

Mainstream school-age Education Sufficiency Report 2025

Assessment of the Sufficiency of Education Provision in Mainstream schools (including school-based sixth form) in Worcestershire

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Statutory Duties for sufficient school places

Under s13-14 Education Act 1996, Worcestershire County Council (WCC) has a duty to ensure there are sufficient school places to accommodate the children and young people who reside in the county and to ensure these places are of good quality, with sufficient capacity to promote parental preference and diversity. In addition, s315 of the Education Act 1996 requires that arrangements for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) be kept under review.

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

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

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

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

The scope of this report

This report will assess the sufficiency of mainstream education provision in schools for children aged 5 – 18, or National Curriculum year groups Reception to Year 13, who reside in Worcestershire. (For information about the sufficiency of provision for early years and childcare, see the Childcare Sufficiency report 2025 and for information about the sufficiency of provision for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, see the SEND Sufficiency Report 2025).

For the purpose of this report, sufficiency of provision for children aged 5-16 is deemed as the schools being able to provide places for the children living in the planning area. This may not include all parental preferences, as some schools are oversubscribed due to parents applying from outside a school's catchment. Where provision is forecast to be significantly below the forecast demand it will be shown as 'insufficient'. Where there are repeated years (3 consecutive years or more) forecast with numbers on roll less than 75% of total places available (Published Admission Numbers, or PANs) it will be deemed an 'oversupply' of provision.

This report details by each phase of education in each Education Planning Area (EPA – see page 9 for more information on EPAs) where forecasts indicate sufficient, insufficient or an oversupply of school places to meet the forecast demand based on known children living in the areas, five-year trends including parental preferences, and the additional pupil yields expected from approved housing growth.

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

For post-16 (students aged 16-18), this report sets out the response to WCC's duty to ensure a sufficiency of places in school sixth form provision across the county. Provision in post-16 colleges and establishments and with training providers, and other duties such as tracking attainment and participation, training provision and careers advice are outside the scope of this report.

The organisation of mainstream education provision in Worcestershire

Worcestershire has a mix of types of state school. State schools receive funding through Worcestershire County Council as the local authority or directly from the government.

- community schools, which are sometimes called local authority maintained schools - they are not influenced by business or religious groups and follow the [national curriculum](#)
- foundation schools and voluntary schools, which are funded by the local authority but have more freedom to change the way they do things - sometimes they are supported by representatives from religious groups
- academies and free schools, which are run by not-for-profit academy trusts, are independent from the local authority - they have more freedom to change how they run things and can follow a different curriculum

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. See page 10 below for more details on these areas.

The table below shows the numbers of mainstream schools in each phase and each category

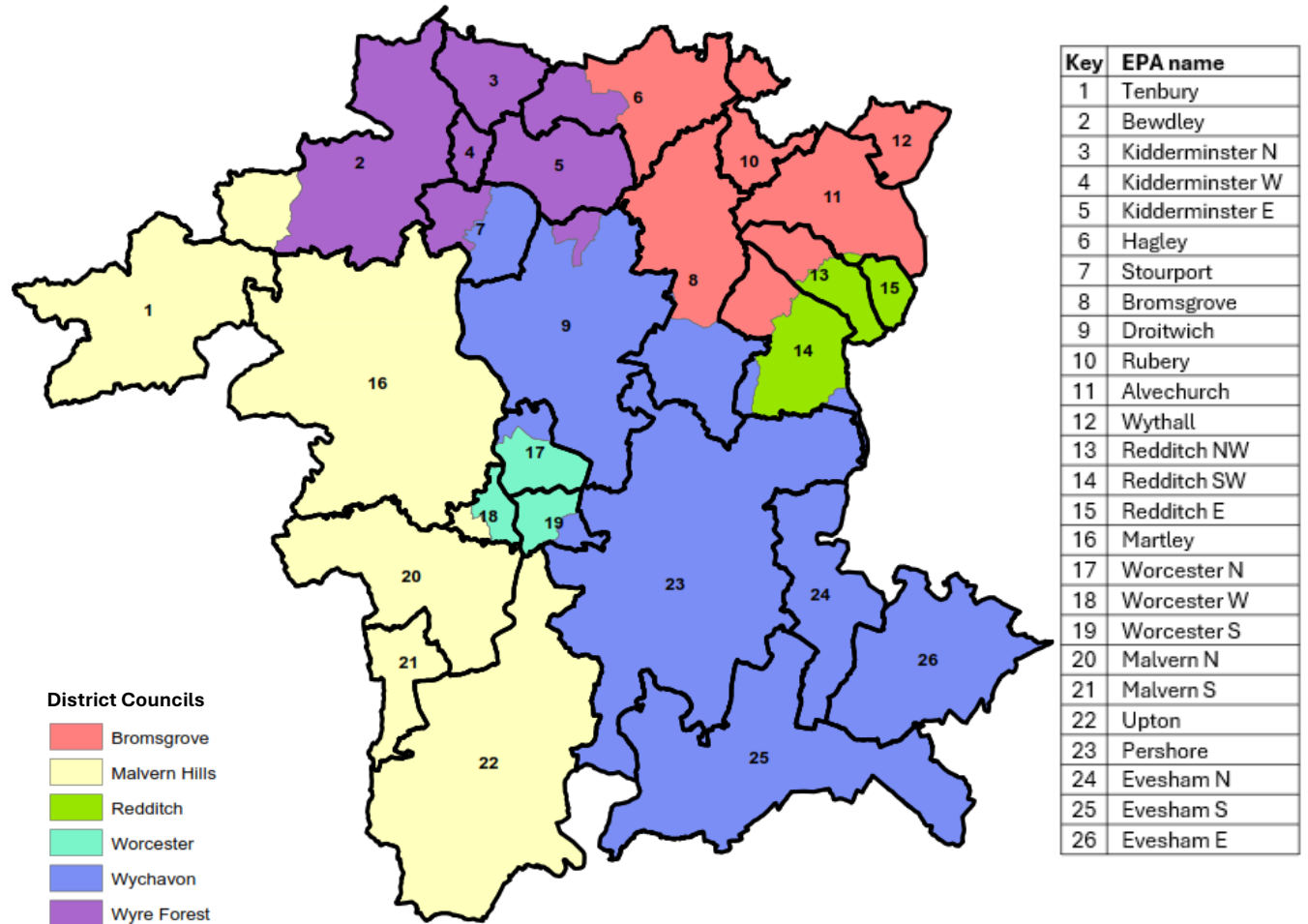
School Phase and Age Ranges	LA Maintained	Academies	Free Schools	Total by Phase
Nursery Schools	1	0	0	
Nursery Total	1	0	0	1
All-through (2-18 years)	0	0	1	
All-through Total	0	0	1	1
Primary Schools - First Schools	31	28	0	
Primary Schools - Primary Schools	47	71	1	
Primary Total	78	99	1	178
Middle Schools - Deemed Primary	1	1	0	
Middle Schools - Deemed Secondary	4	10	0	
Middle Total	5	11	0	16
Secondary Schools (10-18 years)	0	1	0	
Secondary Schools (11-16 years)	1	6	0	
Secondary Schools (11-18 years)	2	13	0	
Secondary Schools (12-18 years)	0	1	0	
Secondary Schools (13-18 years)	0	6	0	
Secondary Total	3	27	0	30
Total Number of Mainstream Schools in Worcestershire	87	137	2	226

Map 1 - Education Planning Areas

Worcestershire currently operates 26 Education Planning Areas (EPAs) that are made up of schools located in close proximity to each other, which pupils could reasonably attend.

The use of EPAs allows WCC to assess more accurately the current and future pupil demand for school place provision.

Map 1 (right) shows how these Education Planning Areas relate to District Council boundaries.



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 other schools that have sought to change their age range. In addition to this, a number of secondary and high schools in the county also offer sixth form provision.

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

Figure 1 Worcestershire Education Tiers by EPA

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

*EPA also has primary school(s)

†EPA also has a secondary school

€ Pershore - see the EPA section below for details of the move to a fully two-tier system


Operational surplus of provision

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

In addition, a surplus allows for in-year migration of pupils into and out of schools and reduces the number of school place appeals. In 2023-24, 3.1% of first/primary pupils enrolled at their school after the start of the Autumn term – this pupil mobility was less for middle schools (1.7%) and high/secondary schools (2.2%) but for all phases, mobility rates have increased over the last four years, underscoring the need for spare places in at least one of the schools in each phase in each EPA for such pupils.

Demand for provision of Mainstream education across Worcestershire

Birth rates in Worcestershire

reducing 

2014	5,892	
2020	5,388	most likely related to COVID
2024	5,134	13% lower than 10 years previously

Based on data from the Office of National Statistics

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

Number of babies aged under 1 registered with GPs in the county

reducing 

September 2020	5,315
September 2025	5,120

Children 0-19 years of age in total in the county²

reducing 

Year	2015-2016	2024-2025	Comment
Total number of children living in Worcestershire	86,158	89,514	3.9% increase since 2015 0.8% decrease since 2024
Number of children in state-funded mainstream primary and secondary schools	76,828	80,079	4.2% increase since 2015 0.5% decrease since 2024
Percentage of children in state-funded mainstream primary and secondary schools	89.2%	89.8%	89.8% in 2024/25, compared with national average of 93.6%
Percentage of children in mainstream independent schools	8.3%	8.2%	8.2% in 2024/25, compared with national average of 6.4%

2.8% of all pupils (aged 5-16) on roll at maintained schools in Worcestershire attend special schools or alternative provision (both public-funded and independent) which is above the national average of 2.1%. Much more on this subject can be found in the 2025 SEND Sufficiency Report.

² explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk

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

Type of education provision	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
State Funded Nursery*	69	80	118	113	107	112	98	87	86
State Funded Primary	41,916	42,450	42,660	42,783	42,541	42,354	42,496	42,153	41,501
State funded Secondary	35,512	35,436	35,946	36,510	37,212	37,810	38,164	38,323	38,578
Non-maintained Special†	159	182	120	134	152	208	228	305	412
State-funded Special†	1,162	1,213	1,332	1,385	1,517	1,524	1,641	1,756	1,817
Alternative Provision	151	131	142	150	119	108	141	160	190
Independent	7,610	7,482	7,449	7,310	7,213	7,509	7,588	7,456	7,283
Total	86,579	86,974	87,767	88,385	88,861	89,625	90,356	90,240	89,514
Mainstream funded %	89.3%	89.4%	89.5%	89.6%	89.8%	89.4%	89.4%	89.4%	89.8%
Special	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%	1.9%	1.9%	2.1%	2.3%	2.1%
Independent & Non- Maintained Independent Special Schools†	8.9%	8.7%	8.6%	8.3%	8.2%	8.5%	8.5%	8.4%	8.2%

*Maintained nursery classes and school only

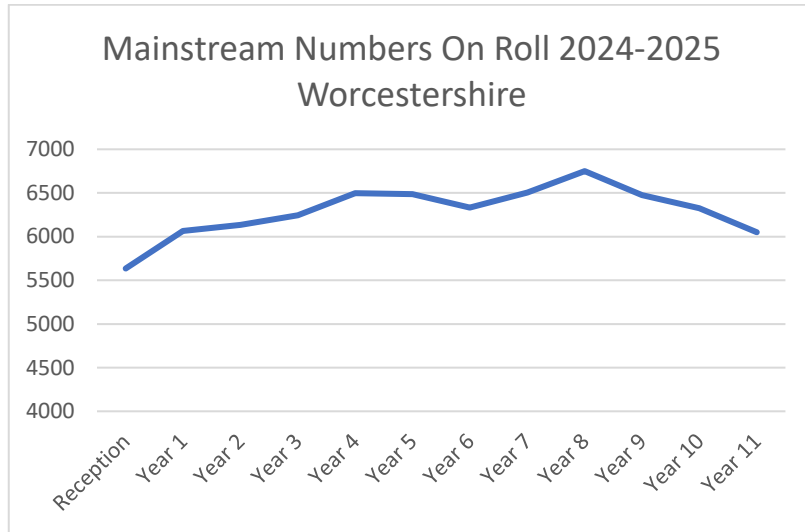
†See SEND Sufficiency Report 2025

Primary mainstream numbers peaked in 2022. The lower number of primary pupils is slightly offset by the numbers of pupils also attending independent, special and alternative provision schools. The peak cohort reached year 9 in secondary mainstream schools in September 2025.

- The total of **Year 7 - Year 11** pupil numbers on roll is forecast to reach a high in 2027-28.
- The inclusion of **post-16** pupils follows through to a peak in 2028-29. Pupil numbers in this report and current forecasts reflect the number of pupils on roll taken in October each year. As these higher pupil numbers feed into secondary schools and the demand for places start to increase, this report will monitor and advise schools to ensure there is a sufficiency in sixth form provision, as well as ensuring the delivery and timetabling of the national curriculum and a choice of post-16 subjects.
- The numbers of children of compulsory education age (5-16) who are being **Electively Home Educated** and those who are listed as **missing education** are monitored by the Education Engagement team, who report quarterly to the [Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel](#)

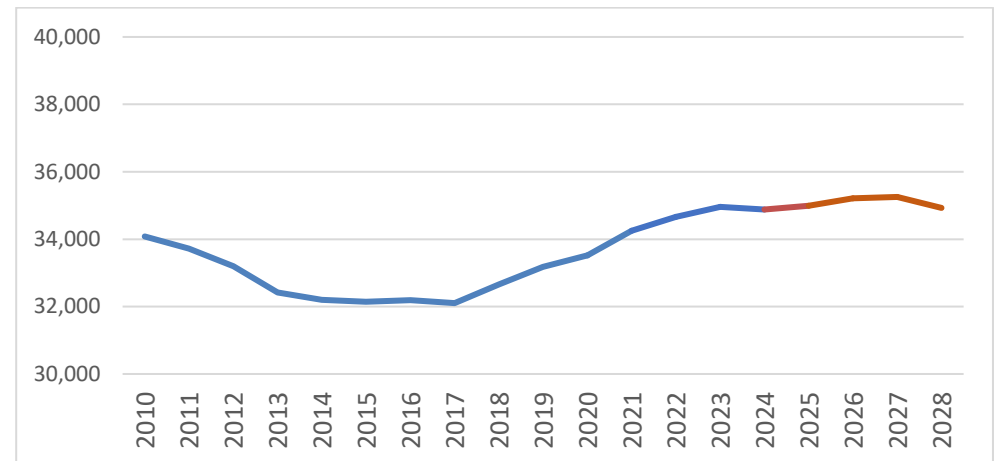
The pupil numbers on roll from October 2024 show a peak number of pupils in year 8 (academic year 2024/25).

Figure 3 Numbers of pupils on roll at mainstream schools in Worcestershire October 2024



This peak, seen below in figure 4, will move through middle schools and secondary schools and in some planning areas this cohort has reached the high school intake year 9 (for Bromsgrove, Evesham and Redditch) in September 2025.

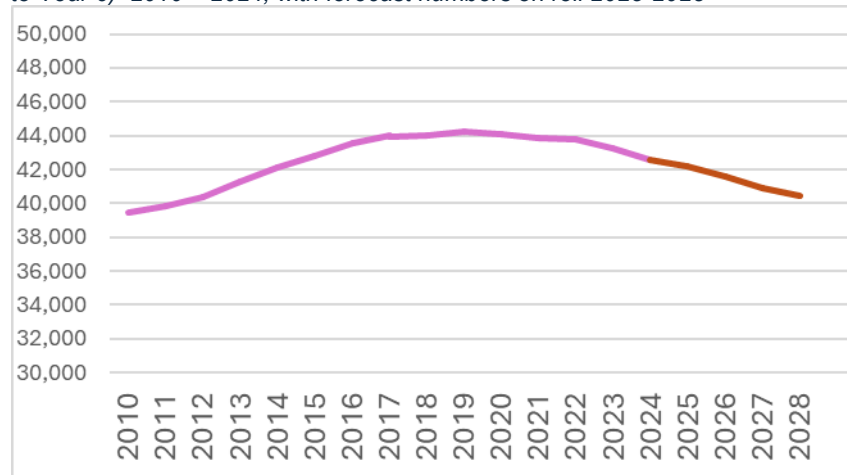
Figure 4 Number of pupils on roll in Worcestershire secondary age groups (Year 7 – 11) 2010 – 2024, with forecast numbers on roll 2025-2029



Conversely, the numbers on roll in first and primary schools are falling, as shown in figure 5 below.

This is a national demographic trend, though it is offset by large numbers of new housing developments in specific areas, which are discussed later in the report.

Figure 5 Number of pupils on roll in Worcestershire primary age groups (Reception to Year 6) 2010 – 2024, with forecast numbers on roll 2025-2028



The county is mostly rural with thinly spread population and 82 primary or first schools classed as small³ or rural. One (1) primary school has fewer than 30 pupils on roll and a further four (4) have fewer than 50 pupils.⁴ Much of the mainstream school

population is concentrated in the urban areas around Worcester (19%) and Redditch (15%) and to a lesser extent, Bromsgrove and Kidderminster (both 9% of the total county).

Post-16 numbers in schools have fluctuated over the past 7 years, peaking in Autumn 2021. However, since 2014, secondary school pupil numbers have been increasing.

Migration

During the 2024/2025 academic year, 610 school-aged pupils arrived in Worcestershire and applied for a mainstream state funded school place where their originating country was known to be outside Europe. The total from EU countries was 56.

Of these pupils, 15 came from Afghanistan and 13 pupils arrived from Ukraine, fewer than in previous years - these countries are now relatively minor sources of immigration. 105 pupils arrived from India, mostly admitted to schools in Worcester with 18 allocated places in Evesham and 16 in Redditch. 96 pupils arrived from Zimbabwe, spread throughout the county but with more than 10 in each of Worcester, Evesham and Redditch. 85 pupils arrived from Nigeria of which 49 were allocated places in Worcester. 48 pupils arrived from Pakistan of which 13 were allocated places in Worcester, 12 in Kidderminster and 10 in Redditch.

³ Schools with 100 pupils or fewer – DfE March 2019 research brief and The National Association of Small Schools

⁴ Total Number on Roll from October 2025 school census

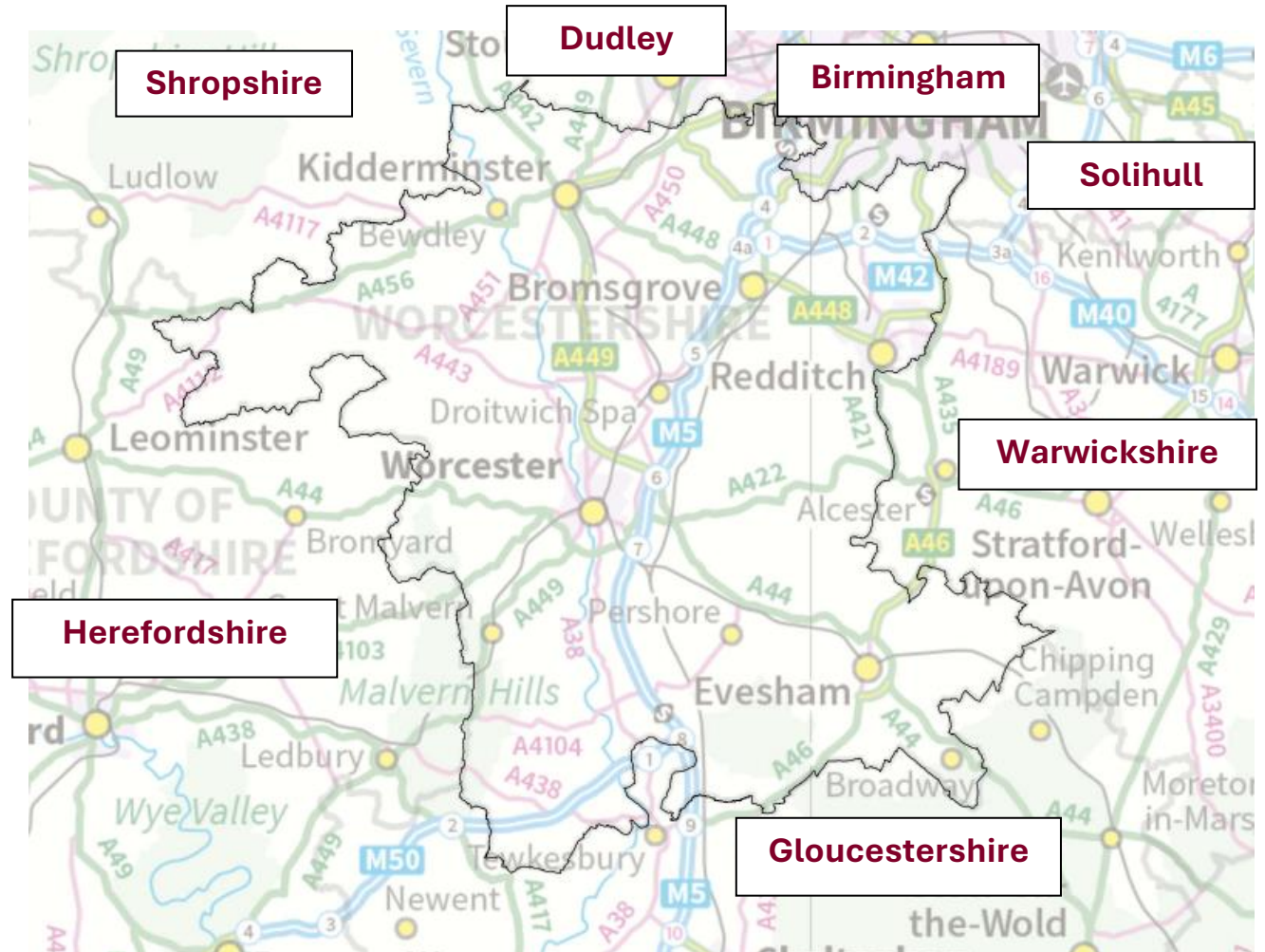
Cross-border Admissions

Worcestershire has several neighbouring Local Authorities, including Warwickshire, Birmingham and Dudley which have the highest numbers of pupils commuting to and from Worcestershire for their school provision.

More details concerning the most significant cross-border pupil flows are provided by planning area later in this report.

The tables below show migration between local authorities in 2024/25.

Map 2 Worcestershire's neighbouring Local Authorities



Primary cross-border migration:

For the primary age group, the net direction of travel for the authorities in table 6 is into Worcestershire:

Figure 6 Cross border home to primary school commuting – 2024/25 – Net importers

From LA	To LA	Pupils	Relevant EPA
Birmingham	Worcestershire	511	Rubery/Wythall
Worcestershire	Birmingham	367	Rubery/Wythall
Dudley	Worcestershire	189	Hagley
Worcestershire	Dudley	110	Hagley

The net direction of travel for the authorities in table 7 is away from Worcestershire:

Figure 7 Cross border home to primary school commuting – 2024/25 – Net exporters

From LA	To LA	Pupils	Relevant EPA
Solihull	Worcestershire	32	Wythall
Worcestershire	Solihull	228	Wythall
Warwickshire	Worcestershire	135	Redditch E
Worcestershire	Warwickshire	530	Redditch E/Evesham E

The cross-border travel for the authorities in table 8 are evenly matched.

Figure 8 Cross border home to primary school commuting – 2024/25 – Reciprocal exchange

From LA	To LA	Pupils	EPA attending
Gloucestershire	Worcestershire	178	Upton
Worcestershire	Gloucestershire	206	Evesham S
Herefordshire	Worcestershire	115	Malvern N
Worcestershire	Herefordshire	128	Malvern S
Shropshire	Worcestershire	88	Bewdley
Worcestershire	Shropshire	85	Tenbury
Staffordshire	Worcestershire	29	Kidderminster N
Worcestershire	Staffordshire	23	Kidderminster N
Sandwell	Worcestershire	12	Hagley
Worcestershire	Sandwell	11	Hagley

Secondary cross-border migration:

For the secondary age groups, the net direction of travel for the authorities in table 9 is into Worcestershire.

Figure 9 Cross border home to secondary school migration – 2024/25 – Net importers

From LA	To LA	Pupils	EPA attending
Birmingham	Worcestershire	822	Rubery / Wythall
Worcestershire	Birmingham	277	Rubery / Wythall
Dudley	Worcestershire	550	Hagley
Worcestershire	Dudley	50	Hagley
Herefordshire	Worcestershire	284	Malvern S/Martley
Worcestershire	Herefordshire	44	Malvern S
Shropshire	Worcestershire	151	Tenbury
Worcestershire	Shropshire	110	Bewdley
Sandwell	Worcestershire	200	Hagley
Worcestershire	Shropshire	18	Hagley

The net direction of travel for the authorities in table 10 is away from Worcestershire:

Figure 10 Cross border home to secondary school migration – 2024/25 – Net exporters

From LA	To LA	Pupils	EPA attending
Warwickshire	Worcestershire	58	Redditch E/Evesham E
Worcestershire	Warwickshire	964	Redditch E
Gloucestershire	Worcestershire	131	Upton
Worcestershire	Gloucestershire	420	Evesham S
Staffordshire	Worcestershire	23	Kidderminster N
Worcestershire	Staffordshire	60	Kidderminster N

The cross-border travel for the authorities in table 11 is evenly matched.

Figure 11 Cross border home to secondary school migration – 2024/25 – Reciprocal exchange

From LA	To LA	Pupils	EPA attending
Solihull	Worcestershire	55	Wythall
Worcestershire	Solihull	76	Wythall

Housing

New housing developments will also have an impact on demand for provision, as evidence shows that new housing yields additional pre-school-age and school-age children. Worcestershire continues to see a significant level of new housing either being built or planned as the popularity of the county grows.

