2023 census identified increasing numbers of Primary phase pupils with SLCN as their primary SEN need (23.8% of pupils with an EHCP and 37.7% of pupils on SEN Support). These needs may be more complex than can be met in mainstream provision or our existing Language Classes.

Existing MABs/EMABs are at or exceeding capacity. The number of CYP receiving diagnoses of ASD and/or awarded an EHCP with ASD as the primary need is increasing. The January 2023 Census and SEN2 data identified 1,069 children with an EHCP and a primary need of ASD.

Existing state funded special schools are at or exceeding capacity and demand for special school places are expected to continue to rise. Parental demand for special school places is high as parents want high quality specialist education provision. Worcestershire have adapted to high demand and increased number of pupils attending the schools, however there are constraints to further growth – e.g. the physical

accommodation and size of school sites available.

Post 16 provision – the largest cohort to be attending out of county provision, particularly for children with ASD or Cognitive needs, are within the post-16 cohort. The number of EHCPs within the post-16 cohort is forecasted to continue to rise from its current level of 1,680 in 2024 to 3,668 in 2028.

There is a need for specialist Early Years provision for children who, because of their complex needs, cannot access their Nursery Education Funding entitlement in mainstream early years settings. Across Worcestershire there are currently 98 children known to our Early Years Inclusion team, who cannot access their full NEF entitlement due to their SEN. This number is expected to increase from September 2024 as the eligibility for NEF is extended to include children from 9 months of age.

8 Details of any imminent and planned changes/commissioning priorities in the high needs estate, including pipeline free schools or planned presumption schools.

A change of age range will be proposed and subject to decision makers implemented at Fort Royal and Vale of Evesham Special Schools, as they no longer offer Nursery provision on site. Those children who would previously have attended Fort Royal's Nursery will instead attend EY Enhanced provision delivered by a third-party provider (see later for more detail) or receive outreach support. The Vale of Evesham currently offers outreach support to nursery age children with SEN in either their existing Nursery setting or at home.

For September 2024 it has been agreed that Wyre Forest Special School will also cease to offer Nursery provision on site. Instead, staff from the school will offer outreach support, similar to that offered by Vale of Evesham.

Feasibility studies have been commissioned at Special Schools including Wyre Forest, Pitcheroak, Rigby Hall and Regency, to evaluate options for increasing their capacity for September 2025 or earlier.

For January 2025, SEN Nursery provision (EY Enhanced), delivered by a third-party provider commissioned by WCF, will be established at two sites in the South of the county (the former Bluebell Woods and WANDS Children's Centres.) This provision will offer places to up to 30 children from the South of Worcestershire who cannot presently access their full NEF entitlement in mainstream Nursery or Early Years settings

due to the complexity of their needs. The effectiveness of this provision will be monitored and, if proven to be successful, similar provision will be established in the North of the county (possible accommodation is yet to be identified.) The EY Enhanced provision for North Worcestershire would potentially open in September 2025.

For September 2024, Honeywell Primary School (part of Mercian Educational Trust) are establishing a 10 place SEN Unit for Reception/KS1 pupils with an EHCP and a primary SEND need of SLCN. Students will be identified via the EHCP consultation process. This proposal has been submitted to the Regions Group of the DfE.

For September 2024, Unity Academy Primary AP will offer up to 30 places for Primary-age pupils with an EHCP and and a primary need of SEMH. Students will be identified via the EHCP consultation process.

MacIntyre Academies have been chosen to run the new ASD Free School in Malvern. The school – to be called Enterprise Academy – is scheduled to open in September 2027. The Academy will cater for pupils aged 5-19 years who have an EHCP with ASD as their primary need. When the school is fully open it will offer 120 places (phased opening over 4 years), with the ability to expand to 160 places should demand necessitate it. Priority when offering places will be given to those pupils who would currently be placed in out-of-county specialist schools.

Feasibility studies have been commissioned at Abbey Park First and Middle, Meadows First/Parkside Middle and Beaconside Primary School, to evaluate options for increasing the number of places in their MAB provision from September 2025. Discussions are also ongoing Oldbury Park Primary, Dyson Perrins Academy and King Charles High School regarding the expansion of their MAB provisions.

Processes are in place for identifying First and Primary schools that have the capacity and capability to open EYFS, KS1 or KS2 SEN Units for pupils with an EHCP.

In view of the increasing demand for specialist support for children with an EHCP and a primary SEND need of SEMH, WCF are working with both schools and AP provision to identify opportunities to create additional SEMH provision either through SEN Units or satellite schools.