The sufficiency assessments in this report take account of the 5-year land supplies of the six District Councils in Worcestershire (specific sites listed for housing development over a five-year period - currently 2024-2028). This planned housing can be factored into standard forecasting, but unplanned housing (so-called 'windfall sites', which are not expected and not identified in any plans) is less easy to account for. Developers can bring forward windfall sites, which are not covered in the 5 year land supply reports, at any time, and these can add extra pressure on places, particularly in villages with already popular small schools.

The DfE provides guidance on the securing of contributions from housing developers to fund additional education infrastructure to mitigate the impact of housing developments⁵.

Worcestershire County Council's [Education Planning Obligations Policy](#)⁶ ('section 106 policy'), which has been the subject of a public consultation and is approved by Cabinet, details how required contributions are calculated for early years, mainstream school, SEND and post-16 provision needs. Contributions can be spent on enhancing provision at existing settings, or where the impact of very large developments is of a scale to warrant it, the creation of new establishments.

Assessment of quality of provision

Inspections of schools are carried out by Ofsted. The framework for inspections changed in September 2024, so schools have either been judged under the old framework, have no overall judgement if inspected during 2024/25 or have not yet been inspected (recent academy converters). Judgement ratings are reported by Education Planning Area in the EPA sections that follow in this report.

Prior to September 2025 all schools were given a single judgement outcome (Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement or Inadequate) by Ofsted, underpinned by a judgement for

- Leadership and Management
- Quality of Education
- Behaviour and Attitudes and
- Personal Development

⁵ [Securing developer contributions for education](#)

⁶ [Education Planning Obligations | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Where applicable, schools were also graded for Early Years Provision and Sixth Form.

Following a review of their processes Ofsted decided to remove the single judgement for academic year 24/25. This meant that schools received gradings for the areas as stated above but no overall effectiveness judgement.

From November 2025, a new inspection framework applies. Schools will be inspected in

- Safeguarding
- Inclusion
- Curriculum and teaching

- Achievement
- Attendance and behaviour
- Personal development and wellbeing
- Leadership and governance
- Early years (if applicable)
- Sixth form (if applicable)

These areas will be benchmarked against 5 grade descriptors and colour coded in a report card. These grades are:

- Exceptional
- Strong standard
- Expected standard
- Needs attention
- Urgent improvement

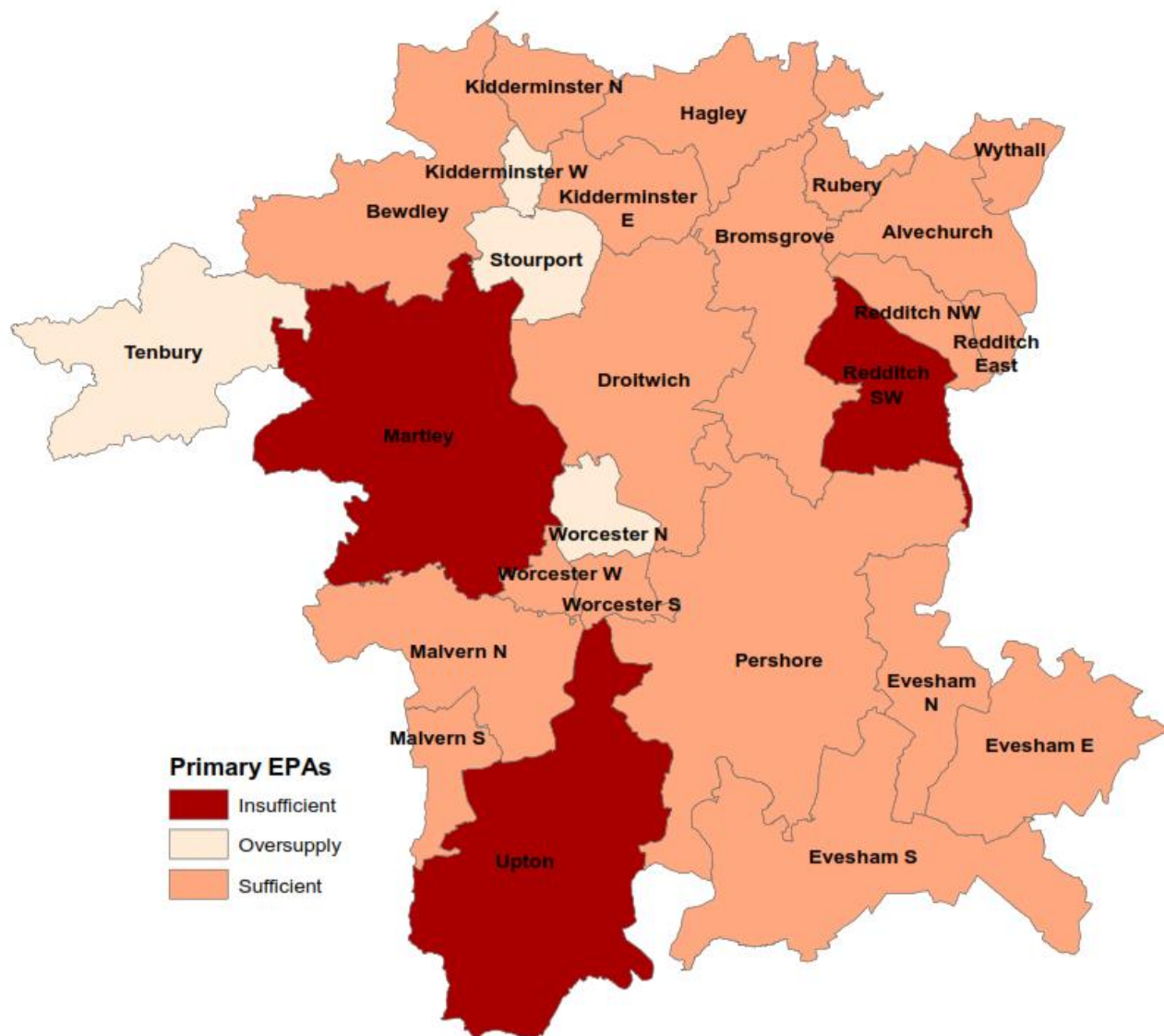
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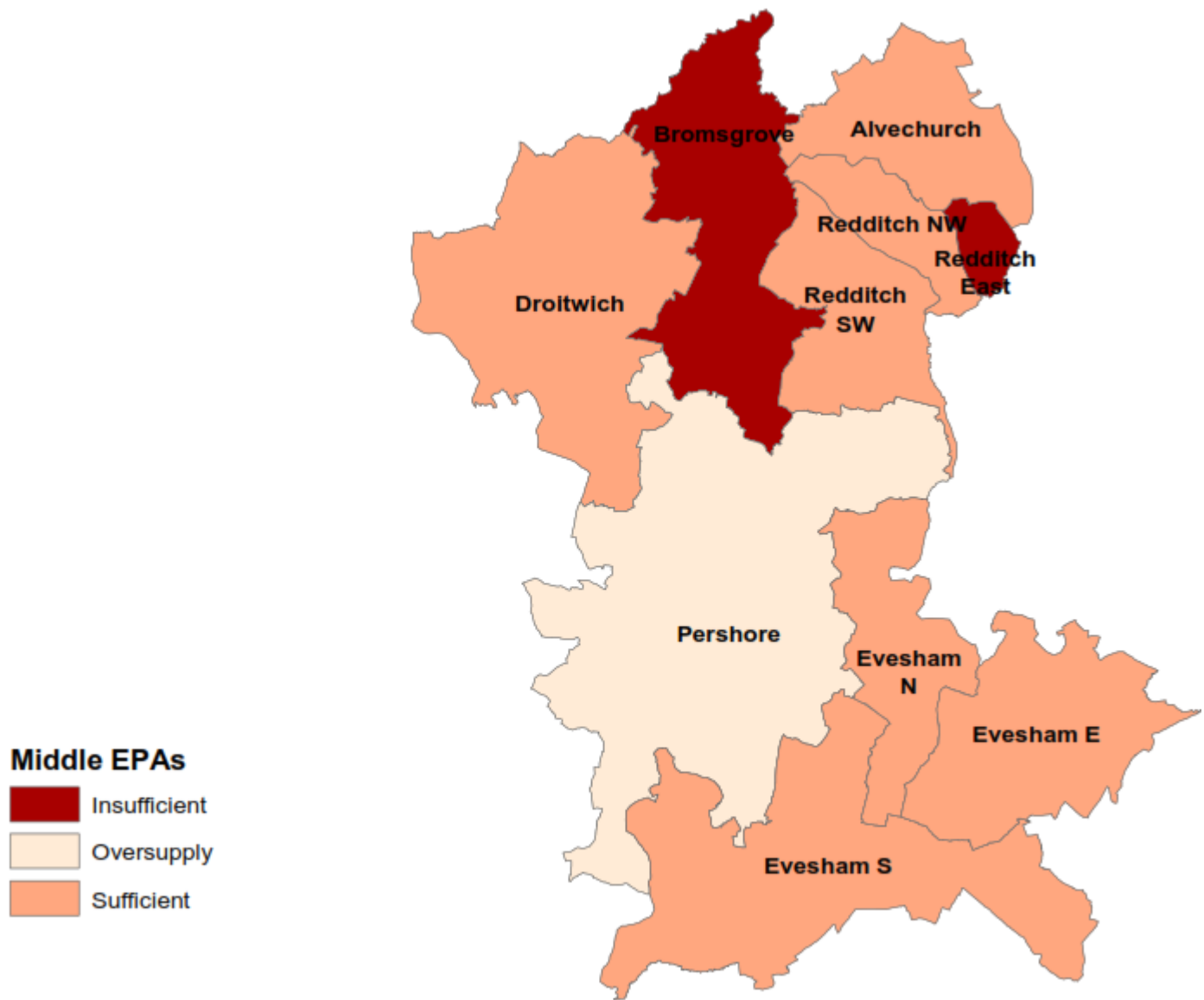
Mainstream school provision across Worcestershire is currently **sufficient overall for the period 2025 - 2028.**

Figures 12 to 86 detail the sufficiency assessment of mainstream school provision (Reception to Year 11) for the periods 2025 to 2028.

- First and Primary phase EPAs: There is forecast to be:
 - sufficient provision in 19 of the 26 EPAs across the county;
 - insufficient provision in 3 of the 26 EPAs; and
 - oversupply in 4 EPAs.
- Middle phase provision EPAs: There is forecast to be:
 - sufficient provision in 7 of the 10 EPAs across the county;
 - insufficient provision in 2 EPAs; and
 - oversupply in 1 EPA.
- High & secondary phase EPAs: There is forecast to be:
 - sufficient provision in 12 of the 14 EPAs across the county; and
 - insufficient provision in the remaining 2 EPAs.
- 90% of schools are rated as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, compared to 89% in 2024.
- 98.5% of Primary school children received an offer from one of their three preferences for September 2025 - this was a slight decrease compared to September 2024 for Primary (99%) and was close to the 2024 England average of 98.3%.
- There was an increase in the percentage of children applying for a Secondary school place who received an offer from one of their three preferences: 95.1% for September 2025 compared to 93.7% for September 2024. The national average for 2025 was 94.9%.

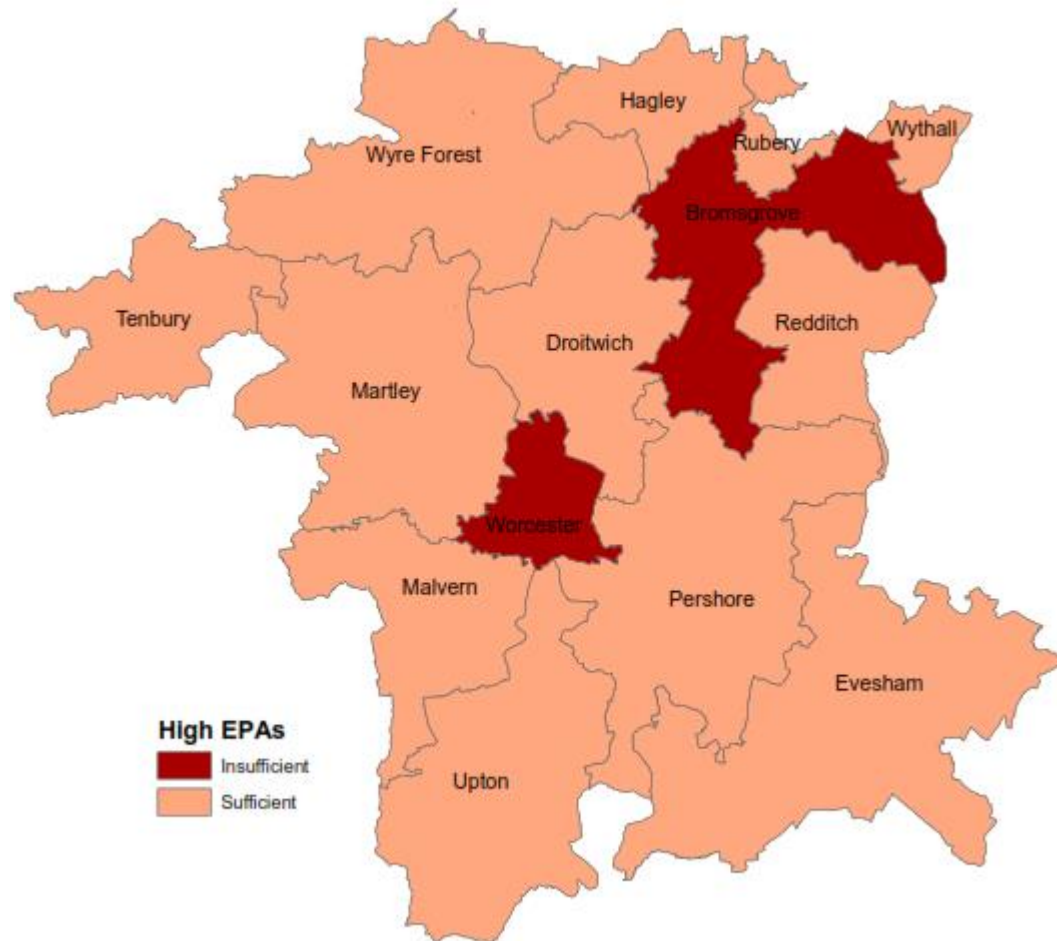
Map 3 Sufficiency of First & Primary EPAs





Middle EPAs
■ Insufficient
■ Oversupply
■ Sufficient

Map 5 Sufficiency of High & Secondary EPAs



Forecasting methodology

The forecast for each EPA takes into account:

- demographic growth in each area,
- new housing growth,
- average pupil transfer rates and
- pupil migration patterns.

The forecasting data used for the 2025 Mainstream school age sufficiency report includes GP registrations from September 2024, the October 2024 school census and the 2024 Five Year Land Supply Reports from each district council within Worcestershire.

The forecast number of pupils generated from new housing is less predictable than demographic growth and therefore greater care is taken when considering these forecasts. A longitudinal study in 2023 ⁷of 30 housing developments across Worcestershire constructed during a 10 year period, showed that the pupil yield is higher for primary school aged pupils than for secondary school aged students, and the impact for secondary schools lags 3-4 years behind the primary schools impact. The yield calculations used by WCC are in line with the findings for Worcestershire from DfE's 2023 analysis of pupil yield factors for each local authority in England, using data from housing developments constructed between 2008 and 2022⁸.

Pupil place forecasting and school capacity data is provided to the DfE via the national School Capacity (SCAP) survey, an annual collection of data from all local education authorities (More information on SCAP is given in the Forecasting Accuracy section below).

For further information on school place forecasting in Worcestershire please visit [School statistics and data collection](#) , where there is a countywide forecast report which is refreshed in March each year – the current report is for 2025 and beyond using the 2024 data in this report.

⁷ [Pupil yield from housing review 2024 - findings.pdf](#)

⁸ [Pupil Yield Data Dashboard](#)

Forecasting accuracy

The DfE groups local authorities into ‘statistical neighbours’ groupings, which are authorities with similar characteristics of scale, demographics and population density and where we may therefore expect education statistics such as forecasting accuracy to be similar.

Figure 12 compares forecasts of pupil numbers for 1 year ahead and 3 years ahead at primary and secondary school levels with the actual pupil numbers in these later years, including the statistical neighbours for Worcestershire.

For 1 year ahead Worcestershire ranks 7th place for Primary (equal to the median for all LAs nationally), 5th place for Secondary (a lower overestimate, or more accurate, than the median for all LAs nationally). For 3 years ahead, Worcestershire ranks 10th place for Primary and 6th for Secondary (both higher than the median for all LAs nationally). The Worcestershire rankings suggested that there was a pattern of over-forecasting of mainstream school place demand further than 1 year ahead. In 2022 we amended the forecast methodology to eliminate any potential double counting of additional pupils from housing growth, and we also increased the number of planning areas to help improve accuracy of forecasting at a planning area level. In 2024 we reduced pupil yields to 0.05 pupils per dwelling for primary and 0.04 pupils per dwelling for secondary, matching our s106 policy, which is borne out by evidence from local housing developments.

We will continue to refine the forecast methodology this year to reduce this trend, particularly by developing more granular evidence of how the demand for school places from new housing develops following the commencement of construction to use in our methodology.

Figure 12 Forecasting Accuracy by local authority – source DfE scorecards 2024, published June 2025

Local Authority	Primary 1 year %	Primary 1 year Rank	Primary 3 year %	Primary 3 year Rank	Secondary 1 year %	Secondary 1 year Rank	Secondary 3 year %	Secondary 3 year Rank
Hampshire	0.5	6	1.4	7	0.4	1	-0.6	1
Gloucestershire	-1.0	8	1.3	6	0.9	5	2.3	5
Dorset	-0.1	1	0.0	1	0.6	3	1.1	2
East Sussex	0.4	5	-1.6	8	1.2	9	2.8	7
Leicestershire	1.0	8	4.8	11	0.8	4	5.3	10
Staffordshire	-0.1	1	0.6	3	1.4	10	2.2	3
Essex	-0.3	3	0.3	2	0.4	1	3.0	8
Worcestershire	0.7	7	3.8	10	0.9	5	2.5	6
Kent	0.3	3	0.6	3	0.9	5	2.2	3
Warwickshire	1.3	11	1.9	9	1.7	11	5.8	11
West Sussex	1.0	8	1.1	5	1.1	8	3.6	9

In general, the WCC forecasts have overestimated the pupil numbers for reception school places by less than 1% when forecasting for the following year and by 3.8% when forecasting 3 years ahead. The WCC forecasts have overestimated the pupil numbers for year 7 places by less than 1% when forecasting for the following year and by 2.5% when forecasting 3 years ahead. The accuracy of the forecasts is greater when forecasting for middle and secondary school places; this can be expected as pupils are usually already in attendance at feeder first or primary schools.

It takes approximately two years to consult, design and build additional capacity into mainstream schools, therefore any decision made to change the size or structure of a school is based on an average 99% accuracy of actual requirements for places. When forecasting three years into the future, this accuracy is within 96% for each phase of primary, 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, WCC historically aimed to remain within 95% accuracy or 0.5 Forms of Entry (FE) (15 places) for each intake point, whichever is greater.

For **reception intake**, looking at forecasting two years ahead, the target was not achieved in every year over the last five years in 11 EPAs (Note: This was out of the previous total of 16 EPAs – there are now 26 EPAs) . The reasons behind this include:

- As some larger housing developments completed, the method used at the time overestimated expected pupil yields and so the forecasts in Droitwich, Pershore, Evesham and Upton were too high.
- In Martley, actual pupil numbers have varied by up to 20% year on year, strongly influenced by applications from other EPAs.
- The EPAs along the county border - Hagley, Wythall and Rubery - saw application numbers above those forecast due to significant demand for places from out of county pupils, but there are sufficient places for in-area Worcestershire resident pupils.
- In Bewdley, Bromsgrove and Stourport, reception growth rates from known 3-year-olds reduced more quickly than expected at different points over the last 5 years.

Forecasts for **middle school intake**:

- for Bromsgrove and Redditch were accurate within the 95% accuracy or 0.5 Forms of Entry (FE) (15 places) margin over the last five years, but Droitwich and Evesham were not in the 2019 forecast for 2021.
- The accuracy of forecasts for Pershore was impacted by a number of first schools converting to primary schools from 2021, which triggered a shift from a wholly three-tier system to a mixed two- and three-tier system and began to influence parents' decisions about their child's education journey.

For **high school intakes**, the expected accuracy was achieved in only 3 of the previous 16 planning areas over the last five years, reasons include:

- In Pershore in 2021 the intake was unusually low, contributing to an over-forecast in this planning area.

- Despite higher numbers in year 6 in the previous year, the 2021 intake in Stourport was also low.
- There was a drop in transfer rates to year 9 in Evesham from 2019, which was not long after Honeybourne Primary Academy changed its age range to add year 6. This resulted in over-forecasts which have since improved.
- There was a one-off drop in transfer rates to year 7 in Droitwich in 2022.
- There were under-forecasts in Bromsgrove and Malvern from 2018 which have since improved.
- Tenbury High, a solo rural high school, was under-forecast but on two occasions admitted more out-of-county pupils than expected.
- Conversely Wythall, Hagley, Upton and Rubery, were over-forecast on the basis of out-of-county demand, which does not require extra capacity. When out-of-area demand is not likely to increase capacity, the methodology for forecasting is now to cap the forecast at the Published Admission Number (PAN)⁹.

The annual School Capacity Survey (SCAP) submits to the DfE information on:

- the numbers of primary and secondary state-funded school places in mainstream schools
- unfilled school places and pupils in places that exceed their school's capacity
- sixth form capacity
- local authorities' forecast pupil numbers (for the next 5 academic years for primary and 7 years for secondary)
- local authorities' planned changes to school places for the next three academic years
- specialist provision capacity.

School capacity in this survey is a reasonable measure of the number of pupils a school could teach (calculated based on their buildings and how their accommodation is organised) rather than the PAN. It is used by the DfE to estimate the number of school places needed to meet predicted demand.

The number of primary pupils in Worcestershire LA has grown by 8% since 2010, the number of secondary pupils by 3.5%. Across the county there are forecast to be 11% spare primary school places and 5% spare secondary school places in 2025/26. It is possible to have both a basic need for more places in one location and spare places in another nearby.

Basic Need relates to the Council's legal responsibility to provide sufficient school places for children and young people in their local areas – the DfE allocates Basic Need capital funding annually to local authorities to create the new places where they have demonstrated they will be required to meet needs in their areas. Worcestershire LA forecasts that an additional 495 primary places and 383 secondary places will be required for the academic year 2026/27. However, as Basic Need capital funding has already been allocated to Worcestershire exceeds these places there is no Basic Need funding allocation for Worcestershire for 2026/27.

⁹ Published Admission Number (PAN) is the number of pupils in each year group that the admission authority has agreed will be admitted without causing problems for the school

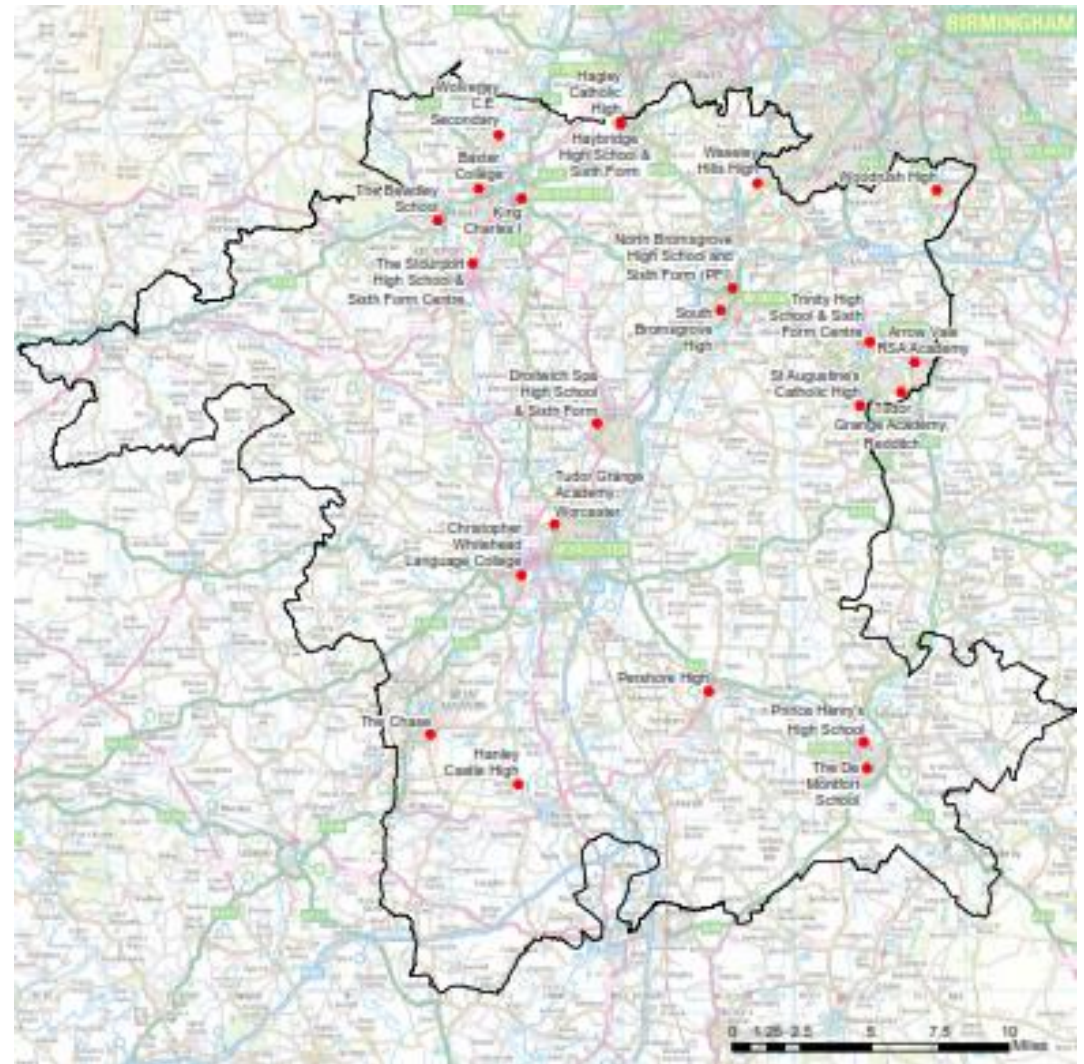
Post-16 / Sixth Form provision in schools

In recent years the location and supply of school sixth form provision in Worcestershire has remained largely unchanged. Schools set their own sixth form admissions criteria, and manage their own admissions, plus the number and level of courses on offer.