With regards to Post-16 provision, projects are being implemented at Heart of Worcestershire College, Pershore College and Kidderminster

College, to improve the options for further education for young people with SEND in Worcestershire. Chadsgrove College are developing a proposal to create a small number of places for Post –19, including supported internships, for September 2025.

9 Overview of independent placements and the key drivers behind placements (e.g. parental preference, provision gap, local capacity constraints, etc.).

Independent Special schools can provide places for pupils with very specific and often complex needs, meaning that in some instances, children will be placed in schools that are out of the county.

The SEN2 data shows all children that live in Worcestershire with an EHCP and therefore includes attendance at independent provision.

The SEN2 data for 2022/23 shows that 305 children and young people with EHCPs were attending independent Special schools. The five schools with the highest numbers of Worcestershire children attending are: Norton College, Bridge School Malvern, Cambian New Elizabethan School, Gloverspiece and Norton College Tewkesbury. Children attending these schools make up 58% of the total.

For the 2022/23 academic year, 509 pupils and students were placed in non-maintained schools, independent schools and specialist post-16 institutions. This represented 9% of our EHCPs.

42% of children attending independent Specialist provision have an EHCP with the primary need of SEMH. This is followed by 28.9% with ASD. The new special Autism free school provision anticipated to be opened in September 2027 will aim to reduce the numbers of children attending independent specialist provision with an EHCP and primary need of Autism.

However, this data also suggests that more state-funded provision is needed to provide for children with an EHCP and primary need of SEMH in order to reduce the numbers of children attending independent specialist provision. This would in turn, significantly reduce the costs of independent provision for the Local Authority. The largest percentage of pupils awaiting specialist provision are those with a primary need of SEMH.

The largest cohort of children with an EHCP attending out-of-county provision are within post-16 provision. 46.2% of children attending out-of-county provision are attending specialist settings. The majority attending out of county are male (67%).

24% of children with an EHCP attending out-of-county provision have either ASD or Cognitive needs (MLD/SLD/SpLD/PMLD). For both these cohorts, the

largest number of these are attending FE/specialist FE provision and are post-16. The top attended provisions for this cohort are Warwickshire College Group (FE) and Mencap (specialist FE).

Of the specialist independent provision, Alderman Knight (Tewkesbury) has the highest intake of Worcestershire children with an EHCP in out of county provision. 41.6% of those attending have a primary need of ASD, followed by MLD at 33.3%.

This data highlights an insufficiency in post-16 provision within the county as this is the largest cohort to be attending out of county provision – particularly for those with ASD or Cognitive needs.

Our work with the DBV programme focussed on the key drivers for independent settings. There were a number of areas identified as detailed below:

- Parental preference
- Complexity of needs
- Tribunal outcomes
- Confidence in mainstream inclusion
- Influence of geography
- Requirement for 52-week placement with education on site.

10 Is your LA part of the Safety Valve or Delivering Better Value for SEND programmes?

Worcestershire is part of this programme. Our diagnostic work started in January 2023 with Newton Europe as original partner. Following substantial scrutiny of data, finance, commissioning, and practice reviews the main challenges and opportunities identified in Worcestershire was Transition.

These three areas of focus, are being led by Senior Managers are:

- 1. Early years to Primary transition.**
- 2. Primary to Secondary transition.**
- 3. Secondary transition to post 16 education.**

Work on all the above areas has commenced and will be subject to quarterly reporting and review by the DFE. Though each workstream has multiple reporting meetings.

11 For high needs provision, which is reported at a local authority level only, you should complete this section to illustrate any sub-LA regional variations where these create specific pressures that require actions to address impacts, over and above the general LA level pressure on places.

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Planning area name/ID and region	
a.	Overview
PA NAME: Primary & Secondary SEN Units and Resourced Provision in Mainstream Schools	Existing MABs/EMABs are at or exceeding capacity. The number of CYP receiving diagnoses of ASD and/or awarded an EHCP with ASD as the primary need is increasing.
ID: 1885001/1885011	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage of places.
Region:	Review and improve Service Level agreements with MABs/EMABs for clear entry criteria and exit process. Identify opportunities to increase places at existing MABs/EMABs and establish new MABs/EMABs, particularly in areas of the county where no provision currently exists. Further develop and expand the role of WCF SEND Support Teams to build capacity to meet needs of CYP with ASD in mainstream schools through district support groups and ASD champions. Develop a process to monitor and improve provision and outcomes for CYP in MABs/EMABs.
b.	Overview
PA NAME: Primary	Increasing demand for specialist support/provision for children with an EHCP and a primary SEND need of SEMH or