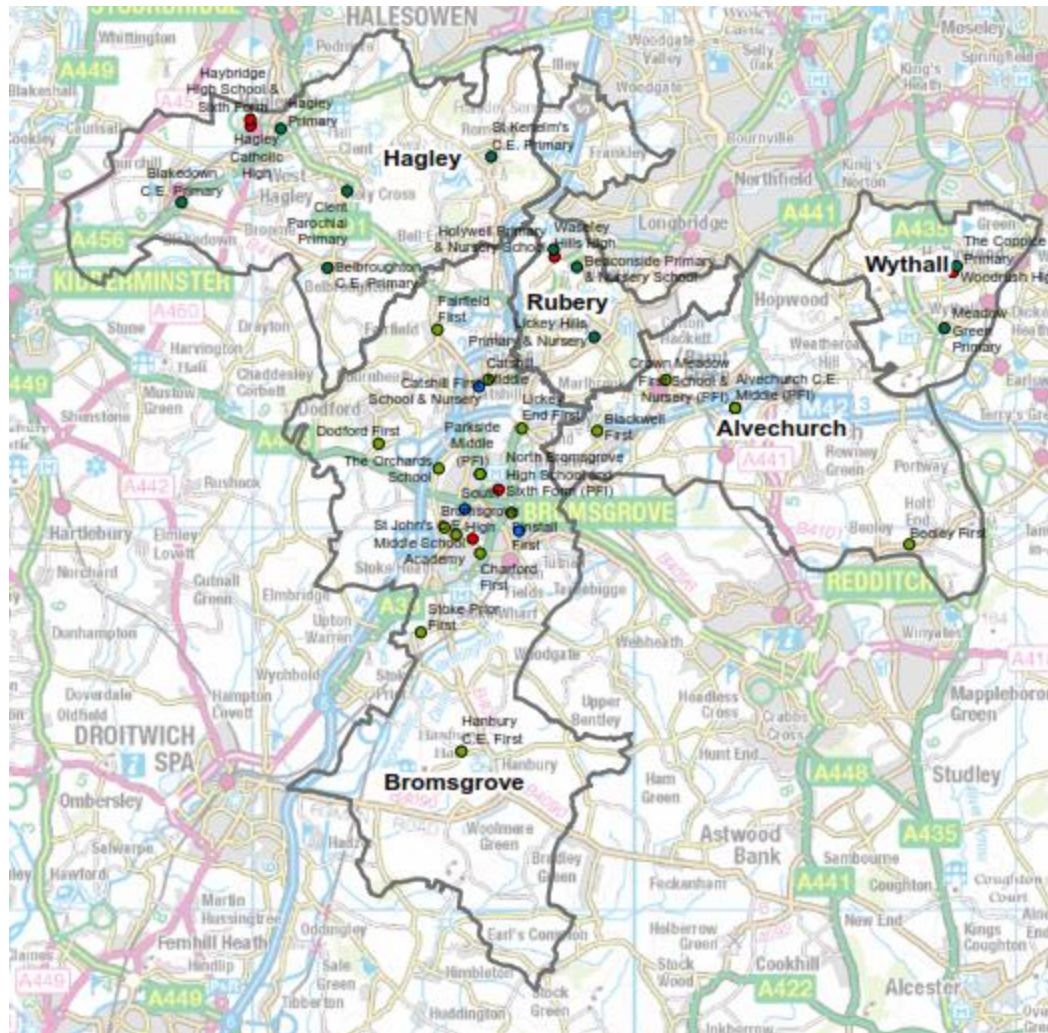
School sixth form provision is provided in all six District Council areas across Worcestershire. These six districts are split into fourteen secondary Education Planning Areas (EPAs). Of these, only two EPAs: Martley and Tenbury, do not offer sixth form provision within a school setting. In Worcestershire, there are 31 mainstream publicly funded schools offering secondary education provision of which 24 also deliver post-16 sixth form provision. 23 (96%) of these schools are rated as 'Good' (79%) or 'Outstanding' (8%) by Ofsted.

For September 2023, Haybridge Secondary increased Published Admission Number (PAN) by 30 for admittance into Year 7. The impact on sixth form provision is unlikely to feel the impact of local demographics until 2028. This is close to the point at which high/secondary school pupil numbers, as set out in national population forecasts, are anticipated to be at their peak. However, this does not preclude any increase or decrease in student numbers as a result of new housing growth and parental preference.

Map 6: - A map of school based post-16 locations within Worcestershire EPAs



Bromsgrove District



Map 7: - The Education Planning Areas of Bromsgrove District

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

Hagley, Rubery and Wythall are all 2 tier EPAs.

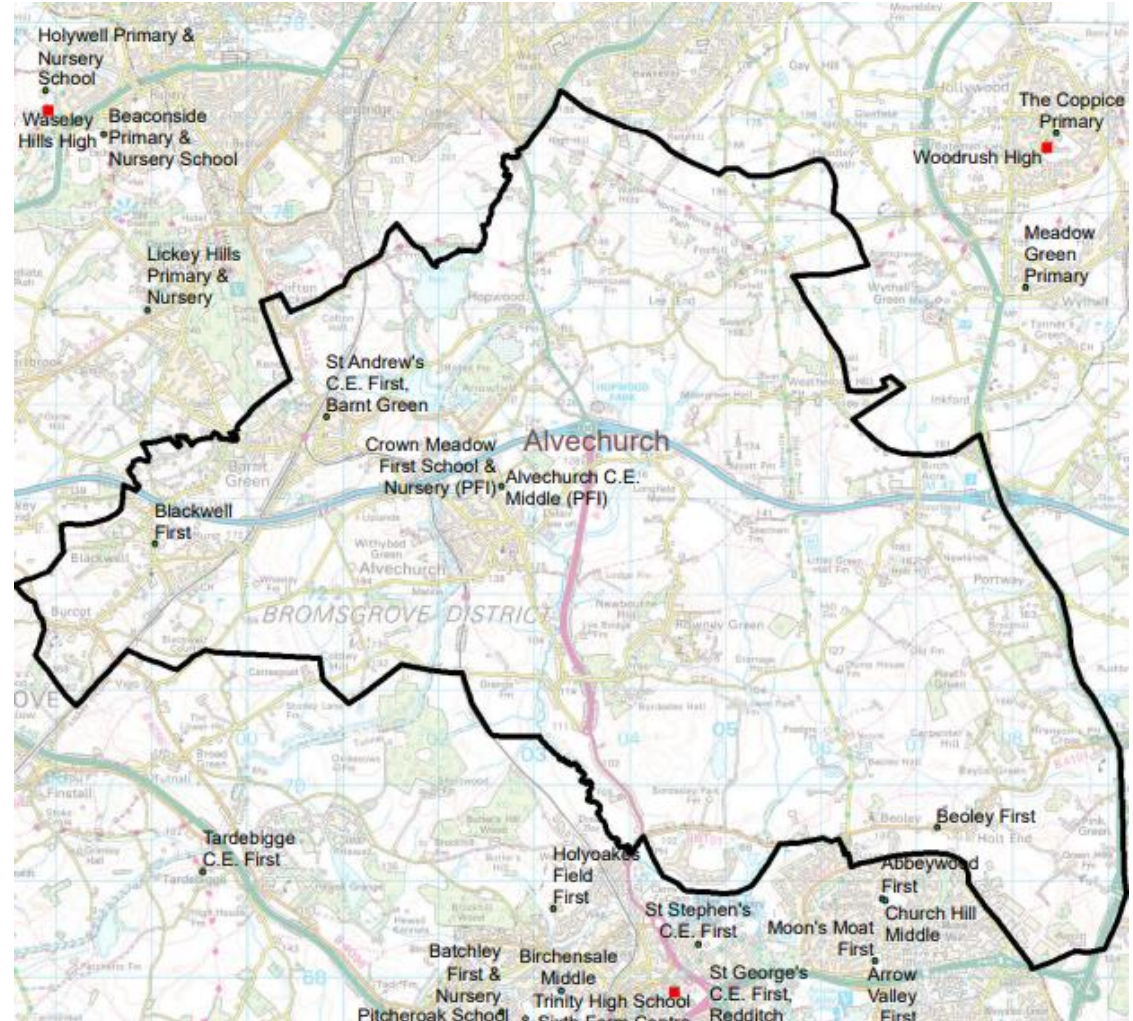
Alvechurch Education Planning Area

This is a large area of mainly greenbelt between Birmingham, Bromsgrove and Redditch.

Birth rates are falling.

There are no housing developments of over 100 dwellings approved in this area.

Map 8 Alvechurch Education Planning Area



Alvechurch – First

First school places are forecast to be sufficient in Alvechurch First EPA

Figure 14 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Alvechurch First and Middle EPAs

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8
PAN	155	155	155	155	155	120	120	120	120
Oct-19	155	156	155	153	156	114	111	107	107
Oct-20	154	154	152	153	153	111	110	104	109
Oct-21	154	154	151	146	154	115	110	105	102
Oct-22	155	154	154	150	149	112	115	111	103
Oct-23	146	155	155	149	154	110	111	110	109
Oct-24	154	145	153	149	152	111	111	109	111
Oct-25	137	154	144	149	151	111	110	107	108
Oct-26	130	137	152	140	151	110	110	106	107
Oct-27	126	129	135	148	142	110	109	106	106
Oct-28	135	129	131	135	153	106	112	108	108
Oct-29		138	130	130	139	114	107	111	110
Oct-30			137	128	133	103	114	105	111
Oct-31				135	121	98	103	111	105
Oct-32					138	96	98	100	111

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

2% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Alvechurch EPA, with 25% of schools deemed by Ofsted as 'Outstanding' and 75% deemed as 'Good'.

The four schools in the EPA are all popular and admit many pupils from outside their catchments. Over 5 years, there were on average 4 pupils per year attending Blackwell First School and 15 attending St Andrew's CofE First School, Barnt Green who were resident in the Lickey Hills Primary catchment.

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

Numbers on roll are high but are forecast to decrease over time. As 35% of pupils on the rolls of schools within the Alvechurch first schools continue to apply from outside of area there are no forecast sufficiency issues.

Alvechurch – Middle

Middle school places are forecast to be sufficient in Alvechurch EPA

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

The middle school attracts pupils from its feeder schools which include some pupils from outside the catchment areas. The total numbers of known children are less than its PAN of 120, therefore the school has sufficient provision. Since few pupils currently travel from Bromsgrove to Alvechurch, the provision of additional places in Alvechurch is unlikely to mitigate demand pressure in Bromsgrove.

Bromsgrove Education Planning Area

The Bromsgrove Education Planning Area is made up of the town of Bromsgrove and the surrounding rural areas. The majority of the area sits within Bromsgrove District Council but also covers a small area of Wychavon.

The planning area is served by twelve (12) First Schools (Years R-4), four (4) Middle Schools (Years 5-8) and two (2) High Schools with Sixth Forms (Years 9-13).

Map 9 Bromsgrove Education Planning Area



Bromsgrove – First

First school places are forecast to be sufficient in Bromsgrove First EPA up to 2028, however major new housing will require additional school places in the longer term.

Figure 15 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Bromsgrove First and Middle EPAs

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13
PAN	585	585	585	585	585	570[‡]	570	570	570	635	635	635		
Oct-19	561	535	559	580	544	566	542	551	522	586	569	597	243	180
Oct-20	555	557	530	552	583	543	568	539	550	602	577	565	259	230
Oct-21	543	557	561	526	541	606	545	559	533	611	597	576	266	246
Oct-22	540	558	569	563	533	564	610	544	554	615	598	589	305	253
Oct-23	501	542	553	563	556	530	572	603	538	655	600	594	272	284
Oct-24	524	522	529	552	559	596	532	574	596	657	634	595	287	264
Oct-25	513	539	528	533	557	583	607	535	575	694	649	635	286	278
Oct-26	518	530	547	534	540	583	596	611	537	672	687	652	306	279
Oct-27	478	531	534	549	538	562	593	597	610	631	663	686	312	295
Oct-28	509	486	531	533	549	555	567	590	593	700	622	661	328	300
Oct-29		518	486	530	532	566	560	565	586	684	689	621	316	315
Oct-30			521	489	533	553	575	561	564	679	674	688	297	304
Oct-31				523	492	554	562	575	560	660	670	673	329	286
Oct-32					526	511	562	562	574	648	650	669	322	317
Oct-33						547	520	563	561	669	639	650	320	310

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

‡ Total Middle PAN changes by year according to St John's CE Middle School's operating PAN - the PAN is 150 but the school accepts 180 Year 5 pupils in three of every four years, so for 2025, 2026 and 2028 the total of Year 5 places available is 600.

9% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Bromsgrove EPA, with 25% of schools deemed by Ofsted as 'Outstanding', with a further 63% deemed as 'Good'.

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

Housing

There are two major housing developments in Western Bromsgrove on Perryfields Road and Whitford Road, totalling circa 1790 new homes. The legal agreement detailing the education planning obligations contributions required from the developer ('Section 106 Agreement') was signed for Perryfields on 12th July 2021 to include additional First School provision with nursery. The building of houses has begun with the social housing being built out first. Completions of the first open market homes began in Autumn 2024.

Based on the latest construction timetable information supplied to WCC, 1790 new dwellings are forecast to yield an additional 87 pupils per First School year group in total, 23 (1 form of entry or FE) of these by 2026 and 55 (2FE) of these by 2029.

The existing schools within 2 miles of the housing developments can accommodate the additional forecast pupils per year group until 2029, when additional first school and nursery places will be required. Figure 17 shows a forecast for reception places in the Bromsgrove EPA including forecast impacts from housing up to 2033.

WCC aims to deliver additional first school provision alongside the build-out of the Perryfields and Whitford Road developments, to ensure the sufficiency of provision and to ensure other local schools are not adversely affected. The PAN of the schools in figure 17 does not include the planned additional Perryfields first school places.

Map 10- Large housing developments in Bromsgrove

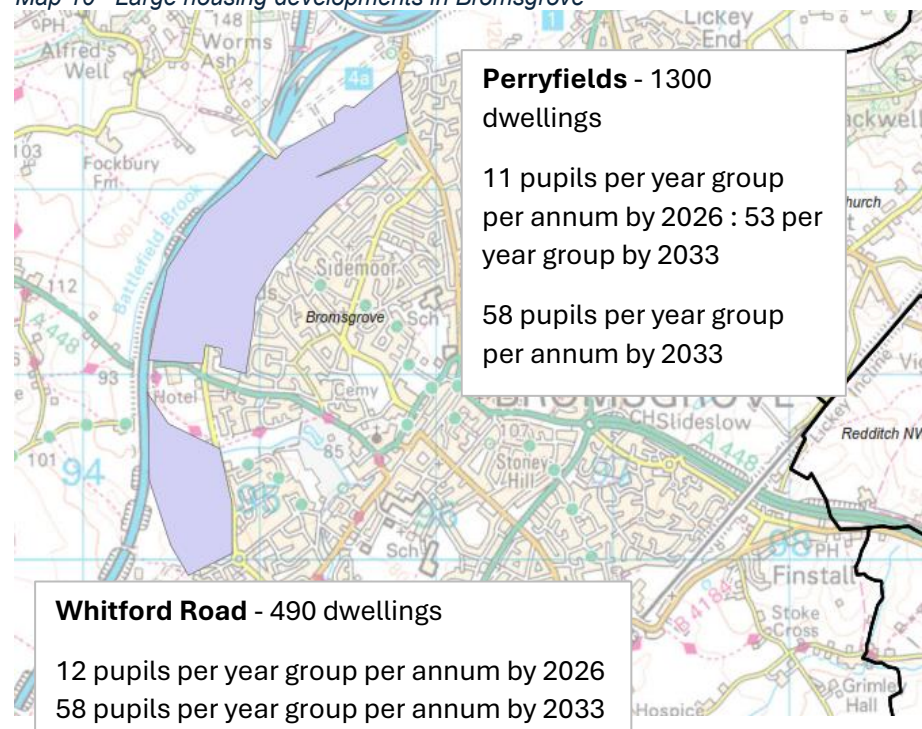
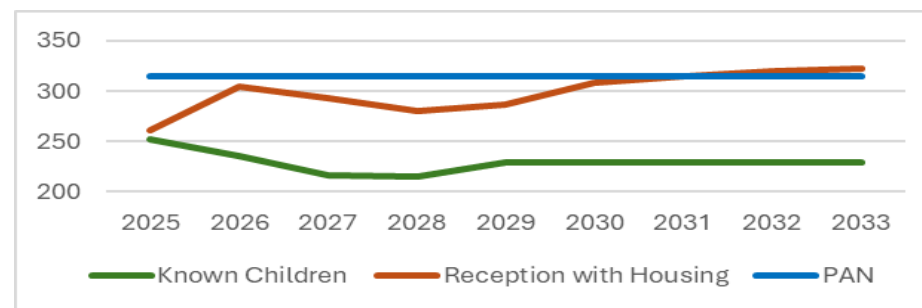


Figure 16 - Forecast demand for Reception within 2 miles of Perryfields housing



Bromsgrove – Middle

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

Middle school places are forecast to be sufficient in Bromsgrove EPA, however major new housing will require additional school places in the longer term.

Figure 17– Current and forecast NOR in year 5 at Bromsgrove Middle Schools

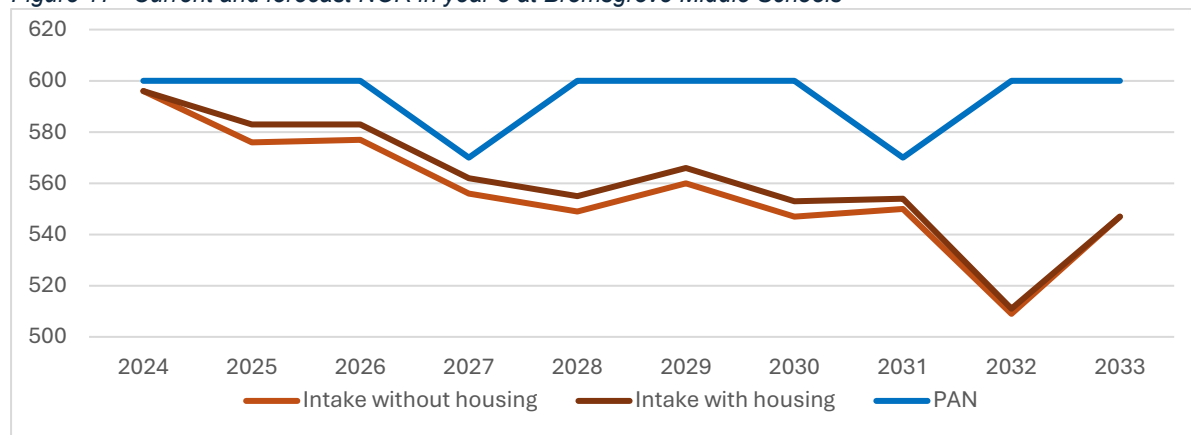


Figure 17 shows the forecast number of pupils requiring a Year 5 place in Bromsgrove Middle Schools.

St John's Middle School has taken 1FE (30 pupils) over its PAN of 150 for 3 of the past 4 years but is unable to increase to 180 every year within existing accommodation. St John's Middle School were able to take up to 180 pupils in September 2025 and if they agree to also in September 2026 then the demand will not exceed the operational capacity of the EPA of 600. If St John's Middle School takes 3 consecutive intakes of 180 it would be forced to return to its PAN of 150 in September 2027. Therefore, considering the overall demand at year 5 in 2027 is below 570, a return to PAN in 2027 would allow freedom to extend to 180 in September 2028 if required.

Forecasts currently suggest that 2029 and 2030 could be high demand years influenced by the additional pupils forecast from the housing growth in Perryfields.

Bromsgrove – High

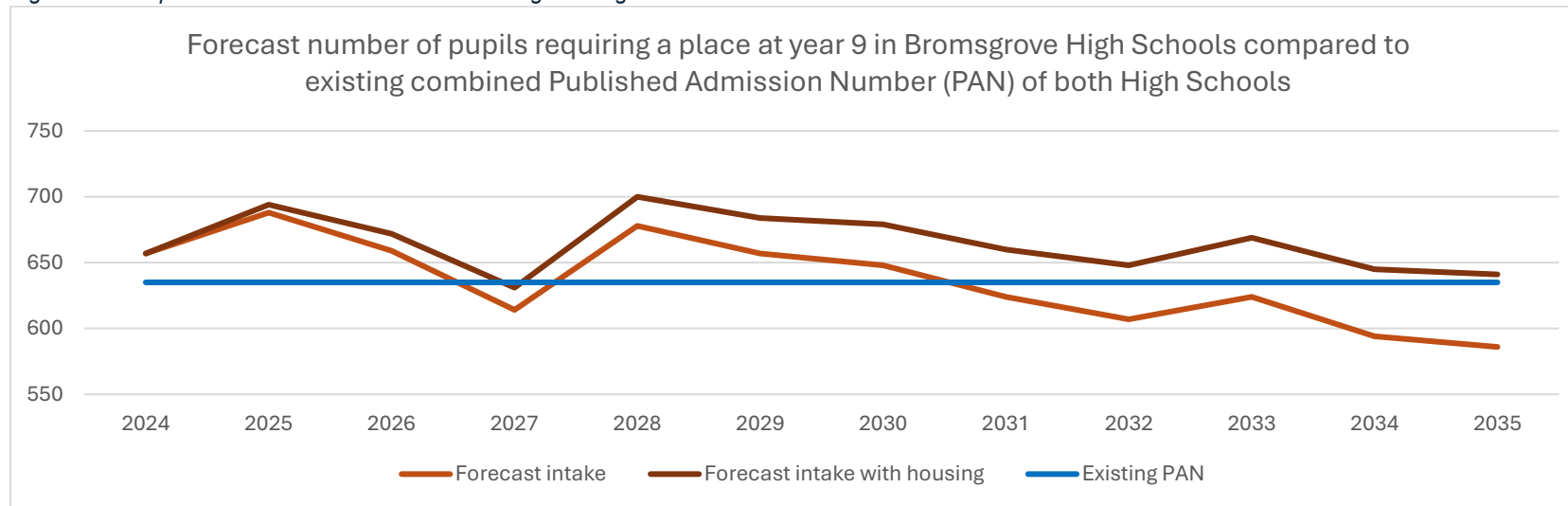
High school places are forecast to be insufficient in Bromsgrove High EPA

The high schools in Bromsgrove are likely to be full or nearly full for the next few years. The combined PAN of the two Bromsgrove High schools had insufficient Year 9 places for September 2023 to September 2025 and based on current forecasts of pupils in middle schools, demand will continue to increase to a peak of 700 forecast Year 9 places for September 2028.

There are on average 52 pupils of middle school age per year who are resident in catchments that feed into North and South Bromsgrove High schools but who attend schools elsewhere, including alternative provision and special schools - few of these pupils are likely to attend Bromsgrove High Schools. Conversely there are on average 53 pupils per year who are resident in catchments outside of Bromsgrove but who attend Bromsgrove and Alvechurch middle schools. These students are likely to apply to Bromsgrove high schools, thus some Bromsgrove residents may be unsuccessful in finding a place at their local high school if they do not name their catchment school as a preference when applying for secondary places.

Figure 18 shows that forecast year 9 pupils in Bromsgrove are higher than the combined PAN of both high schools.

Figure 18 – Pupil Forecast for North & South Bromsgrove High 2024-2035



The LA is working with the high schools in Bromsgrove to identify options to create additional places for 2026 onwards. Feasibility studies for expansion of North Bromsgrove High and South Bromsgrove High have been completed by BAM as both schools are PFI schools. Further work is being undertaken to review options to increase places at North Bromsgrove High School.

Sixth Form

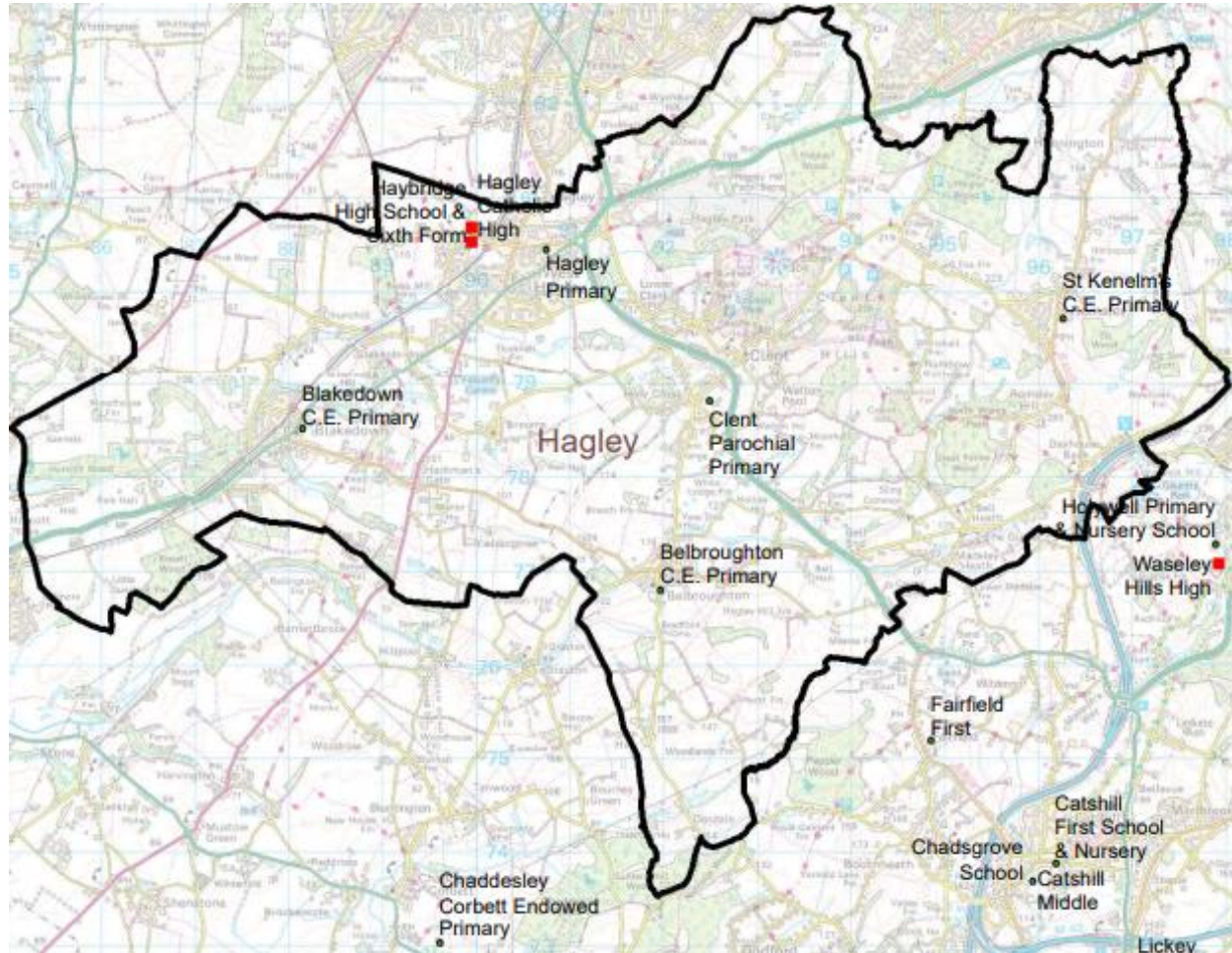
Figure 19 – Sixth Form summary for Bromsgrove High EPA

School	Ofsted	PAN	Yr 12 NOR 2024	Yr 13 NOR 2024	Stay-On Rate Yr 12 (avg)	Stay-On Rate Yr 13 (avg from Yr 11)	Combined NOR 2024	Capacity
North Bromsgrove High	Good	300	101	88	38%	33%	189	141
South Bromsgrove High	Good	335	186	176	55%	53%	362	307

Sixth form accommodation in mainstream schools is not always exclusively for sixth form students; therefore it is not usually possible to determine if there is a shortfall in provision. However, there is a risk that when North or South Bromsgrove High schools accept over their year 9 PAN this could result in a shortfall in sixth form accommodation.

Hagley Education Planning Area

Map 11 Hagley Education Planning Area



The Hagley Education Planning Area covers the area to the northeast of the county around the village of Hagley. The majority of the area sits within the Bromsgrove District Council but also covers a small area of the Wyre Forest.

The planning area is served by five (5) Primary Schools (Years R-6), and two (2) Secondary Schools (Years 7-13).

Hagley – Primary

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

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

Birth rates were stable up to a drop in 2023, though there were additional children from new housing in 2020-2021. There are a further 2 small housing developments of 160 dwellings in total leading to a forecast additional 7 pupils per year group of primary school age by 2026.

On average, 22% of the pupils at Hagley Primary School reside outside Hagley Primary School’s catchment - 11 per year group come from Dudley LA and others from Kidderminster. Though frequently oversubscribed, Hagley Primary EPA is forecast to have sufficient places for known Worcestershire children in the planning area over the next 4 years.

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

Figure 20 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Hagley Primary and Secondary EPAs – capped at PAN

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13	Total
PAN	188	188	188	188	188	188	188	400	400	400	400	400			
Oct-19	168	175	182	195	195	185	177	380	379	378	372	328	242	258	3614
Oct-20	185	176	177	183	191	192	187	377	379	374	375	370	257	229	3652
Oct-21	184	186	179	177	186	191	191	359	379	378	365	372	223	231	3601
Oct-22	187	186	189	180	181	188	187	392	361	373	372	360	184	188	3528
Oct-23	176	188	191	191	180	187	187	403	399	371	373	372	213	163	3594
Oct-24	163	174	185	195	188	177	186	392	405	398	378	371	203	195	3610
Oct-25	176	168	179	189	198	191	179	390	397	407	398	378	225	184	3657
Oct-26	167	178	170	180	190	198	190	370	392	396	404	395	228	202	3662
Oct-27	132	169	180	171	180	190	197	394	373	392	394	402	239	205	3618
Oct-28	127	134	171	182	171	181	189	409	396	372	389	391	243	214	3570
Oct-29		129	135	173	182	172	180	391	411	396	370	387	236	218	N/A
Oct-30			131	137	173	183	171	373	394	411	394	368	234	213	N/A
Oct-31				133	138	174	182	355	376	394	409	392	222	210	N/A

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

Hagley – Secondary

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

Hagley Catholic High School provides secondary education for the catholic community for the whole of Wyre Forest and Hagley, though in practice the school also admits pupils from Dudley, Sandwell and Birmingham, due to the school's close proximity to Hagley Railway Station providing good transport links.

20% of pupils are from Wyre Forest District as opposed to Hagley and the majority, 73%, come from outside the county.

Haybridge High School is forecast to be close to full for the next 5 years, though as 34% of the intake on average comes from outside the county the school is sufficient for Hagley resident pupils. The school chose to increase its PAN from 190 to 210 in September 2023.

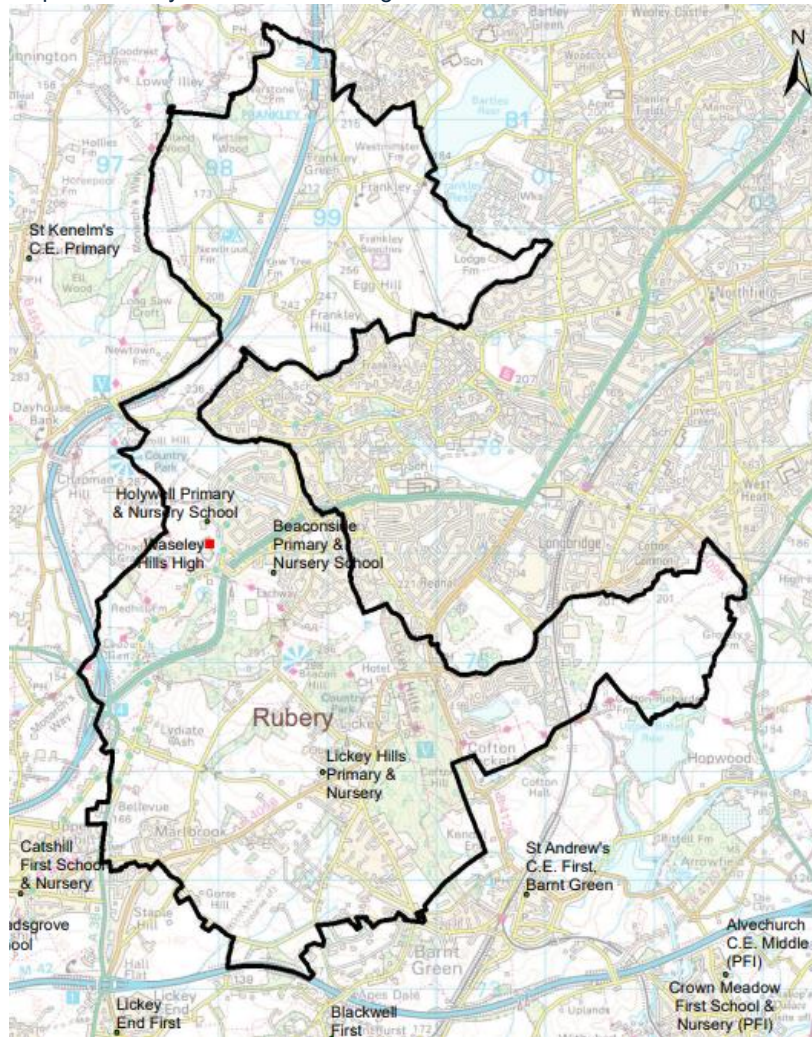
Sixth Form

Figure 21 – Sixth Form Summary for Hagley Secondary EPA

School	Ofsted	PAN	Yr 12 NOR 2024	Yr 13 NOR 2024	Stay-On Rate Yr 12 (avg)	Stay-On Rate Yr 13 (avg from Yr 11)	Combined NOR 2024	Capacity
Hagley Catholic High	Good	190	91	82	51%	49%	173	230
Haybridge High	Good	210	112	113	70%	66%	225	316

Rubery Education Planning Area

Map 12 Rubery Education Planning Area



The Rubery Education Planning Area is made up of the area directly north of Bromsgrove and supports much of the rural areas and villages in the very northeast of Worcestershire.

The entirety of the area sits within the Bromsgrove District Council.

The planning area is served by three (3) Primary Schools (Years R-6), and one (1) Secondary School.

Rubery - Primary

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

2% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Rubery EPA, with 67% of schools deemed by Ofsted as 'Good' and 33% yet to be inspected.

Rubery borders Birmingham, and there is considerable pupil migration in both directions across the border. All Rubery schools receive many applications from outside of the county, and many pupils residing in Rubery attend schools in Birmingham, Bromsgrove and Barnt Green. There is a risk of oversupplying places from 2029 with lower numbers on roll transferring from primary schools.

Lickey Hills Primary School catchment area has numbers of known children greater than the school's PAN. However, on average 14 children per year group choose to attend first schools in the Alvechurch and Bromsgrove planning areas. These pupils tend to remain in these 3-tier planning areas through to the middle and high phases. Also, on average, 8 Birmingham children per year attend Lickey Hills Primary School.

Figure 22 – Known Children in Rubery EPA Primary School Catchments

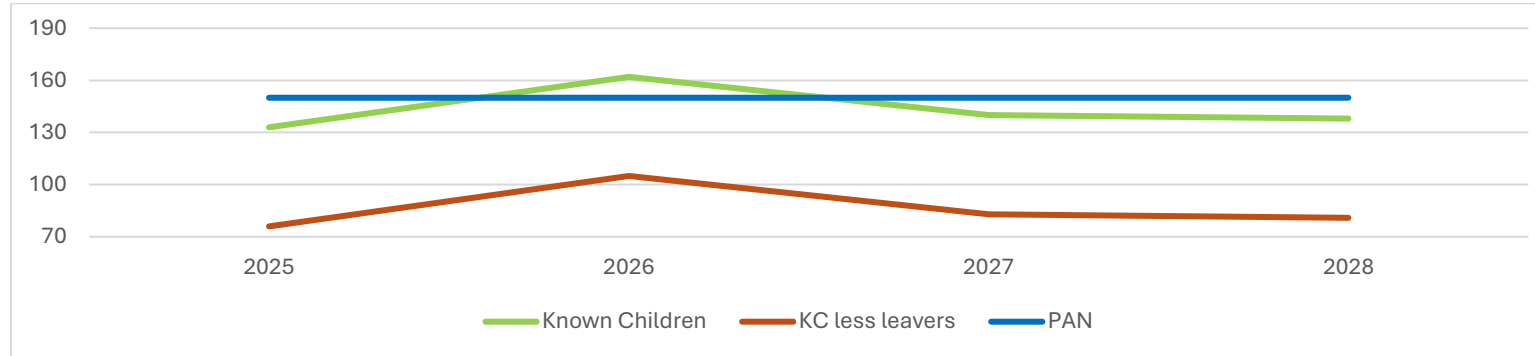


Figure 22 shows that known children numbers in the Rubery Education Planning Area expected to reach reception age in 2026, are above the area's total PAN – however, a strong parental preference for Alvechurch and Bromsgrove schools (on average 29 pupils per year group) and Birmingham schools (28 pupils per year group) means that Rubery Primary EPA has sufficient places for the first preference applications from the catchment area. Currently, on average, there are 94 pupils per year group resident in the EPA and 39 resident in Birmingham attending Rubery schools. The allocations at reception are forecast to be at or just below PAN.

Figure 23- Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Rubery Primary and Secondary EPAs

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13	Total
PAN	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	178	178	178	178	178			
Oct-19	151	150	155	153	149	140	134	128	151	124	120	126	48	30	1759
Oct-20	151	145	148	155	150	143	140	148	132	152	117	116	34	43	1774
Oct-21	155	154	144	151	149	140	135	162	142	129	146	114	40	30	1791
Oct-22	133	157	146	147	144	142	143	166	157	132	134	142	25	31	1799
Oct-23	127	132	154	147	143	137	138	134	159	154	116	123	16	24	1704
Oct-24	126	125	130	152	145	130	133	161	135	150	150	113	17	16	1683
Oct-25	116	125	122	131	148	136	128	149	159	131	144	144	25	15	1672
Oct-26	145	116	123	123	127	139	134	143	147	153	125	138	31	22	1666
Oct-27	132	144	113	123	120	120	136	150	141	142	147	120	30	28	1646
Oct-28	136	131	141	114	120	113	117	153	148	136	136	141	26	27	1639
Oct-29		136	129	142	111	113	111	132	151	143	131	131	31	24	N/A
Oct-30			133	130	138	105	111	124	130	146	137	126	28	28	N/A
Oct-31				134	126	130	103	125	122	126	140	132	27	26	N/A

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Housing

100 dwellings were completed in Cofton Hackett between 2023 and 2025, adjacent to Longbridge in Birmingham. This was forecast to yield an additional 5 primary pupils per year group by 2025. However, since this area is urban and near to several Birmingham schools it is unlikely that the additional children will impact on pupil demand in the Rubery Primary EPA.

Rubery – Secondary

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

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

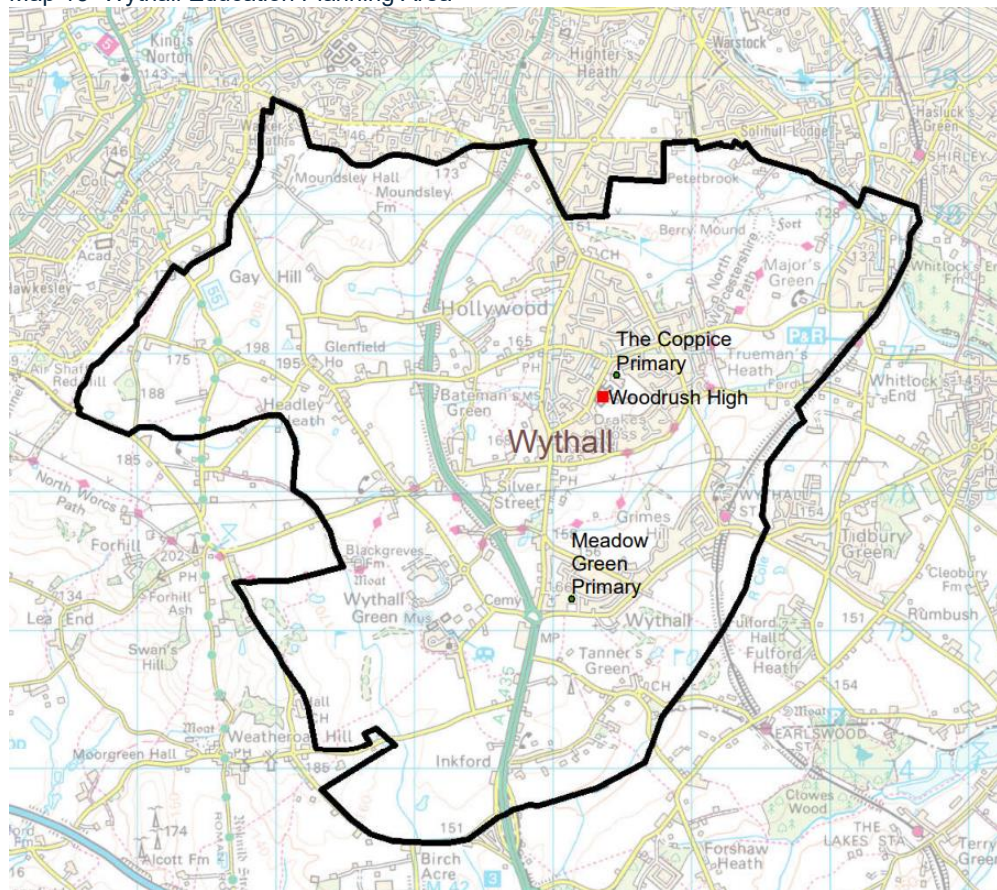
Sixth form

Figure 24 – Sixth Form Summary for Rubery Secondary EPA

School	Ofsted	PAN	Yr 12 NOR 2024	Yr 13 NOR 2024	Stay-On Rate Yr 12 (avg)	Stay-On Rate Yr 13 (avg from Yr 11)	Combined NOR 2024	Capacity
Waseley Hills High	R.I.	180	17	16	21%	24%	33	160

Wythall Education Planning Area

Map 13 Wythall Education Planning Area



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

The area is served by two (2) Primary Schools (Years R-6), and one (1) Secondary School, all rated as “Good”.

The area borders urbanised Solihull to the east and Birmingham to the north, each with several primary and secondary schools within walking distance.

Tidbury Green Primary (13 Worcestershire pupils per year group) and Hollywood Primary in Birmingham (4 per year group), and Dickens Heath Primary in Solihull (3 per year group), all feed into Woodrush High School and attract pupils from Wythall EPA. There is also a catholic primary school in Solihull LA, Our Lady of the Wayside, which attracts pupils from Wythall EPA.

Wythall – Primary

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

2% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Wythall EPA, with 100% of schools deemed by Ofsted as 'Good'.

Known children and reception numbers rose steadily for some years peaking in 2023 but are since decreasing. Meadow Green Primary School was permitted by the Official Schools Adjudicator (OSA) to reduce its PAN from 45 to 30 from September 2024.

Figure 25 – Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Wythall Primary and Secondary EPAs

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13	Total
PAN	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	180	180	180	180	180			
Oct-19	120	128	130	134	127	138	139	182	182	180	182	176	45	56	1919
Oct-20	128	114	126	129	136	127	137	200	179	183	177	180	42	40	1898
Oct-21	123	131	113	129	127	139	128	179	199	176	179	171	66	43	1903
Oct-22	118	122	131	116	131	131	137	180	178	198	175	174	42	57	1890
Oct-23	128	118	125	129	121	133	129	182	179	179	196	169	70	40	1898
Oct-24	114	128	119	123	132	122	132	178	180	177	174	186	60	66	1891
Oct-25	104	113	128	119	125	134	121	181	176	179	174	168	60	56	1840
Oct-26	117	103	113	129	121	127	133	166	180	176	176	169	54	56	1820
Oct-27	104	117	103	114	131	123	126	183	165	179	173	171	54	51	1791
Oct-28	120	103	117	104	116	133	122	173	181	164	176	167	55	51	1780
Oct-29		119	103	117	105	117	132	168	171	180	161	170	54	51	N/A
Oct-30			120	103	119	107	116	181	166	171	177	156	55	50	N/A
Oct-31				120	105	121	106	160	179	165	168	172	50	51	N/A

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Wythall – Secondary

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

Woodrush High School has 2 feeder schools in the county and 3 more outside. It does not have sufficient capacity for all current Year 6 pupils across all of its feeder schools but does have sufficient capacity for all of the Worcestershire resident pupils, including the 20 average attending the non-Worcestershire feeder primary schools.

Over a 5-year average, 40% of the pupils at Woodrush High School (Years 7-11) are resident outside the county and 22% of Wythall resident pupils attend schools outside the county.

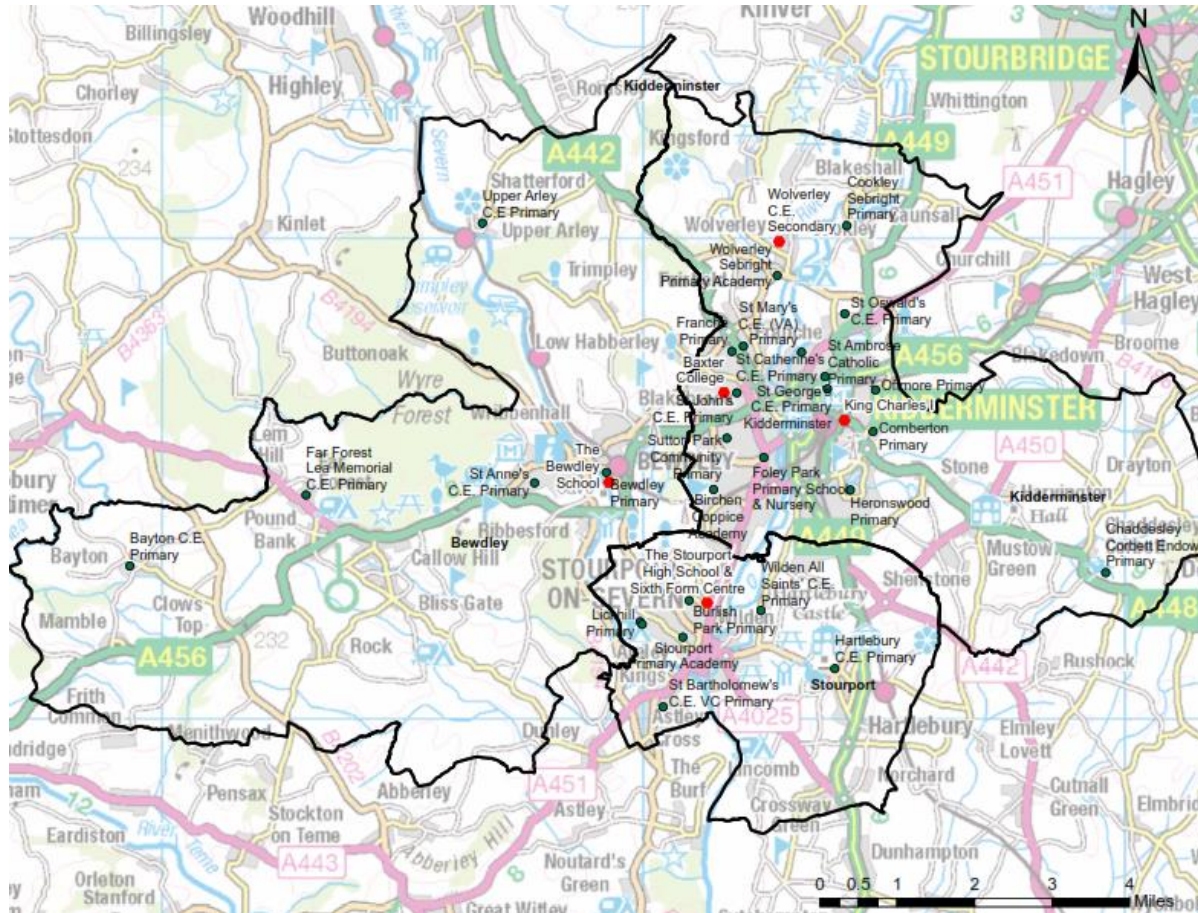
Sixth Form

Figure 26 – Sixth Form Summary for Wythall Secondary EPA

School	Ofsted	PAN	Yr 12 NOR 2024	Yr 13 NOR 2024	Stay-On Rate Yr 12 (avg)	Stay-On Rate Yr 13 (avg from Yr 11)	Combined NOR 2024	Capacity
Woodrush High	Good	180	60	66	31%	28%	126	113

Wyre Forest District

Map 14 Education Planning Areas in Wyre Forest District

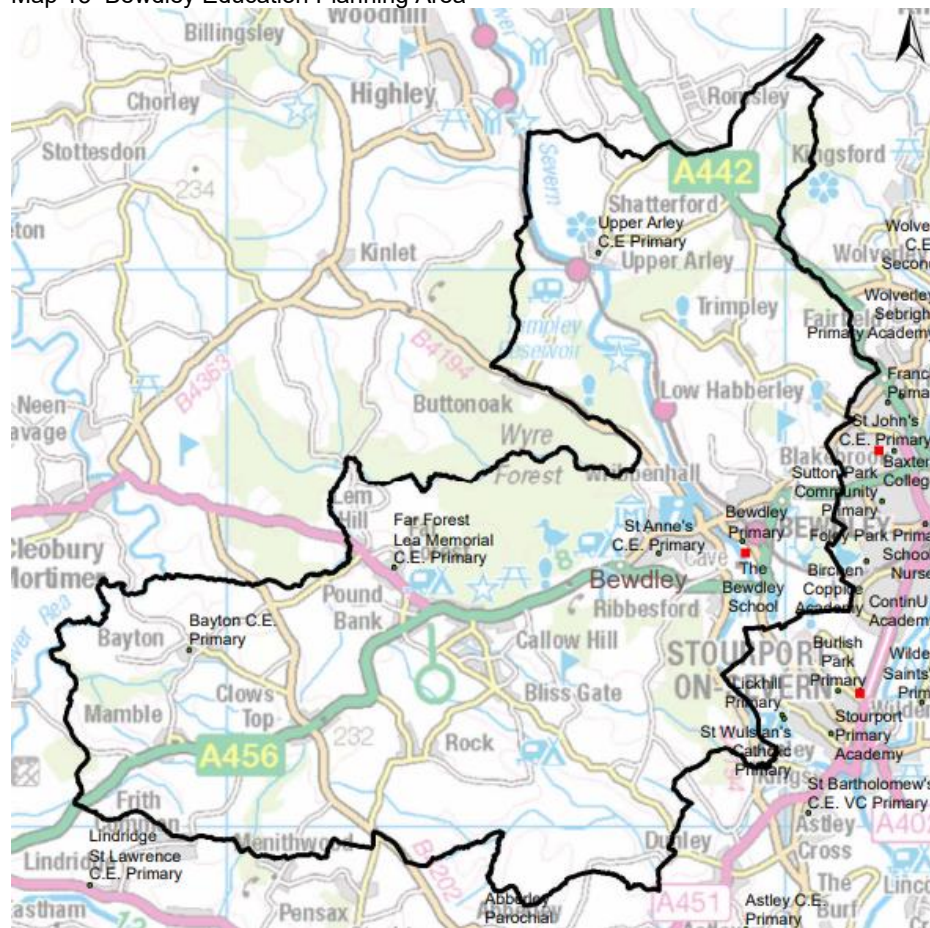


This district contains three Kidderminster Primary EPAs (East, West and North) and Bewdley and Stourport Primary EPAs. Together they form the Wyre District Secondary EPA as the secondary schools are close enough together to be reasonable alternatives to each other.