& Secondary SEN Units and Resourced Provision in Mainstream Schools ID: 1885001/ 1885011 Region:	SLCN.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage of places.
	<p>Look at specialist resource provision in mainstream schools (especially Primary/First) to alleviate pressure on Special Schools.</p> <p>Identify mainstream schools that would be able to support children with SLCN or SEMH needs e.g. Honeywell School SEN Unit for SLCN, 10 places for Reception/KS1 pupils, opening September 2024.</p>
c. PA NAME: Primary & Secondary SEN Units and Resourced Provision in Mainstream Schools ID: 1885001/ 1885011 Region:	Overview
	<p>There is an inequitable distribution of School Age Language Classes across the county which creates barriers to children and young people accessing this offer of provision.</p> <p>Due to a lack of provision in the South of the county, children and young people in this area either require an EHCP to access the same level of provision within their local mainstream setting or are required to travel significant distances to access language classes in the North of the county.</p>
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage of places.
	<p>In collaboration with the Health Service and Language Class settings, a review of this provision is currently being carried out ahead of the contract for Language Classes being recommissioned in September 2025.</p> <p>Information provided suggests that intense Speech and Language therapy, delivered and supported through the Language Class model, decreases the likelihood that children and young people will require an EHCP in the future. School settings and School Speech and Language Therapists report that students that have access to a Language Class are less likely to develop SEMH needs, as the support helps to build their confidence and allows them to thrive in school.</p> <p>The Language Class Review will consider where the ideal locations for settings across Worcestershire could be, the anticipated number of referrals for the contract length and the number of places needed in each location.</p>

d.	Overview
PA NAME: Primary & Secondary Independent Special Schools	There are a number of CYP with special needs attending independent schools (both in Worcestershire and out-of-county). Reasons for this are that Worcestershire does not have a suitable school to meet the needs of the child or does not have spaces available, or parental confidence in Worcestershire provision is low and this influences their preference for an independent setting.
ID: 1885002/ 1885012	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage of places.
Region:	Create additional places in our state funded special schools to accommodate more CYP within Worcestershire maintained provision. See section e) below. Progress development of new Academy Special School for CYP with a primary need of ASD. Enterprise Academy, which is scheduled to open in September 2027, will offer 120 places to CYP aged 5 to 19 years. Priority when offering places will be given to those pupils who would currently be placed in out of county specialist schools.
e.	Overview
PA NAME: Primary & Secondary Special Schools (LA Maintained, Special Academies, non-maintained Special Schools)	All of our special schools recognise that there is an increased level of severity and complexity of special needs. The schools are experiencing higher numbers of consultations for places. Demand for post-16 and 19-25 provision is growing and most schools are considering expanding in this direction.
ID: 1885003/ 1885013	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage of places.
Region:	Feasibility studies are being carried out at Rigby Hall and Wyre Forest Special Schools (LA maintained) and at Regency and Pitcheroak (Academy Special Schools) to identify and evaluate options for increasing accommodation on their sites. Riversides (Academy Special School) are working with WCC/WCF to identify potential additional sites that would be more suitable and allow an increase in the number of places offered for CYP with a primary need of SEMH. WCF are working with Special Schools to support CYP to transition back into mainstream provision wherever suitable, ensuring that places at Special Schools are used only for those with the highest level of needs that cannot be met in mainstream. (Links to sections a) and b) above)

<p>f.</p> <p>PA NAME: Primary and Secondary Alternative provision (PRUs, AP academies and Independent AP)</p> <p>ID: 1885004/18850014</p> <p>Region:</p>	Overview
	Pupils with SEMH as primary need is forecast to rise – lack of specialist placements for this age group mean we are reliant on independent settings and short-term AP.
	Lack of places for KS5 pupils in either special schools or Alternative Provision.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage of places.
	WCC/WCF are working with Riversides School to identify additional accommodation, which would allow them to offer an increased number of places, including their 'RAP' places (Riversides school Alternative Provision – currently offers 7 places for CYP in Years 5-11.)
	Extend age range of pupils in Kingfisher to include KS5.
	Commission KS5 places for CYP with an EHCP who have attended mainstream schools and are at risk of NEET or AP.