All the EPAs are 2 tier.

Bewdley Primary Education Planning Area

Map 15 Bewdley Education Planning Area



The Bewdley Education Planning Area covers the area to the north-west of the county, around the town of Bewdley.

The majority of the area sits within the Wyre Forest District Council, but it also covers a small area of the Malvern Hills District Council.

The planning area is served by five Primary Schools (Years R-6).

Primary places are forecast to be sufficient for Bewdley Primary EPA between 2025 and 2028.

2% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Bewdley EPA, with 20% of schools deemed by Ofsted as ‘Outstanding’ and 80% deemed as ‘Good’.

Figure 27 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Bewdley Primary EPA

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
PAN	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Oct-19	120	116	130	127	136	137	132
Oct-20	130	117	120	133	135	143	140
Oct-21	121	136	120	122	133	130	142
Oct-22	124	118	140	123	120	138	134
Oct-23	92	124	120	141	125	121	136
Oct-24	98	93	123	124	139	124	115
Oct-25	113	105	102	133	132	147	130
Oct-26	102	116	110	107	137	137	150
Oct-27	115	103	118	113	108	139	136
Oct-28	128	115	105	121	114	110	138

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

Upper Arley CofE Primary School has low forecast numbers compared to its PAN but see the Housing section below. Blue cells below indicate forecast intakes below 50% of PAN.

Housing

250 dwellings are approved to be built in the Bewdley Primary catchment. These are forecast to yield an additional 9 pupils per year group by 2026.

90 dwellings are to be built in the Upper Arley catchment within the next 3 years, which are forecast to yield a further 6 pupils per year group, although as the dwellings are close to Kidderminster, not all of the additional pupils may choose to attend Upper Arley CofE Primary School.

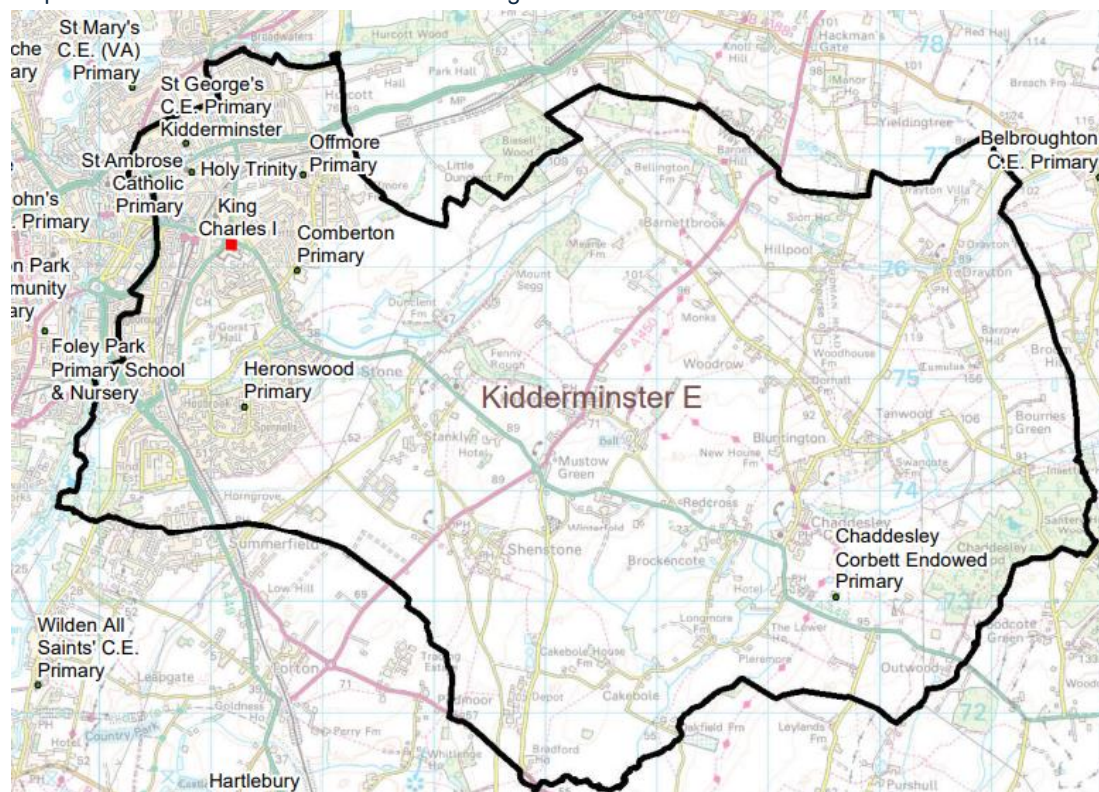
Figure 28 – Bewdley Primary School Reception forecast

	PAN	2025*	2026	2027	2028
Bewdley Primary School	60	43	40	56	45
St Anne's CE Primary	30	30	20	29	28
Upper Arley CE Primary	15	9	9	8	14
Far Forest Lea Memorial Primary	20	8	15	7	15
Bayton CE Primary	15	13	15	6	10
Total	140	103	99	106	112
Surplus		37	41	34	28

*September 2025 Numbers on Roll – Light blue cells are below 50% of PAN

Kidderminster East Primary Education Planning Area

Map 16 Kidderminster East Education Planning Area



The Kidderminster East Education Planning Area is the eastern side of the town of Kidderminster and the surrounding rural areas.

The entirety of the area sits within the Wyre Forest District Council.

The planning area is served by six (6) Primary Schools (Years R-6) and one (1) all-through (Primary and Secondary) School (Years R-13).

The local catholic school is also in this area and while it admits pupils from the whole of Wyre Forest, the majority of pupils tend to live in this EPA

Primary school places are forecast to be sufficient in Kidderminster East primary EPA, however major new housing will require additional school places in the longer term

4% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Kidderminster East EPA, with 12% of schools deemed as 'Outstanding' and 88% of schools deemed as 'Good'.

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

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
PAN	305	305	305	305	305	305	305
Oct-19	298	278	304	281	263	291	261
Oct-20	288	288	270	304	283	259	292
Oct-21	265	288	289	278	301	285	258
Oct-22	274	277	289	289	290	296	290
Oct-23	263	276	279	302	289	293	300
Oct-24	235	277	283	286	313	300	300
Oct-25	286	256	278	289	290	314	303
Oct-26	232	290	256	283	293	292	318
Oct-27	242	237	293	263	290	297	297
Oct-28	221	248	240	301	270	293	302

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

Housing

Major housing totalling 1,340 dwellings is planned to be built on the east side of Kidderminster, near Comberton Primary School. The development is expected to start in 2026 and be completed in 2039. The S106 Education Planning Obligation contribution includes a provision for the developer to fund the building of a new 2FE Primary School with nursery on land within the development site or to otherwise mitigate the impact of additional pupils who will live in the new housing.

The new dwellings are forecast to yield an additional 44 (1.5FE) pupils per year group by 2034, an additional 28 (1FE) by 2031 based on the latest construction timetable. Prior to this, there are sufficient places within the primary planning area. Ahead of the new school being delivered, the mitigation for the demand for additional places may include some pupils having to be offered school places further than 2 miles from home, therefore incurring transport costs for the LA.

The cohort reaching Year 3 in 2028 is likely to exceed PAN in 2029.

Figure 30 – Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Kidderminster North Primary EPA

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
PAN	180	180	180	180	180	180	180
Oct-19	163	168	159	172	169	158	159
Oct-20	172	164	168	157	170	160	158
Oct-21	160	164	163	166	164	171	163
Oct-22	165	157	164	160	165	164	171
Oct-23	153	170	161	172	169	166	162
Oct-24	146	163	170	164	178	162	168
Oct-25	155	149	166	173	170	177	165
Oct-26	185	156	150	167	177	167	178
Oct-27	163	186	157	151	171	174	168
Oct-28	174	164	187	157	154	168	175

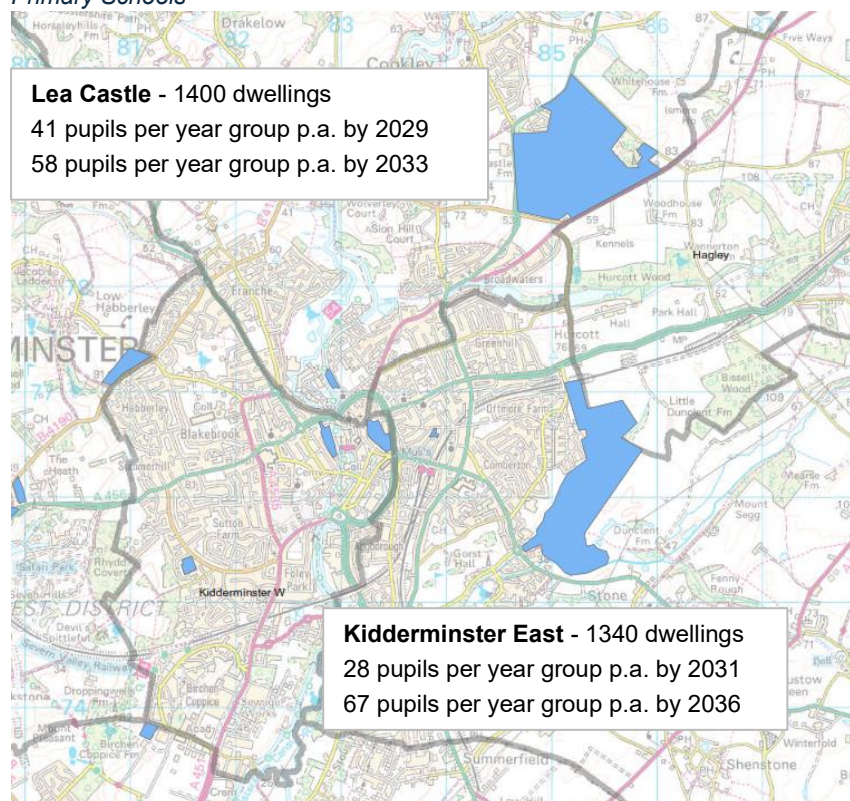
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Housing

Major housing at Lea Castle is being built in two phases. Phase 1 (600 homes) is almost complete, phase 2 (800 homes) is delayed pending signing of the S106 Agreement. The S106 Education Planning Obligations contribution includes a requirement for the developer to fund the building of a new 2FE Primary School with nursery to mitigate the impact of additional primary pupils from the new housing. The Wyre Forest District Plan includes a new 2FE Primary school with nursery.

These new dwellings are forecast to yield an additional 60 (2FE) primary age pupils per year group by 2033, an additional 41 (1FE) by 2029 (based on the latest construction timetable information available). Prior to this time, there are forecast to be sufficient places within the planning area.

Figure 31 Kidderminster East and Lea Castle housing on East Kidderminster Primary Schools



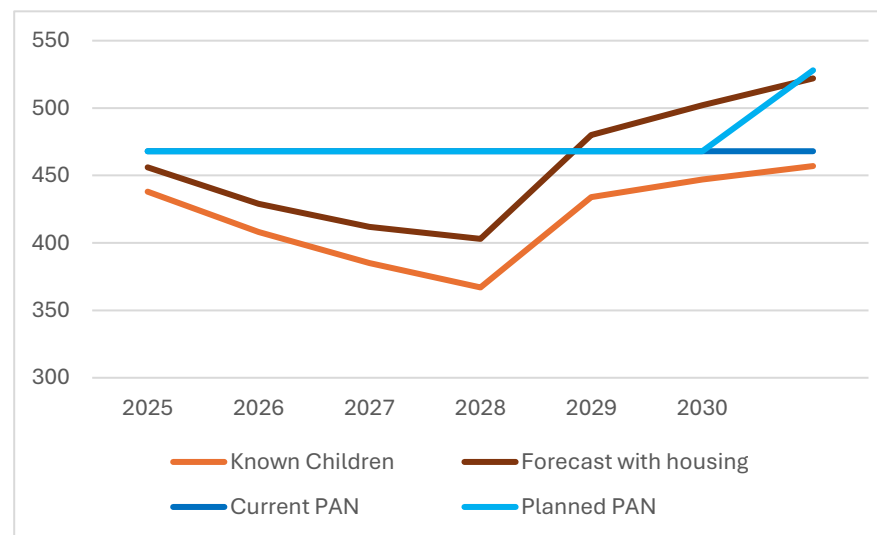
The additional pupils forecast from these new developments prior to new schools opening are expected to fill available places in neighbouring Kidderminster Primary Schools within 2 miles.

The chart right includes the impact of 1400 dwellings to be built in the Lea Castle housing development including the new 2FE primary school, currently planned for 2031. It also includes the impact of the 1,340 dwellings at Kidderminster East, though

these timelines are dependent on the rate of completions on both developments.

The graph uses forecasts and adjusted PANs of closest schools in Kidderminster North and the whole of East Kidderminster EPA. The graph shows that the opening of the new school in 2031 could mean a temporary insufficiency of places to meet demand within the EPA - there are, however, forecast to be sufficient places available in primary schools within 2 miles during the period before the new school is opened.

Figure 32 – Impact of housing and new primary schools on selected North and East Kidderminster schools



Kidderminster West Primary Education Planning Area

The Kidderminster West Education Planning Area is the densely populated small area of the western side of Kidderminster town. The planning area is served by five (5) Primary Schools (Years R-6).

3% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Kidderminster West EPA, with 33% of schools deemed by Ofsted as “Outstanding” and 66% of schools deemed as “Good”.

There is forecast to be an oversupply of Primary school places in Kidderminster West primary EPA

Figure 33 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Kidderminster West Primary EPA

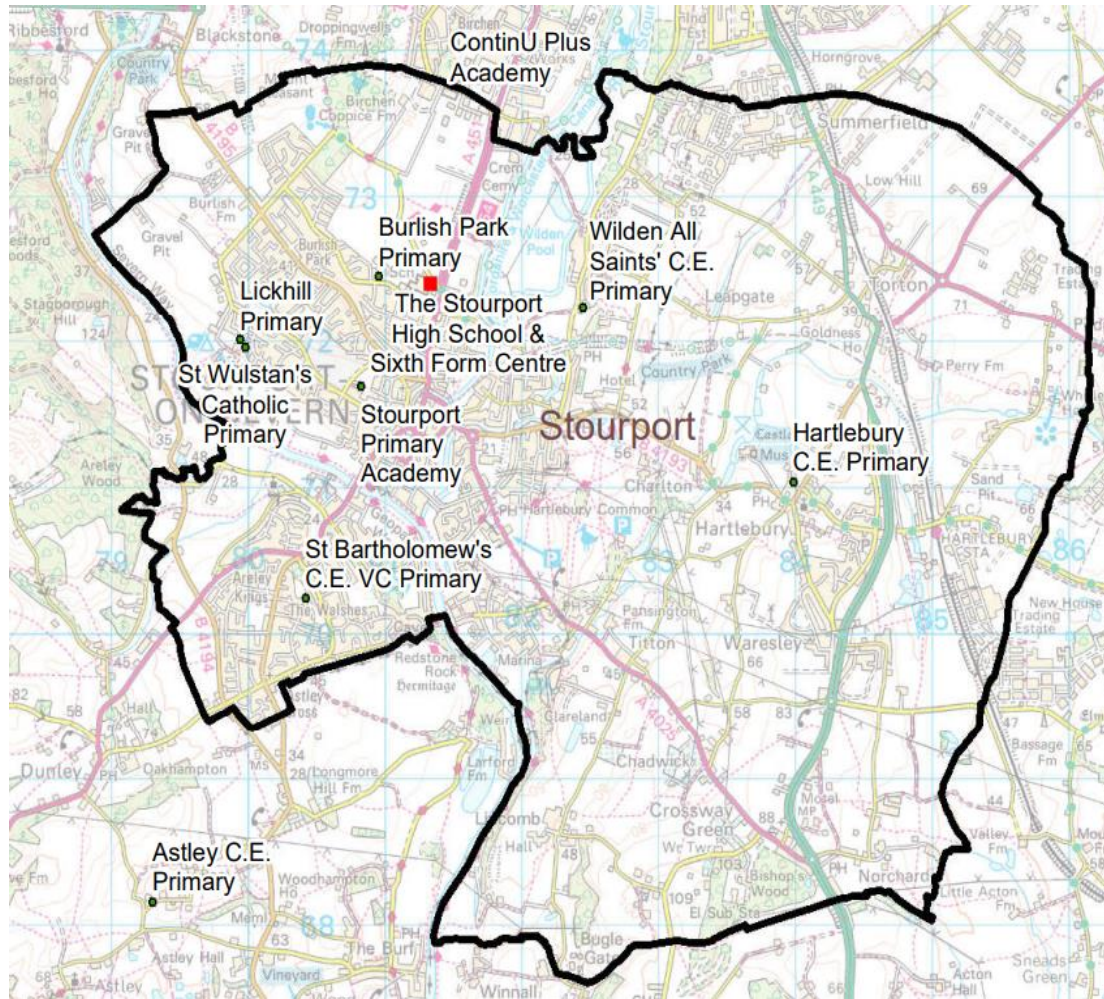
	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
PAN	270	270	270	270	270	270	270
Oct-19	246	266	264	256	272	250	229
Oct-20	217	245	263	263	262	274	252
Oct-21	220	227	244	259	269	262	274
Oct-22	224	218	216	247	257	263	259
Oct-23	206	223	214	212	247	249	257
Oct-24	172	204	217	212	212	251	239
Oct-25	187	173	200	215	214	211	248
Oct-26	171	188	170	199	218	213	209
Oct-27	174	172	184	168	200	217	210
Oct-28	167	175	168	183	170	199	214

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

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

Stourport Education Planning Area – Primary

Map 18 Stourport Education Planning Area



The Stourport Primary 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 (7) Primary Schools (Years R-6).

Primary school places are forecast to be in oversupply in Stourport Primary EPA

3% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Stourport, with 14% of schools deemed by Ofsted as 'Outstanding', with a further 71% deemed as 'Good'.

Birth rates have dropped from a peak of 249 in 2019 to near 190 in each year since.

Figure 34 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Stourport Primary EPA

PAN	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
PAN	275	275	275	275	275	275	275
Oct-19	226	233	241	245	246	246	212
Oct-20	240	229	233	241	243	242	244
Oct-21	210	245	226	230	245	239	240
Oct-22	186	220	246	225	234	244	237
Oct-23	194	191	223	249	230	239	242
Oct-24	170	191	199	217	252	235	234
Oct-25	191	181	201	205	228	260	240
Oct-26	188	202	190	206	215	235	264
Oct-27	198	196	209	193	213	220	237
Oct-28	198	205	202	211	199	217	221

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

The surplus places are spread across all the schools in the EPA and are forecast to continue. No individual school has continuing forecast numbers on roll of less than 50% of PAN, but St Wulstan's Catholic Primary's NOR is just over 50% of PAN. One or more primary schools in Stourport could consider reducing their PAN temporarily.

Housing

There are housing planning applications approved for c.500 dwellings over the next 3 years, which are forecast to generate additional primary pupils in the EPA. These additional pupils are included within figure 34. Although St Wulstan's Catholic Primary does not have a catchment, pupils have been allocated across the town in line with forecasts. The new dwellings are mainly in the catchment areas of St Bartholomew's CE VC Primary, Stourport Primary Academy and Burlish Park Primary.

Wyre Forest Secondary Education Planning Area

The Wyre Forest Secondary Education Planning Area is made up of the entirety of Wyre Forest District, apart from Blakedown, which although in the Wyre Forest district is included in the Hagley Education Planning Area.

The planning area is served by five (5) Secondary Schools (Years 7-13) and the Holy Trinity all-through school (Years R-13).

Secondary school places are forecast to be sufficient in Wyre Forest Secondary EPA but will become insufficient once local large housing developments are close to completion.

Figure 35 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Wyre Forest Secondary EPA

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13	Total
PAN	1170	1170	1170	1170	1170	1170	1170	1093	1093	1093	1093	1093			
Oct-19	1053	1061	1098	1081	1086	1082	993	1017	995	873	883	840	278	206	12546
Oct-20	1047	1043	1054	1098	1093	1078	1086	929	989	909	824	805	302	247	12504
Oct-21	976	1060	1042	1055	1112	1087	1077	999	926	982	946	849	329	277	12717
Oct-22	973	990	1055	1044	1066	1105	1091	1029	988	921	981	931	278	263	12715
Oct-23	908	984	997	1076	1060	1068	1097	1001	1006	975	893	948	302	256	12571
Oct-24	821	928	992	1003	1094	1072	1056	996	982	984	949	873	289	276	12315
Oct-25	920	861	943	1012	1031	1107	1084	990	991	967	981	936	305	267	12396
Oct-26	875	939	872	959	1036	1040	1115	1013	982	972	961	963	326	278	12331
Oct-27	881	889	945	882	976	1040	1042	1037	1000	959	962	940	334	293	12180
Oct-28	873	894	893	954	897	979	1041	969	1023	976	948	940	325	299	12011
Oct-29		882	895	898	967	896	977	965	953	996	962	923	324	289	N/A
Oct-30			888	906	917	972	900	910	954	933	986	941	320	292	N/A
Oct-31				900	924	922	976	840	900	933	924	965	326	289	N/A

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

Housing

Lea Castle Phase 1 (600 dwellings) is almost complete. Phase 2 (800 dwellings) is delayed pending signing of the S106 Education Planning Obligations agreement for the developer's contributions. The new dwellings are forecast to yield an additional 23 secondary age pupils per year group by 2029 and 39 by 2033 based on the latest construction timetable supplied to WCC.

Phase 1 of Lea Castle housing development necessitated a permanent increase of the PAN at Wolverley CE Secondary School from 150 to 180 from 2023. We may need to consider a further increase of PAN to 210 when Phase 2 is approved, to mitigate the impact of the need for additional secondary school places from the new housing, though this will be beyond 2029 .

The Kidderminster East development (1340 dwellings) is expected to start in 2026 and complete in 2039. Together with the Lea Castle housing, the dwellings are forecast to yield additional secondary age pupils that will exceed available places in Wyre Forest by 2038.

- Holy Trinity does not operate a catchment but frequently fills to PAN.
- Parental preferences have, on average, diverted pupils towards Wolverley CE Secondary and away from Baxter College.
- There are also strong preferences of Kidderminster parents for secondary schools in Stourport and Bewdley,
- Across the Wyre Forest District there are sufficient places for the next 4 years.

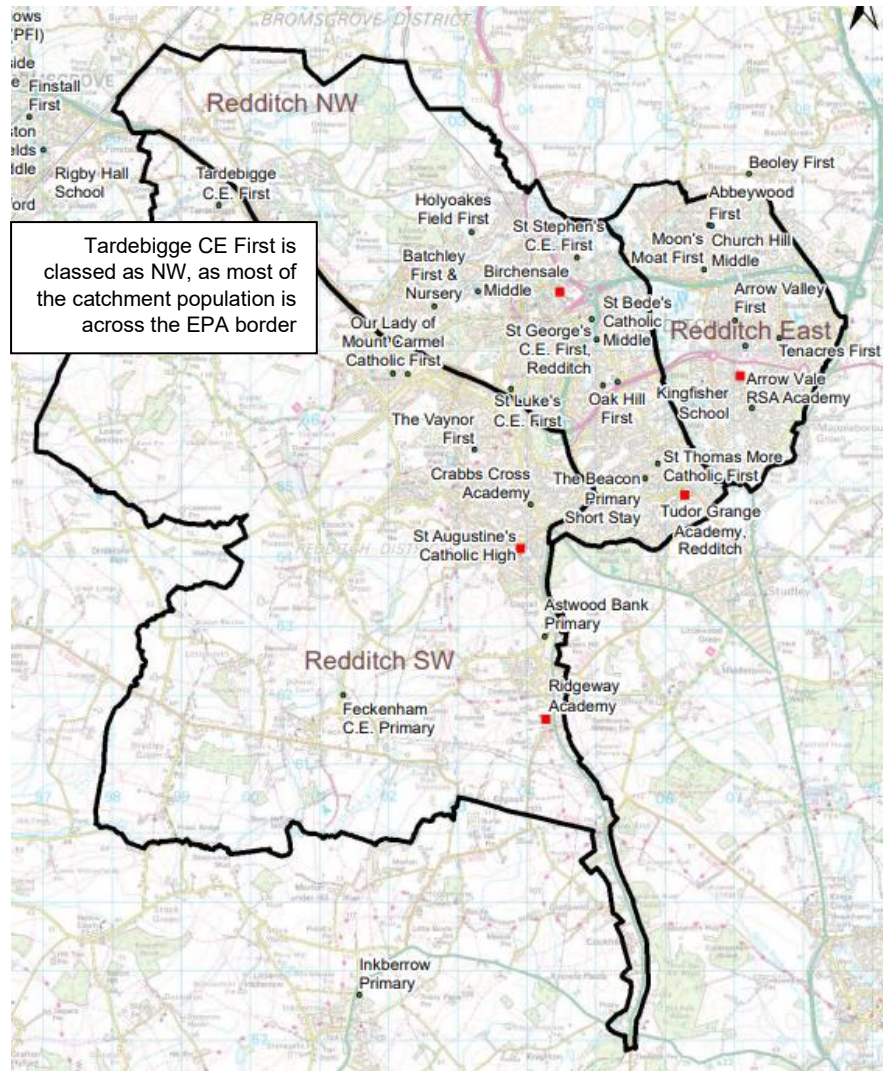
Sixth form

Figure 36 – Sixth Form Summary for Wyre Forest Secondary EPA

School	Ofsted	PAN	Yr 12 NOR 2024	Yr 13 NOR 2024	Stay-On Rate Yr 12 (avg)	Stay-On Rate Yr 13 (avg from Yr 11)	Combined NOR 2024	Capacity
Baxter College	Good	180	35	42	32%	29%	77	216
Wolverley CE Secondary	Good	180	45	29	26%	19%	74	118
King Charles I High	Good	224	61	55	36%	30%	225	316
Holy Trinity School	Good	75	15	12	39%	44%	27	100
The Bewdley School	Good	180	42	50	34%	31%	92	120
The Stourport School	Good	254	91	88	44%	38%	179	250

Redditch District

Map 19 Education Planning Areas in Redditch District



The Redditch Education Planning Areas are made up of the town of Redditch and the immediate surrounding areas. The areas encompass Redditch District Council but also cover a small area of the Bromsgrove and Wychavon Districts.

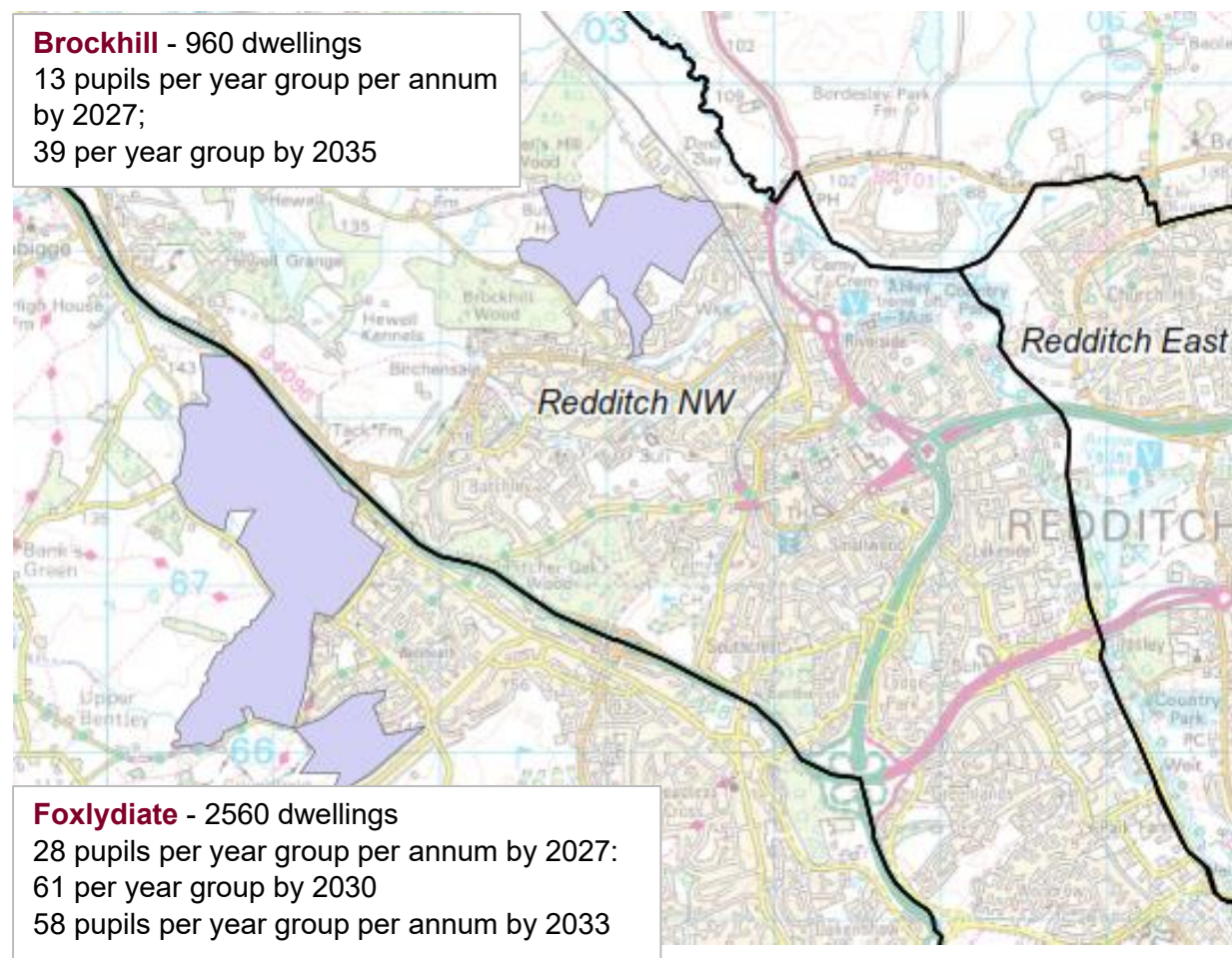
The planning areas are served by

- 18 First Schools (Years R-4),
- Two (2) Primary Schools (Years R-6),
- Six (6) Middle schools (Years 5-8),
- Three (3) High Schools (Years 9-13) and
- One (1) Secondary School (Years 7-13).

These are grouped into 3 First/Primary EPAs, 3 Middle EPAs and 1 Secondary EPA.

Housing

Figure 36 – Large Housing Developments in Redditch



Redditch Northwest (NW) First Education Planning Area

The planning area is served by 9 First Schools (Years R-4). Note that Tardebigge CE First School site is south of the Bromsgrove Highway, but its catchment area falls mostly across the northern side of the highway and the school is therefore treated as within the Redditch Northwest (NW) EPA.

8% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Redditch NW EPA, with 56% of schools deemed by Ofsted as 'Good' and 11% inspected during 2024/25 with no overall judgement issued but Quality of education rated 'Good'.

First School places are forecast to be sufficient in Redditch Northwest (NW) EPA but will become insufficient once local large housing developments are close to completion.

Housing

The Brockhill housing development is to the north-west of Redditch. Brockhill is due to be built out to 960 dwellings by 2036, with 325 completed by 2026. This is forecast to increase demand for places at first schools in NW Redditch by 28 places per year group in 2027. The forecast below includes this growth. Growth is forecast to require the provision of additional places by 2030.

Figure 37 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Redditch NW First and Middle EPAs

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8
PAN	435	435	435	435	435	490	490	490	490
Oct-19	432	413	387	420	420	456	444	416	435
Oct-20	373	433	402	387	410	466	463	435	417
Oct-21	373	390	433	405	382	468	464	459	438
Oct-22	363	388	389	435	407	430	472	465	456
Oct-23	398	367	386	400	429	461	426	466	463
Oct-24	352	392	363	383	394	444	455	402	452
Oct-25	403	358	388	365	378	437	444	446	399
Oct-26	378	410	355	391	361	420	437	435	443
Oct-27	403	384	406	357	386	400	419	428	433
Oct-28	346	410	381	409	353	428	400	411	426
Oct-29		352	407	383	404	391	428	392	409

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

In September 2024 Holyoakes Field First School (PAN 60) was oversubscribed but with only 45 of the first preference applications coming from in-catchment resident children. With high numbers of known children in the area, increasing due to the new housing on the Brockhill development, many applications spread southwards through Redditch.

The EPA as a whole has sufficient places, but St Stephen's First and Holyoakes Field First are forecast to have more applications than PAN frequently in the years 2025-2028. In the previous 5 years, an average of 85 pupils from Redditch NW attended schools in Redditch SW, where some are within 2 miles walking distance.

The new site of Holyoakes Field First School has sufficient land to support an expansion by 1 form of entry, from 60 places to 90. We will monitor the numbers of additional first school aged pupils to determine when and if the additional places are required.

Redditch Southwest (SW) First & Primary Education Planning Area

The planning area is served by three (3) First Schools (Years R-4) and three (3) Primary Schools (Years R-6).

4% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Redditch SW EPA, 100% of schools deemed by Ofsted as 'Good'.

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

Housing

The Foxlydiate housing development is to the west of Redditch. Foxlydiate will be built out to 2,560 dwellings by 2037 (based on the latest construction timetable supplied to WCC). Combined with the Brockhill development, this equates to 27 more pupils per year group by 2027 and 65 more by 2030¹⁰

The Foxlydiate housing development sits within the Bromsgrove District Council boundary yet borders Redditch District Council. The new housing development sits within the catchment areas of Tardebigge First School, Birchensale Middle School and Trinity High School and Sixth Form. We would therefore expect the majority of pupils from the new housing to choose to transition into those Middle and High schools in whose catchment areas their home is located.

In October 2023, Cabinet approved a new 3FE (90 places per year group) First school with nursery to be delivered on the Foxlydiate site. This is currently planned to open in 2028 to accommodate the additional pupils from these housing developments. This delivery of additional first school provision is in line with the preferences of parents in Redditch.

The demand for any additional places can be met by the other First and Primary Schools in the Redditch SW area.

¹⁰ This excludes pupils living in new houses already completed on these developments, as they will already be enrolled at a school.

Figure 38 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Redditch SW First EPA

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8
PAN	330	330	330	330	330	288	288	288	288
Oct-19	320	326	336	357	345	313	281	235	260
Oct-20	346	323	330	334	355	309	309	193	231
Oct-21	331	342	322	317	331	327	307	223	195
Oct-22	321	330	343	321	310	294	331	241	212
Oct-23	319	314	329	337	320	280	297	258	232
Oct-24	304	322	316	329	332	287	285	238	279
Oct-25	279	303	323	312	325	299	288	215	237
Oct-26	319	283	308	323	313	297	305	220	218
Oct-27	309	324	290	311	326	288	305	234	225
Oct-28	345	316	334	295	316	301	297	235	240
Oct-29		352	325	337	299	292	311	229	241

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

The known children per year group in southwest Redditch are currently between 220 and 240. The forecast above includes numbers of pupils resident in the northwest Redditch EPA. Since only Batchley, Webheath and Our Lady of Mount Carmel are within a 2-mile safe walking route of the Foxlydiate development, the analysis right is a more detailed look at reception provision.

Despite the Foxlydiate housing being within the Tardebigge CE First School catchment, the previously mentioned first schools are closer. There are sufficient first school places within walking distance of the new Foxlydiate housing development until after 2028. The equivalent table in the 2024 mainstream sufficiency report included additional pupils from the Brockhill housing development. Some of these may apply to these schools, but not all.

Figure 39 Combined Forecast Schools within 2 miles of Foxlydiate 2025-2028

Schools	PAN	2025	2026	2027	2028
Tardebigge	30	30	30	30	28
Webheath	60	37	53	42	52
Batchley	60	44	47	43	39
Our Lady of Mt Carmel	60	58	56	54	50
Predicted pupils per year group from new housing		2	9	18	28
TOTAL	210	171	295	187	197
Places available		39	15	23	13

Redditch East First Education Planning Area

The Education Planning Area is served by five (5) First Schools

4% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Redditch East EPA, with 100% of schools deemed by Ofsted as 'Good'.

First School places are forecast to be sufficient in Eastern Redditch

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

Figure 40 – Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Redditch East First EPA

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8
PAN	300	300	315	315	315	270	240	300**	240
Oct-19	235	260	242	305	234	241	238	229	244
Oct-20	273	239	265	244	307	248	236	236	233
Oct-21	209	267	240	263	244	299	249	238	230
Oct-22	235	216	268	249	268	254	301	250	245
Oct-23	237	230	216	262	252	271	258	299	251
Oct-24	208	249	235	218	264	274	268	254	296
Oct-25	248	213	254	239	223	276	276	269	257
Oct-26	244	253	217	257	242	232	277	276	271
Oct-27	227	249	257	219	261	252	233	277	279
Oct-28	245	231	253	260	223	271	254	233	279
Oct-29		247	234	254	262	230	271	253	234

*Yellow cells have numbers on roll at or above 95% of PAN, orange cells have numbers on roll at or above 98% of PAN and blue cells less than 75% of PAN. Due to bulge year groups the PAN for middle in some years is higher than 240. **Both middle schools had bulge year groups for this cohort.

Redditch Southwest (SW) Middle Education Planning Area

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

- The only middle school is Walkwood Academy.
- There is also Ridgeway Secondary School, with a year 7 and year 8.
- Some Year 7 pupils choose to attend Studley High, a secondary school just outside the county, in Warwickshire.
- These trends also involve a high transfer of pupils between southwest and northwest Redditch.
- All three of Redditch’s primary schools are in this EPA, with a combined capacity of 135 places in both year 5 and year 6.

The following table starts with the forecast for the whole EPA and then strips out primary and secondary schools leaving just the forecast for the middle school.

Figure 41 – Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Redditch SW Middle EPA

Whole EPA	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Middle School Only	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8
Oct-19	313	281	235	260	PAN 168	170	165	169	190
Oct-20	309	309	193	231		167	162	158	171
Oct-21	327	307	223	195		168	165	155	160
Oct-22	294	331	241	212		168	168	168	150
Oct-23	280	297	258	232		166	166	166	167
Oct-24	287	285	238	279		165	167	170	169
Oct-25	299	288	215	237		169	164	107	170
Oct-26	297	305	220	218		173	171	120	112
Oct-27	288	305	234	225		167	177	132	127
Oct-28	301	297	235	240		185	172	137	140
Oct-29	292	311	229	241		162	195	129	143
Oct-30	275	298	238	233		155	168	138	133
Oct-31	310	281	229	242		175	161	129	142
Oct-32	301	317	216	232		167	182	116	132

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

Redditch Northwest (NW) Middle Education Planning Area

Middle School places are forecast to be sufficient in Northwest (NW) Redditch

- Trends in table 38 (for Redditch NW First EPA above) show that Walkwood Middle School (Redditch SW) and St Bede's Middle School attract many pupils whose catchments or feeder middle schools would be Woodfield Academy or Birchensale Middle School.
- There is an even bigger parental preference towards Church Hill and Ipsley RSA Academies in Redditch East - on average 45 pupils per year group attended these schools from the rest of Redditch.

Housing

The Foxlydiate housing development is to the west of Redditch. Foxlydiate is planned to be built out to 2,560 dwellings by 2037, which is forecast to yield more middle school aged children by 2030. The development sits within the catchment area of Birchensale Middle School and we would therefore expect the majority of pupils from the new housing to attend this Middle school, however as it is currently deemed "Inadequate" by Ofsted, families may apply to St Bede's, Walkwood or the Redditch East Middle schools, (or transfer directly to secondary schools if they choose to attend adjacent primary schools.)

In 2023 in consultation with Birchensale Middle School and Bordesley MAT Trust, an agreement was made for Birchensale to expand by 1FE (30 places) and take an additional bulge year group into Year 5 in September 2024, in response to an increased demand for places from housing growth expected at the time. Delays in housing construction have meant fewer additional pupils than originally forecast, and this combined with higher than average transfers to Redditch East Middle schools for September 2024 (see next section) have left surplus places at Birchensale Middle School in the short term

Redditch East Middle Education Planning Area

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

In Eastern Redditch, RSA Church Hill and Ipsley Middle Schools accommodated bulge year groups in September 2021 into Year 5. Those pupils are now in Year 9 and have transferred to high schools. Table 40 above shows that there were high pupil numbers in the cohorts starting year 5 in 2023 and again in 2025. The additional accommodation provided for the 2021 bulge year group at Church Hill Middle School is being used again in 2025 with the agreement of the school and Central Region Schools Trust.

Church Hill Middle admitted over PAN in 2024, for a higher than usual number of applications from western Redditch, another factor contributing to a high number of surplus places in Birchensale Middle School in Redditch NW.

As mentioned in the Redditch SW Middle EPA above, an average of 45 pupils per year group attending these middle schools are resident in the western Redditch planning areas.

The number of pupils currently on roll in Redditch East feeder first schools appears to require a further bulge year in 2028 but these pupils could easily be accommodated across other middle schools in Redditch instead.

Redditch High Education Planning Area

There are 5 high schools in Redditch, of which 40% are deemed by Ofsted as Outstanding and 40% are Good.

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

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

Figure 42 – Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Redditch High EPA

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13	Total
PAN	1065	1065	1065	1065	1065	1033	1033	1018	1018	1027	1027	1027			
Oct-19	987	999	965	1082	999	1010	963	880	939	864	824	818	342	259	11931
Oct-20	992	995	997	965	1072	1023	1008	864	881	933	864	811	374	307	12086
Oct-21	913	999	995	985	957	1094	1020	920	863	892	925	853	328	348	12092
Oct-22	919	934	1000	1005	985	978	1104	956	913	861	886	901	370	289	12101
Oct-23	954	911	931	999	1001	1012	981	1023	946	906	856	880	361	320	12081
Oct-24	864	963	914	930	990	1005	1008	894	1027	931	882	825	373	323	11929
Oct-25	947	871	963	913	925	1010	1006	924	892	1023	922	865	350	334	11944
Oct-26	937	957	873	965	911	945	1013	924	924	890	1016	906	368	315	11944
Oct-27	941	950	962	878	964	934	951	933	926	925	886	1000	386	332	11968
Oct-28	910	954	955	967	878	989	940	876	934	926	920	873	426	349	11896
Oct-29		919	963	964	976	886	998	863	884	943	935	928	881	430	N/A
Oct-30			921	965	961	998	890	917	863	883	936	919	395	789	N/A
Oct-31				924	962	983	1002	818	917	862	877	920	391	355	N/A

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

There is a strong parental preference for Trinity and St Augustine’s High Schools, which are usually over-subscribed, whilst Tudor Grange Academy and Ridgeway Academy have surplus places.

In September 2025, the peak cohort in Year 9 was bigger than current PANs of the high schools. Tudor Grange Academy Redditch took over PAN, but as can be seen in Figure 42 above, the future year groups are forecast to be smaller.

A secondary school just over the county border in Warwickshire which is rated 'Outstanding' attracts pupils from the three Redditch primary schools (Astwood Bank, Webheath and Feckenham), which would otherwise feed into Ridgeway Academy.

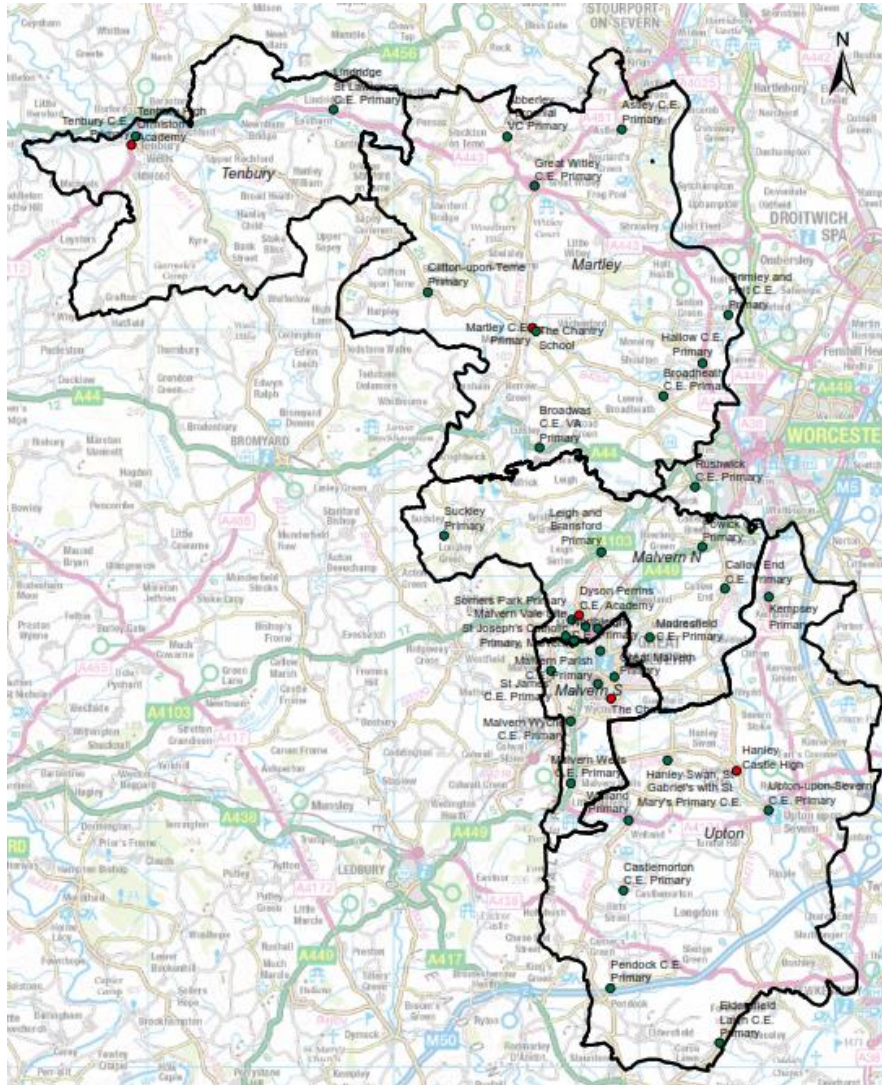
Sixth Form

Figure 43 – Sixth Form Summary for Redditch High EPA

School	Ofsted	PAN	Yr 12 NOR 2024	Yr 13 NOR 2024	Stay-On Rate Yr 12 (avg)	Stay-On Rate Yr 13 (avg from Yr 11)	Combined NOR 2024	Capacity
Arrow Vale RSA Academy	Outstanding	224	83	74	37%	34%	157	300
Tudor Grange Academy	Good	180	36	21	40%	32%	57	280
Trinity High	Good	252	106	108	42%	38%	214	251
St Augustine's Catholic High	Outstanding	235	148	120	61%	56%	268	300

Malvern Hills District

Map 20 Education Planning Areas in Malvern Hills District



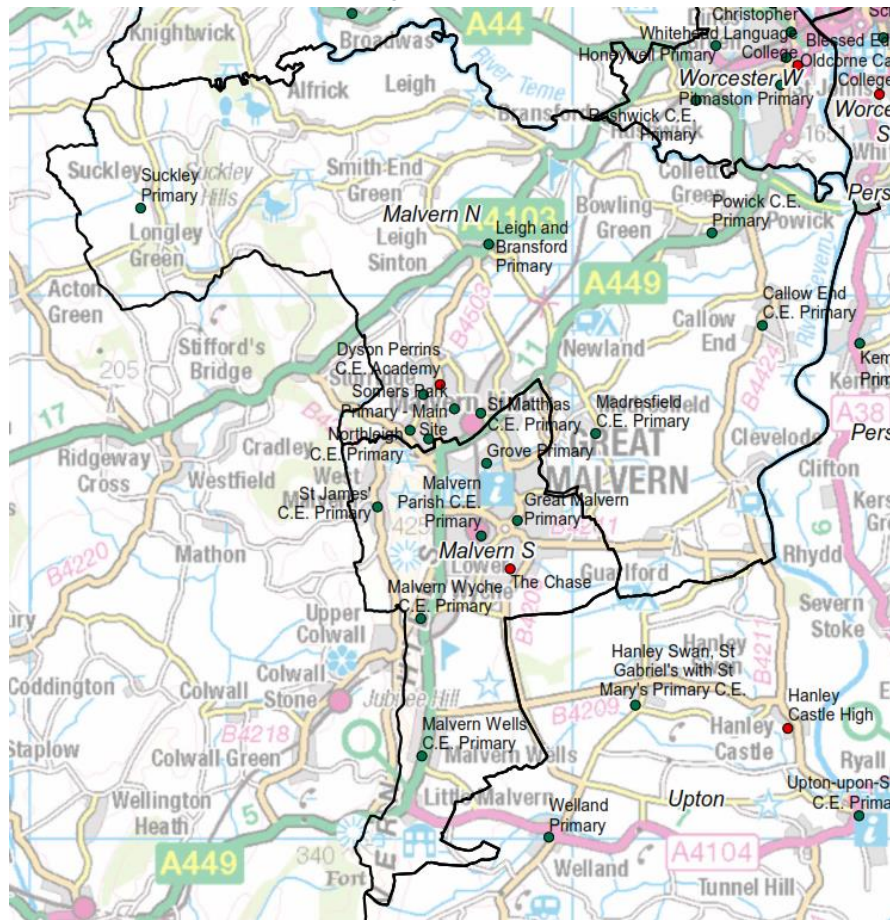
The Malvern Hills District consists of 5 EPAs:

- Malvern North,
- Malvern South,
- Martley
- Tenbury and.
- Upton

They are all 2 tier (primary / secondary).

Malvern Education Planning Area

Map 21 Malvern Education Planning Areas



The Malvern Education Planning Area comprises 2 primary EPAs and 1 secondary EPA. The area is centred around Malvern town but includes Suckley to the west and up to the Severn to the east. The entirety of the area sits within the Malvern Hills District.

The planning area is served by

- 15 Primary Schools (Years R-6),
- A Secondary School with a 6th form (Years 7-13) and
- A Secondary School without a 6th form (Years 7-11).

Malvern North Primary Education Planning Area

The Malvern North Primary EPA is made up of the northern end of Malvern and the surrounding rural area. The entirety of the area sits within the District Council of Malvern Hills.

The planning area is served by ten (10) Primary Schools (Years R-6).

4% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Malvern North EPA, with 27% of schools deemed by Ofsted as 'Outstanding' and the remaining 73% deemed as 'Good'

There are sufficient Primary School places in Malvern North Primary EPA.

Figure 44 – Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Malvern North Primary EPA

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
PAN	290	295	295	310	310	310	310
Oct-19	232	242	234	240	234	222	237
Oct-20	201	233	243	226	234	232	217
Oct-21	237	207	234	248	228	230	240
Oct-22	220	248	216	244	255	229	240
Oct-23	215	218	247	215	247	248	223
Oct-24	207	219	218	247	225	248	244
Oct-25	210	211	221	219	251	223	249
Oct-26	229	214	213	222	222	248	224
Oct-27	239	234	216	214	225	220	249
Oct-28	239	243	236	217	217	223	221

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

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

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

In previous years there was a local oversupply of places in the northern end of Malvern town, but there have been reductions of PAN in 2 primary schools and 2 more primary schools in Malvern South EPA. The completion of houses on the Newlands housing site is expected to increase demand for places.

Housing

The expansion of Somers Park Primary School on the satellite site of Malvern Vale was delivered in 2019 to prepare for new families expected to move into the Newlands housing development (800 dwellings) around that time. However, the development did not receive planning permission until 2024 and construction is currently expected to commence only from 2029. This example illustrates some of the difficulties in ensuring delivery of the right number of additional places at the right time to meet demands from housing growth. Early delivery can result in surplus capacity if housing completions are delayed, whereas postponed delivery can result in pressure on capacity if occupations start earlier than indicated.

Figure 45 – Comparison of Known Children to PAN of Malvern Town Primary Schools

School	PAN	NOR 2025	2025	2026	2027	2028
Suckley CE	12		5	11	11	5
Callow End	15		10	6	11	5
Powick CE	30		21	21	24	22
Leigh & Bransford CE	30		26	17	13	20
St Matthias CE	30		65	66	61	55
Somers Park**	88		-	-	-	-
St Joseph's RC**	30		-	-	-	-
Northleigh CE	30		5	6	5	11
Madresfield CE	15		2	3	4	1
St James CE	10		6	9	1	9
Shared North Catchments			35	43	46	45
Sub-total	290		175	182	176	170
Forecast pupils from approved housing			6	10	14	18
Surplus places after housing			109	98	100	102
South to North preferences			-32	-32	-32	-32
Surplus Places			77	66	68	70

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

Although primary schools in Malvern Town have an oversupply of places, Suckley CE Primary School, in a rural village to the north of the town is frequently oversubscribed. Since the known children numbers for this school are less than PAN (apart from one peak year), the extra demand for places is not from the local catchment but from the town catchment areas and outside the county.

Figure 46 – Known children by year of arrival in reception in Malvern Rural Primary Schools 2023-2026

School	Ofsted	PAN	2025	2026	2027	2028
Suckley	Outstanding	12	13	5	11	11

Malvern South Primary Education Planning Area

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

3% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Malvern South EPA, with 80% of schools deemed by Ofsted as 'Good'.

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

The analysis in figure 48 includes recent trends of 30 pupils per year who are resident in Malvern South but attend schools in the northern end of Malvern town.

The Grove Primary school reduced its PAN from 45 to 30 from September 2021 and from 30 to 15 from September 2024.

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

Figure 47 – Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Malvern South Primary EPA

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
PAN	128	128	128	128	128	128	128
Oct-19	116	138	137	140	157	148	162
Oct-20	115	121	139	142	139	154	145
Oct-21	136	117	125	144	148	144	149
Oct-22	135	138	115	124	141	148	149
Oct-23	125	127	139	113	123	143	151
Oct-24	117	130	130	143	123	127	143
Oct-25	101	118	131	132	146	125	127
Oct-26	109	102	120	134	135	148	125
Oct-27	100	111	104	123	137	137	149
Oct-28	113	102	114	107	127	140	139

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

Housing

Additional pupils from housing growth are expected; there are 80 dwellings still to be built near Malvern Parish CE Primary School, with another 260 proposed but not approved. In total these dwellings are forecast to add 10 pupils per year group per year by 2026, based on the planned construction timetable.

Figure 48 – Comparison of Known Children to PAN of Malvern Town Primary Schools

School	PAN	NOR 2025	2025	2026	2027	2028
Grove	15		13	15	9	8
Great Malvern	48		0	0	2	0
Malvern Parish	30		11	16	18	17
Wyche CE	20		10	9	6	8
Malvern Wells CE	15		7	6	17	12
Shared South Catchments			99	91	82	97
Sub-total	128		140	137	134	142
Forecast pupils from approved housing growth			3	4	4	4
Available places after housing			-15	-13	-10	-18
South to North preferences			32	32	32	32
After South to North Preferences adjustment*			17	19	22	14

Malvern Secondary Education Planning Area

The Malvern Secondary EPA is made up of the town of Malvern and the surrounding rural area to the north and east. The entirety of the area sits within the District Council of Malvern Hills. The planning area is served by 17 Primary Schools (Years R-6) and two (2) secondary schools (Years 7-11), of which one, The Chase, has a sixth form. The Chase is in the south end of Malvern whilst Dyson Perrins CE Academy is in the north, though all the pupils within Malvern North and Malvern South EPAs feed into both schools.

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

The two Malvern secondary schools share the entire planning area and have forecast sufficient capacity for all secondary age children. There is a preference in applications for The Chase over Dyson Perrins CE Academy. There is also a strong preference for pupils living in the south of Malvern to attend Hanley Castle High School in the Upton planning area, however there is a possibility in 2028 of more than the combined PAN applying for year 7 places.

The school forecast for The Chase below is capped at the school PAN, but the EPA forecast is not, therefore the total for the school is different to that of the EPA.

Figure 49 – Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Malvern Secondary EPA

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13	Total
PAN	423	423	423	423	423	423	423	408	408	408	408	408			
Oct-19	348	380	371	380	391	370	399	333	331	329	349	324	148	165	4618
Oct-20	316	354	382	368	373	386	362	370	328	326	333	343	130	137	4508
Oct-21	373	324	359	392	376	374	389	352	377	330	329	325	154	124	4578
Oct-22	355	386	331	368	396	377	389	379	358	373	332	320	132	136	4632
Oct-23	340	345	386	328	370	391	374	386	371	358	375	328	93	127	4572
Oct-24	324	349	348	390	348	375	387	358	384	373	367	368	103	88	4562
Oct-25	318	337	361	359	405	356	384	380	364	389	384	366	139	102	4645
Oct-26	361	330	347	371	372	411	363	376	385	369	399	382	138	135	4738
Oct-27	354	371	338	355	382	376	416	354	379	388	377	395	144	133	4762
Oct-28	370	365	380	347	367	387	382	406	358	382	396	374	149	138	4801
Oct-29		372	364	381	345	363	385	379	414	361	389	387	132	133	N/A
Oct-30			380	372	390	349	370	388	379	414	366	382	144	124	N/A
Oct-31				389	381	395	356	372	388	378	419	359	142	135	N/A

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

Figure 50– Forecast for Year 7 Malvern Secondary Schools 2025-2028

School	Ofsted	PAN	2025	2026	2027	2028
Dyson Perrins CE Academy	Good	168	131	127	120	132
The Chase	Good	240	240	240	240	240

Housing

The Housing developments mentioned in north and south Malvern Primary EPAs are expected to yield additional primary aged pupils who will eventually attend the secondary schools in Malvern. This housing is expected also to yield secondary aged pupils, but of lower numbers and we do not forecast a significant impact during the first 5 years of construction.

Sixth Form

Figure 51 – Sixth Form Summary Malvern Secondary EPA

School	Ofsted	PAN	Yr 12 NOR 2024	Yr 13 NOR 2024	Stay-On Rate Yr 12 (avg)	Stay-On Rate Yr 13 (avg from Yr 11)	Combined NOR 2024	Capacity
The Chase	Good	240	103	88	62%	62%	191	350

Upton Education Planning Area

Map 22 Upton Education Planning Area



The Upton Education Planning Area is located in the southwest of Worcestershire and is predominantly made up of the town of Upton-upon-Severn and Kempsey and the surrounding rural towns and villages. The area sits entirely within the District Council of Malvern Hills.

The planning area is served by seven (7) Primary Schools (Years R-6), and one (1) Secondary School (Years 7-13).

Upton - Primary

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

3% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Upton EPA, with 100% of schools deemed by Ofsted as 'Good'.

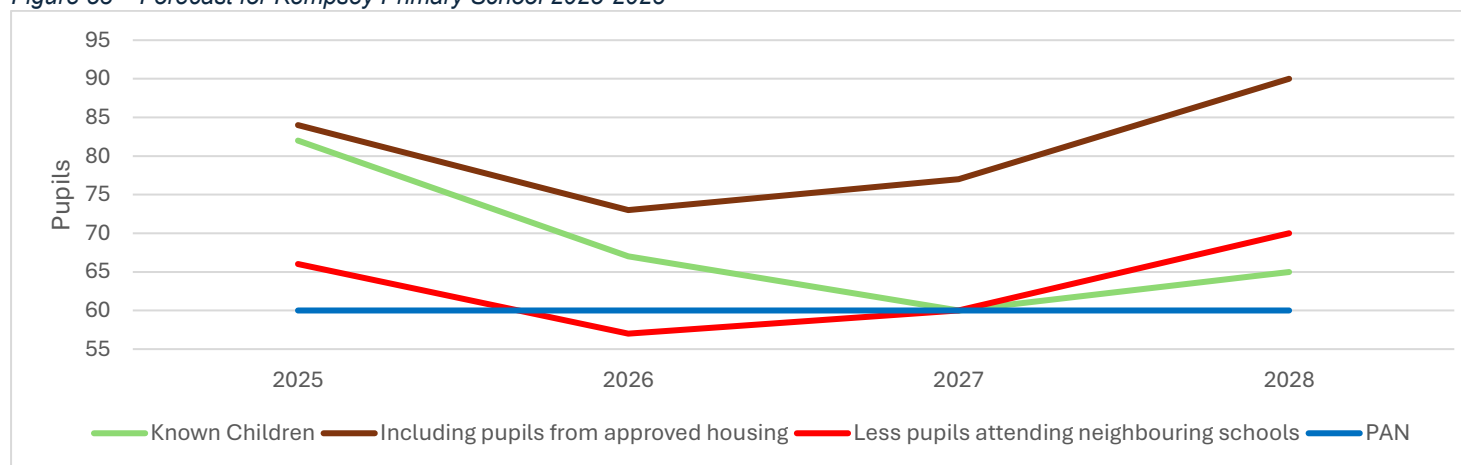
Figure 52- Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Upton Primary and Secondary EPA

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13	Total
PAN	173	173	173	173	173	173	173	180	180	180	180	180			
Oct-19	153	132	143	142	143	153	138	178	180	174	166	168	115	99	2084
Oct-20	162	153	136	143	140	145	151	178	178	178	170	165	95	110	2104
Oct-21	142	162	157	142	145	147	148	184	180	175	171	166	114	91	2124
Oct-22	137	140	164	155	146	149	148	183	186	174	177	173	103	114	2149
Oct-23	138	134	140	158	154	150	143	185	184	185	173	169	98	100	2111
Oct-24	138	138	135	136	152	151	154	185	186	182	184	169	96	94	2100
Oct-25	165	138	142	136	137	157	152	195	187	184	181	182	102	94	2153
Oct-26	155	164	141	141	135	140	157	192	196	184	182	178	110	99	2172
Oct-27	163	159	172	145	146	144	146	203	198	198	187	183	110	111	2265
Oct-28	181	170	170	179	153	157	152	191	210	201	202	190	114	112	2380
Oct-29		186	179	175	184	162	163	197	197	212	203	203	117	116	N/A
Oct-30			190	179	175	189	163	209	202	198	213	203	124	117	N/A
Oct-31				189	179	179	190	214	214	202	198	212	124	124	N/A

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

There are forecast to be insufficient Primary School places in Kempsey as a result of the proposed South Worcester Urban Expansion (SWUE) housing and developments around the village of Kempsey (see Housing section below) . On average 22% of children resident in the Kempsey catchment attend neighbouring primary schools. There was a high known children year due to arrive in reception in 2025, and in the September 2025 admissions round 5 children resident within the catchment were refused places. After factoring in additional pupils from new housing and travel to neighbouring schools there are more pupils than can be accommodated at Kempsey Primary School.

Figure 53 – Forecast for Kempsey Primary School 2025-2028



Due to the nature of this planning area with Kempsey Primary School being 6 miles away from its nearest neighbour school in the planning area, the other schools in Upton Primary EPA are forecast to have sufficient places.

Housing

Major housing in South Worcester (Hopfields) totalling circa 2400 homes up to 2037 is planned. The SWUE housing development lies in the Kempsey Primary school catchment area. The first phase of the development (238 dwellings) is complete. The Section 106 Education Planning Obligations agreement was signed on 17th October 2022 and includes the requirement for the funding by the developer of a new 2FE Primary School with nursery, to be located within the development.

1000+ new dwellings are expected to be delivered up to 2032 (based on latest information available), with a forecast yield of additional 22 primary pupils by 2028. based on the latest construction timetable known to WCC.

The existing schools within 2 miles of the housing developments can mitigate some of the additional forecast pupils per year group until 2028, however after this some pupils would have to be offered school places further than 2 miles from home, therefore incurring transport costs for the LA.

Upton - Secondary

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

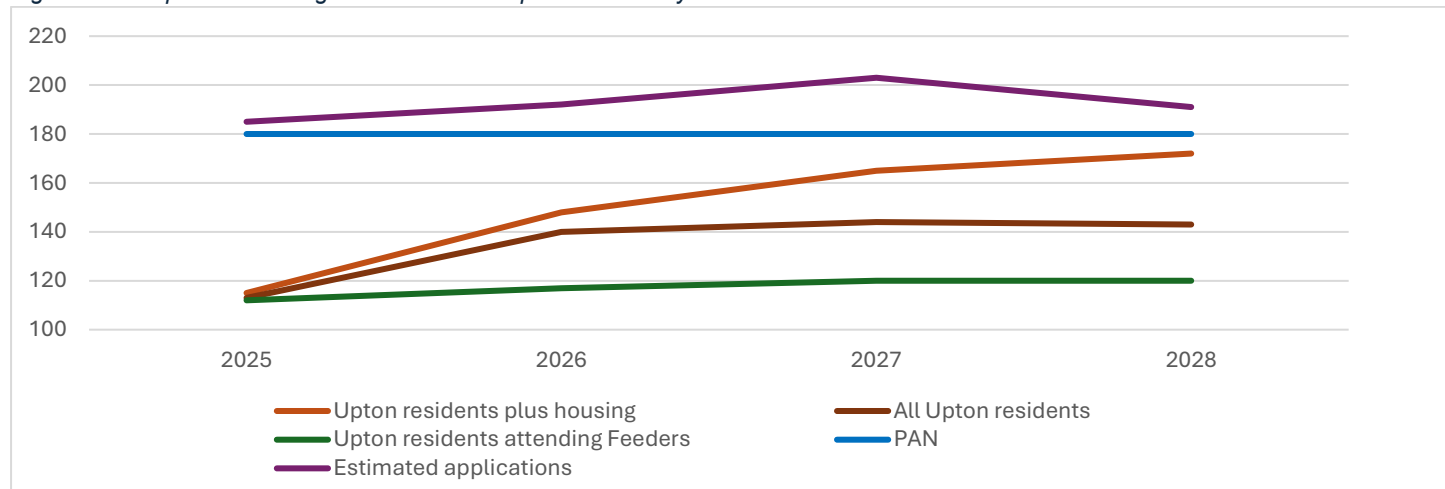
Over the last 5 years, 30% of the intake for Hanley Castle High School (or 47 pupils per year) travel from either Malvern or from outside the county. There are forecast to be sufficient spaces for students resident within the school's catchment area. Figure 54 shows that Hanley Castle is likely to remain full until 2029, after which the school is likely to require an expansion.

Housing

1000+ new dwellings in the South Worcestershire Urban Expansion are expected to be delivered up to 2030, with a calculated yield of 17 additional year 7 pupils by 2028. This is based on a secondary age pupil yield of 4 pupils per 100 dwellings, though evidence from other housing developments in Worcestershire (and nationally) has shown this yield is on average only reached 7 years after construction begins. Adjusting the forecast yield accordingly suggests an additional 15 year 7 pupils by 2030.

The largest estimated number of applications for Year 7 for Hanley Castle High School is in 2027 with 210 pupils, including the forecast impact of local housing growth. The graph below shows that this Upton residents attending primary schools outside the catchment plus non-residents. There will, however, be sufficient capacity for pupils resident in the Upton EPA. Any students applying from Malvern EPA will find a place at one of the Malvern high schools. The purple line below is indicative of the number of applicants.

Figure 54 – Impact of housing on Forecast for Upton Secondary EPA 2025-2028



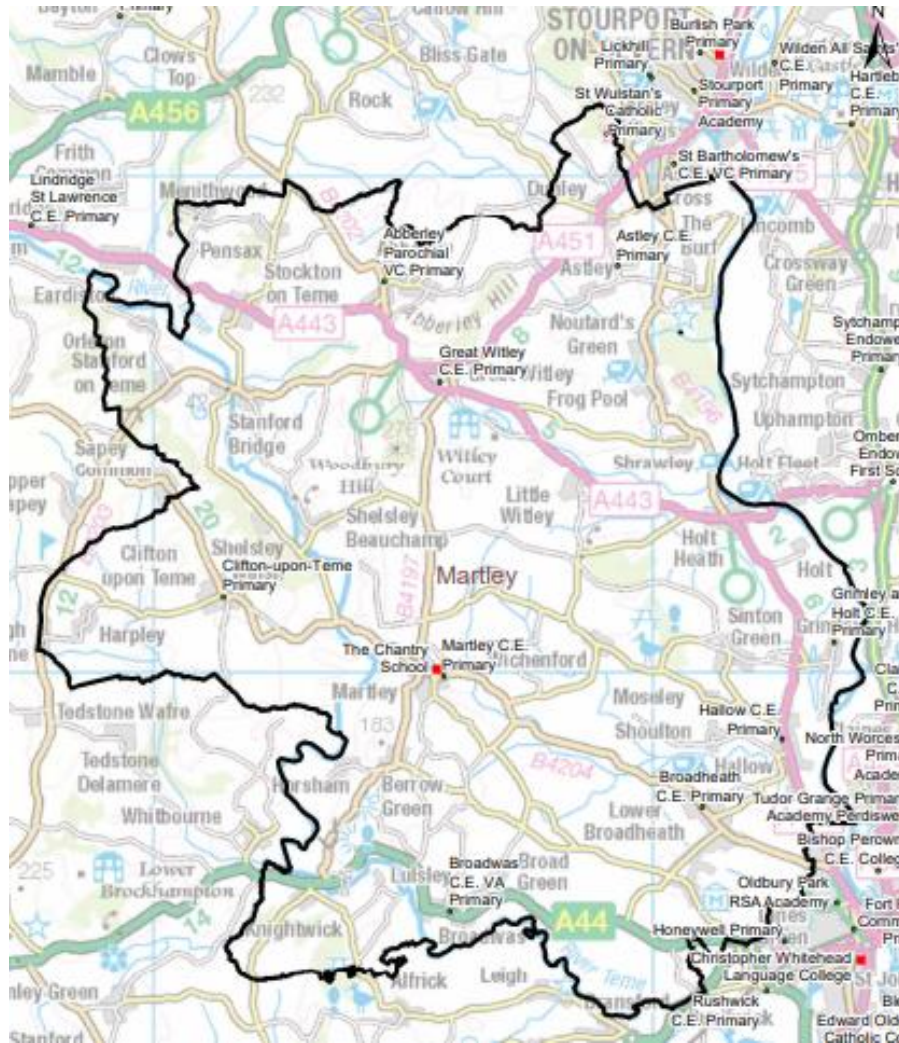
Sixth Form

Figure 55– Sixth Form Summary for Upton Secondary EPA

School	Ofsted	PAN	Yr 12 NOR 2024	Yr 13 NOR 2024	Stay-On Rate Yr 12 (avg)	Stay-On Rate Yr 13 (avg from Yr 11)	Combined NOR 2024	Capacity
Hanley Castle High	Good	180	96	94	60%	61%	190	200

Martley Education Planning Area

Map 23 Martley Education Planning Area



Martley Education Planning Area is made up of the area to the North of Malvern and supports much of the rural areas and villages around Martley. The entirety of the area sits within the Malvern Hills District.

The planning area is served by nine (9) Primary Schools (Years R-6), and one (1) Secondary School (Years 7-11).

Martley – Primary

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

3% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Martley EPA, with 11% of schools deemed by Ofsted as ‘Outstanding’ and the remaining 89% deemed as ‘Good’.

Housing

There is a new housing development in Astley of 105 dwellings and two developments in Martley of 135 dwellings (construction already underway).

There is major housing in the West Worcester Urban Expansion (WWUE) site of a planned 2,365 new dwellings. The first phase of development (221 dwellings) is complete. Pupil projections indicate that the developments for the WWUE as submitted will necessitate the creation of additional primary school provision within the area. A proposed site has been identified for a new two form entry (60 place per year group) primary and nursery school which is currently being planned to open in September 2029.

The new dwellings are forecast to yield an additional 60 (2FE) primary age pupils per year group by 2030, rising to 90 (3FE) by 2036, based on latest construction timetable information. Ahead of the new primary school being delivered, the mitigation for places will include pupils attending schools within the West Worcester EPA, but some pupils may need to attend schools further than 2 miles from home, therefore incurring transport costs for the LA.

The West Worcester Urban Expansion (WWUE) runs along the city boundary within the Broadheath CE Primary catchment. Currently there are forecast to be places available in West Worcester primary schools until 2027, so Broadheath CE Primary is not expected to provide accommodation for pupils moving into WWUE during this period.

Figure 56- Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Martley Primary and Secondary EPAs

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13	Total
PAN	171	169	169	168	169	169	169	175	175	175	175	175			
Oct-19	165	145	184	169	166	163	180	154	173	149	150	138	0	0	1936
Oct-20	156	163	152	191	174	168	164	180	159	175	149	148	0	0	1979
Oct-21	126	158	163	155	194	175	168	172	179	159	175	150	0	0	1974
Oct-22	122	135	162	173	157	198	181	176	179	179	164	178	0	0	2004
Oct-23	151	122	138	162	171	159	198	181	180	176	180	165	0	0	1983
Oct-24	128	153	128	146	163	180	161	180	178	179	171	179	0	0	1946
Oct-25	161	140	167	143	157	176	192	169	191	185	187	179	0	0	2120
Oct-26	169	173	154	183	154	170	188	199	179	190	186	188	0	0	2212
Oct-27	183	177	183	164	190	162	177	192	206	183	194	190	0	0	2336
Oct-28	213	191	187	195	171	199	168	181	198	206	183	195	0	0	2431
Oct-29		228	207	205	208	186	212	177	193	207	215	192	0	0	N/A
Oct-30			243	223	215	220	196	219	186	198	214	222	0	0	N/A
Oct-31				259	233	228	231	202	228	192	205	220	0	0	N/A

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

Several Martley EPA primary schools have PANs below 30 and have mixed age classes. Higher pupil numbers are distributed around the primary schools in such a way that, although over PAN in some year groups, the schools numbers on roll are not greater than their capacities.

Currently, 29% of pupils at Martley EPA primary schools are from outside the EPA, therefore even with additional pupils resulting from local housing growth, there are currently sufficient places for resident pupils.

Martley – Secondary

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

On average only 57% of The Chantry School's students reside within the EPA, with the remaining pupils living in Stourport and Worcester as shown below in figure 56.

There is sufficient provision in Stourport Secondary EPA for students resident in Stourport to attend their local catchment secondary school. The table below shows a breakdown of the forecast demand for Year 7 places, including from students resident in Martley and neighbouring primary EPAs who are not attending feeder primary schools. The Chantry School is quite close to a corner of Herefordshire.

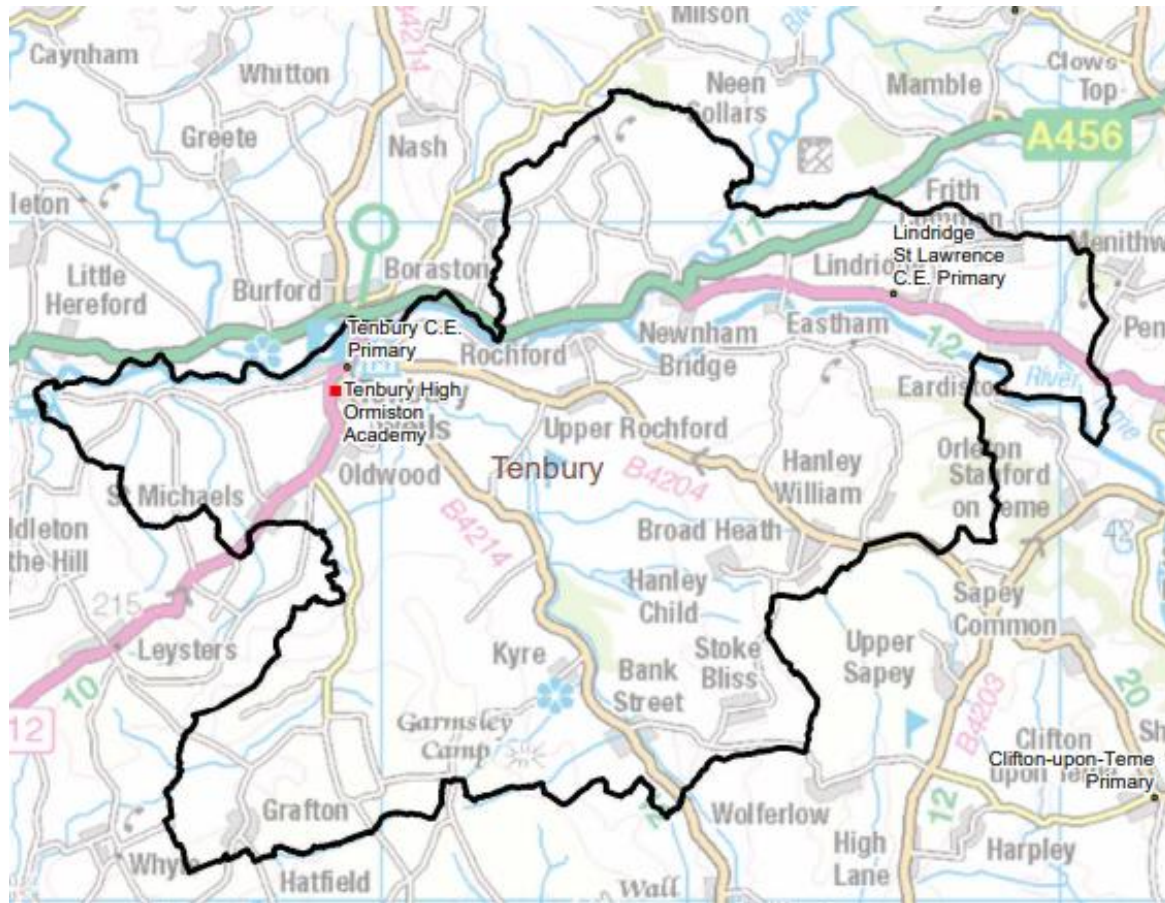
Note that there is forecast to be insufficient secondary provision in Worcester Secondary EPA for all Worcester-resident Year 7 pupils to attend their catchment Worcester City Secondary School. Accordingly, additional secondary provision is required – see Worcester Secondary section below.

Figure 57 – Analysis of forecast intake demand at The Chantry School 2025-2028

The Chantry School	2025	2026	2027	2028
Year 6 in feeder primary schools	159	176	162	141
Y6 resident in Stourport EPA	11	12	8	13
Y6 resident in Worcester EPAs	16	17	17	17
Y6 from out of county	6	6	5	9
Y6 resident in Martley EPA	70	81	108	81
The Chantry PAN	175	175	175	175

Tenbury Education Planning Area

Map 24 Tenbury Education Planning Area



The Tenbury Education Planning Area covers the area in the very northwest of Worcestershire and is made up predominantly of the town of Tenbury Wells and the surrounding rural areas and villages. The area sits entirely within the District Council of Malvern Hills.

The planning area is served by two (2) Primary Schools (Years R-6), and one (1) Secondary School (Years 7-11)

Tenbury - Primary

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

1% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Tenbury EPA, with 100% of schools deemed by Ofsted as 'Good'.

Figure 58 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Tenbury Primary and Secondary EPA

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13	Total
PAN	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	95	95	95	95	95			
Oct-19	40	34	45	41	38	34	41	93	84	81	72	83	0	0	686
Oct-20	29	39	36	45	37	40	32	89	92	87	82	65	0	0	673
Oct-21	36	31	39	38	42	40	40	111	93	87	84	79	0	0	720
Oct-22	43	38	32	41	38	45	40	95	108	93	84	86	0	0	743
Oct-23	37	47	39	33	43	38	46	99	85	108	89	83	0	0	747
Oct-24	21	38	44	41	33	45	36	97	93	75	107	83	0	0	713
Oct-25	26	22	38	46	40	35	44	91	94	90	73	103	0	0	702
Oct-26	27	27	22	40	45	42	34	111	88	91	88	71	0	0	686
Oct-27	32	28	27	23	39	47	41	86	108	85	89	85	0	0	691
Oct-28	31	34	28	28	22	41	46	104	83	105	84	86	0	0	692
Oct-29		33	34	29	27	24	40	116	101	81	103	80	0	0	N/A
Oct-30			33	35	29	29	23	101	112	98	79	99	0	0	N/A
Oct-31				34	35	30	28	58	98	109	96	76	0	0	N/A

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

There have been consistently high numbers of children compared with the school's PAN living in the Tenbury catchment of Worcestershire for the past decade.

The Shropshire primary school of Burford (PAN 20) is within walking distance of Tenbury Wells town. This school usually accepts 8 pupils a year from Worcestershire, so there are forecast to be sufficient primary places at Tenbury CE Primary. At the same time there are very low numbers of known pre-school

age children living in the Lindridge St Lawrence CE Primary catchment.

Figure 59 – Known Children in Tenbury EPA

Primary School	PAN	2025	2026	2027	2028
Tenbury CE Primary	30	32	35	39	35
Lindridge St Lawrence CE Primary	15	5	4	7	7

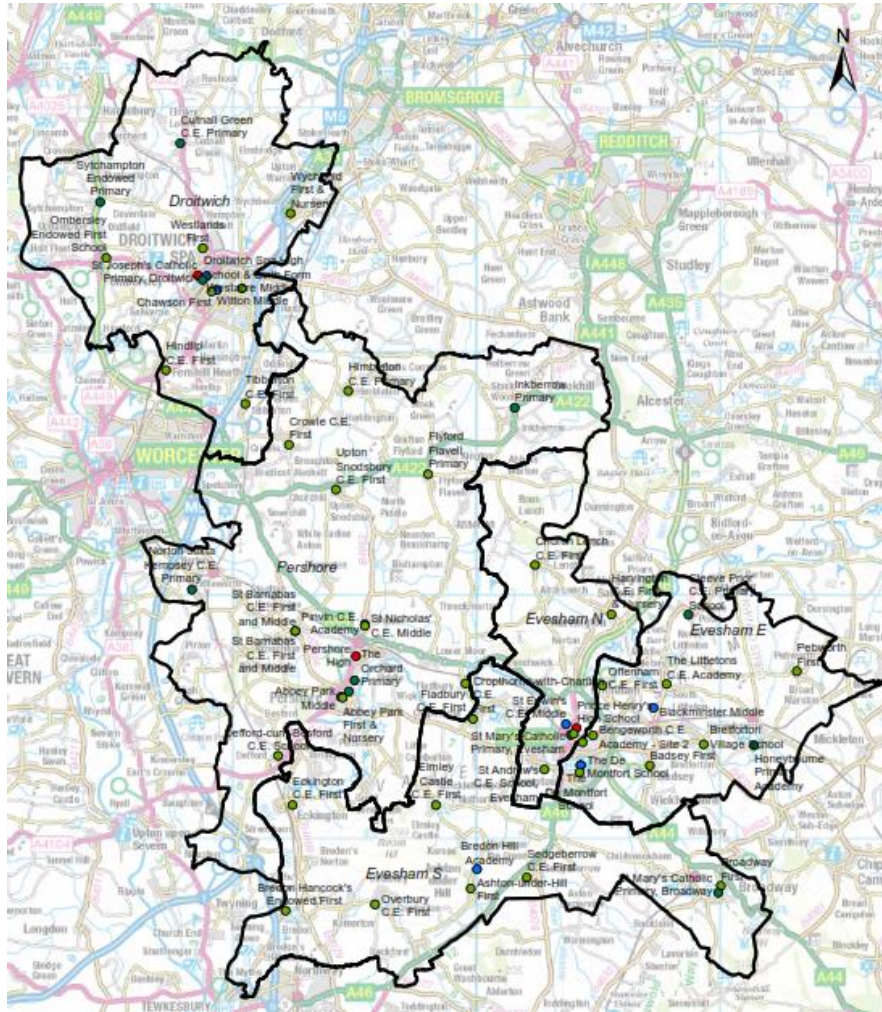
Tenbury – Secondary

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

The secondary school serving the area, Tenbury Ormiston Academy, admits on average 22 pupils a year from Shropshire and 27 from Herefordshire. Figure 57 shows that it is forecast to be full or almost full in most year groups over the next several years but there are sufficient secondary places to meet the demand from in-catchment Worcestershire resident children

Wychavon District

Map 25 Education Planning Areas in Wychavon District

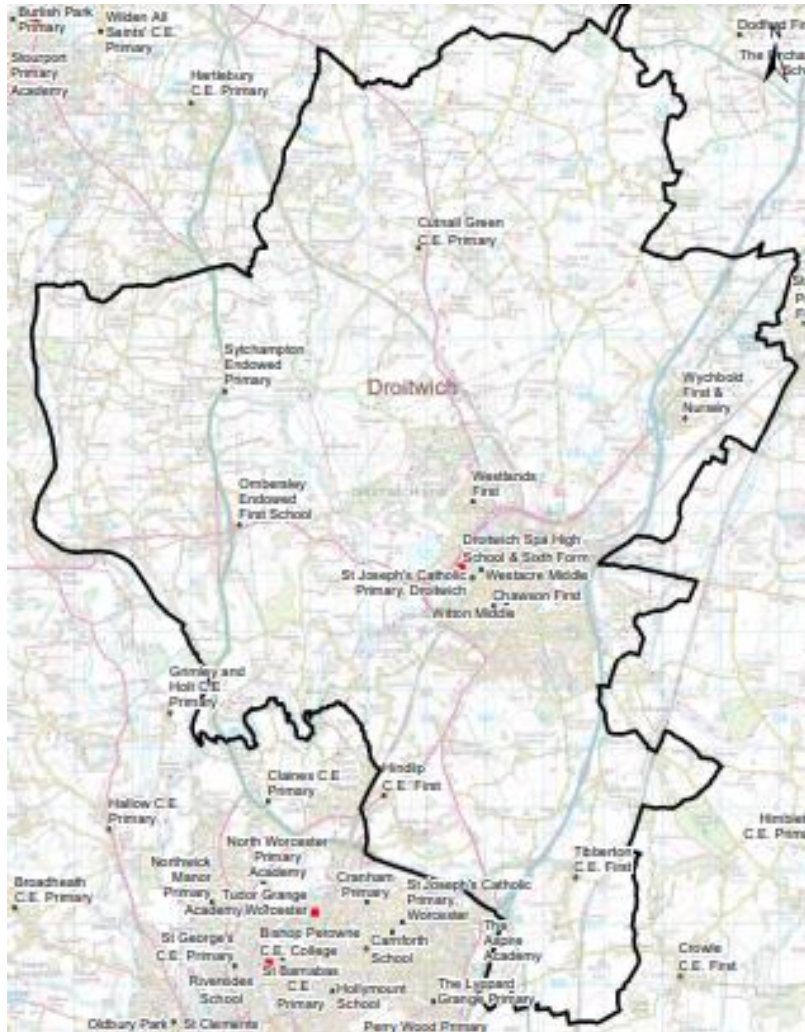


Wychavon district contains the primary EPAs of Droitwich, Pershore, Evesham South, Evesham North and Evesham East. The three primary Evesham EPAs feed into one Evesham High EPA.

All of these EPAs are 3 phase (First / Middle / High) other than Pershore, which is in the process of converting to 2 phase (Primary / Secondary) by 2027.

Droitwich Education Planning Area

Map 26 Droitwich Education Planning Area



The Droitwich Education Planning Area is made up of the town of Droitwich and the surrounding rural villages. The majority of the area sits within Wychavon District Council but also covers a small area of Wyre Forest.

The planning area is served by

- Seven (7) First Schools (Years R-4),
- three (3) Primary Schools (Years R-6),
- two (2) Middle Schools (Years 5-7), and
- one (1) High School and Sixth Form

Droitwich – First & Primary

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

5% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Droitwich EPA, with 10% of schools deemed by Ofsted as ‘Outstanding’, 60% deemed as ‘Good’, and 30% inspected during 2024/25 with no overall judgement issued but Quality of education rated ‘Good’.

Housing

There has been major housing growth in Droitwich in recent years - around Pulley Lane, Copcut Lane and Newland Lane, c.1200 dwellings in total which are now almost completely built out. As a result, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of first school aged children living in the area, which has increased demand for school places, particularly in the catchment areas of Chawson and St Peter’s First Schools.

Figure 60 – Comparison of Known Children to PAN in Droitwich EPA 2024-2028

School Catchment	PAN	2025 NOR	2025	2026	2027	2028
Chawson Community First	60	60	136	131	112	123
St Peter’s CE First	90	89	98	89	93	85
Westlands First	60	48	51	48	70	50
Wychbold First	30	24	27	23	19	34
Hindlip CE First	20	21	13	12	14	10
Tibberton CE First	15	14	10	4	4	4
Cutnall Green CE Primary	30	19	15	9	9	7
Ombersley Endowed	28	28	11	19	14	12
Sytchampton Endowed	15	13	4	7	8	4
Shared St Peter’s / Chawson			9	5	6	11
St Joseph’s Catholic	30	32				
<i>Additional pupils from housing - St Peter’s</i>			2	3	3	3
<i>Additional pupils from housing - Hindlip</i>				2	2	2
Total	378	348	376	352	354	345
Droitwich Town catchments only	240	229	294	273	281	269
Surplus / Deficit		11	-54	-33	-41	-29
<i>After adjustment for rural preference trend</i>	240		247	229	236	226
Surplus / Deficit			-7	11	4	14
<i>After adjustment for trend of preferences for other EPAs</i>			228	210	217	207
Surplus / Deficit of places in town catchments			12	30	23	33

Though the numbers of known children within Droitwich are high, there is a strong trend across Droitwich EPA for applications from pupils resident in the town to choose schools outside the town (on average, 16%). There is also a trend towards primary schools in Worcester (11 pupils per year), Pershore (5) and Bromsgrove (3) EPAs. Based on these trends continuing there are sufficient first and primary school places in Droitwich EPA up to 2028.

Figure 61 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Droitwich First, Middle and Secondary EPAs

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13	Total
PAN	380	380	380	380	380	375	375	300	305	305	305	305			
Oct-19	351	308	372	373	364	314	333	287	259	270	252	266	97	88	3934
Oct-20	359	359	300	378	359	352	311	288	267	257	266	249	91	96	3932
Oct-21	349	365	360	295	375	340	360	271	292	271	258	270	97	81	3984
Oct-22	367	344	362	355	297	357	353	289	269	293	270	253	96	90	3995
Oct-23	329	363	345	359	358	282	352	311	283	260	292	265	94	89	3982
Oct-24	323	323	356	341	349	336	287	293	311	283	250	284	91	84	3911
Oct-25	341	323	320	354	337	332	340	244	288	310	280	247	102	84	3901
Oct-26	319	341	320	318	349	320	335	289	240	287	306	276	89	95	3884
Oct-27	324	319	337	317	314	332	324	285	284	239	284	302	100	82	3845
Oct-28	319	324	316	335	314	299	336	276	281	283	236	280	109	92	3799
Oct-29		319	321	314	331	298	302	286	271	279	280	233	101	101	N/A
Oct-30			316	319	310	315	302	257	281	270	276	276	84	93	N/A
Oct-31				314	315	295	318	257	252	280	267	273	100	78	N/A

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

Droitwich – Middle

Droitwich Middle includes two middle schools (Yr 5 – Yr 7) and also the 3 primary schools which teach to year 6. Witton Middle School reduced its PAN for 2024 from 180 to 150, though it may have sufficient capacity to be able to admit over its PAN of 150 in 2026 should application numbers exceed the forecast.

Trends show that few pupils from the primary schools tend to transfer to middle schools in year 7. The middle schools therefore mainly provide for the pupils attending the first schools. In some cases, pupils apply to The Chantry School in Martley EPA but are unsuccessful as The Chantry is popular with most pupils living closer to the school than those from Droitwich.

Catholic primary provision in Droitwich feeds into catholic high school provision located in Worcester City EPA. However, in 2021 and 2023, 6 pupils left St Joseph’s Catholic Primary after year 4 to start middle schools in year 5, and more frequently around 12 pupils from Cutnall Green Primary have left after year 4 to transfer to middle schools.

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

Figure 62 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Droitwich Middle schools

Whole EPA	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Middle School Only	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Risk Yr 5	Risk Yr 6	Risk Yr 7
Oct-19	314	333	287	PAN 330	272	288	287			
Oct-20	352	311	288	PAN 300 in 2024	291	264	288			
Oct-21	340	360	271		302	298	271			
Oct-22	357	353	289		298	306	289			
Oct-23	282	352	311		244	299	311			
Oct-24	336	287	293		280	247	299			
Oct-25	332	340	244		280	283	247	304	283	247
Oct-26	320	335	289		270	279	283	291	304	283
Oct-27	332	324	285		290	271	279	314	291	304
Oct-28	299	336	276		249	291	271	273	314	291
Oct-29	299	302	286		244	251	291	266	273	314
Oct-30	315	302	257		257	248	251	280	266	273
Oct-31	295	319	257		240	262	248	263	280	266

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

In the forecast (left), Year 7 uses the recent average transfer rate from the numbers on roll in the middle schools’ year 6, rather than the whole of year 6.

The Risk section on the far right show what the middle school numbers on roll would be if the higher numbers of pupils transfer to middle from primary schools every year.

Droitwich – High

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

Figure 60 shows that the peak cohort in Droitwich reached Year 8 (the intake year for Droitwich Spa High School) in September 2024 and required the school to take 6 over PAN. This year group acquired an additional 2 pupils during the year. However, this year group was the highest and for the next 4 years, the high school will be sufficient for the planning area.

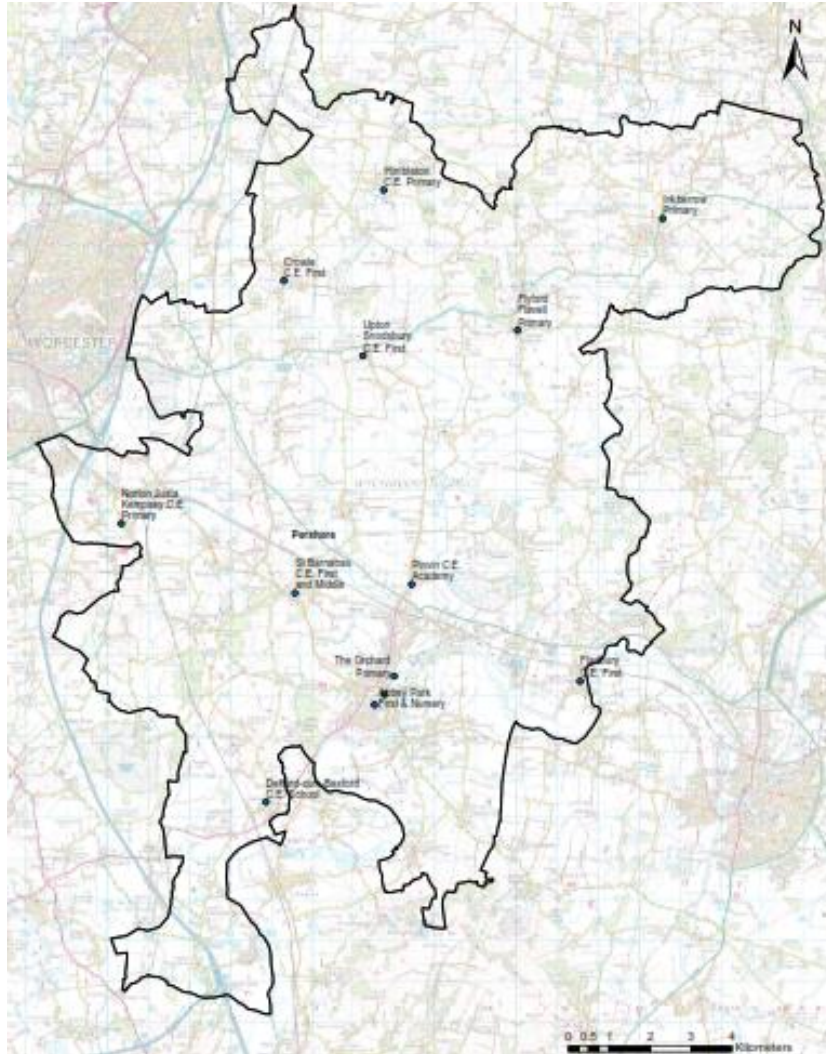
Sixth Form

Figure 63 – Sixth Form Summary for Droitwich High EPA

School	Ofsted	PAN	Yr 12 NOR 2024	Yr 13 NOR 2024	Stay-On Rate Yr 12 (avg)	Stay-On Rate Yr 13 (avg from Yr 11)	Combined NOR 2024	Capacity
Droitwich Spa High	Good	305	91	84	36%	34%	175	227

Pershore Education Planning Area

Map 27 Pershore Education Planning Area



The Pershore Education Planning Area is made up of the town of Pershore and surrounding rural villages. The entirety of the area sits within Wychavon District Council.

Pershore EPA is in the process of changing from a mixed system of both two- and three-tiers to a fully two tier system, following a public consultation held during September 2024

From September 2025, the remaining first schools and first and middle schools have converted to primary - the former first schools will retain Year 5 pupils in 2025/26, and then also Year 6 from 2026/27. The middle schools no longer have a point of entry into Year 5. Pershore High School's intake will be expanded to accommodate all Year 7 pupils in the area from September 2027. See table 63 below for more details.

The area now has 13 primary schools and one (1) high school.

Figure 64– changes at Pershore Area Review schools

School	Age range in 2025	Age range in 2026	Age range from 2027
Abbey Park Primary	2-12	2-12	2-11 (Year 7 closed)
Crowle CE Primary	5-10 (Year 5 added)	5-11 (Year 6 added)	5-11
Defford-Cum-Besford CE School	5-10 (Year 5 added)	5-11 (Year 6 added)	5-11
Fladbury CE Primary	3-10 (Year 5 added)	3-11 (Year 6 added)	3-11
Pinvin CE Academy	2-12	2-12	2-11 (Year 7 closed)
St Barnabas CofE Primary	2-12	2-12	2-11 (Year 7 closed)
Upton Snodsbury CofE Primary	5-10 (Year 5 added)	5-11 (Year 6 added)	5-11
Pershore High	11-18	11-18	11-18 (all Year 7 places for area)

Pershore –Primary

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

4% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Pershore EPA, with 8% of schools deemed by Ofsted as ‘Outstanding’, and 85% deemed as ‘Good’.

Housing

There are housing developments in the town of Pershore within the catchments of Orchard Primary, Pinvin CE Academy and Abbey Park Primary Schools. There are 181 dwellings expected by 2027, with a forecast of 9 additional primary aged pupils per year group by 2027.

Figure 65 – Pershore Town Schools showing Known 3+ Year Olds

School	PAN	2025 (NOR)	2025	2026	2027	2028
Orchard Primary	30	26	47	39	45	41
Abbey Park Primary	30	30	46	43	34	33
Pinvin CE Academy	25	25	10	15	16	15
Holy Redeemer Primary	30	23				
Additional pupils from Pershore housing			5	7	9	9
Sub-total	115	104	108	104	104	98
Surplus / shortfall of places		11	7	11	11	17

Pershore – High

Figure 66– Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Pershore Primary and High EPAs

PAN 295	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13	Total
PAN	290	295	295	295	302	302	443	367	282	282	282	282			
Oct-19	265	238	256	286	268	284	256	220	236	230	246	234	101	74	3194
Oct-20	249	262	238	250	286	278	300	222	220	230	228	241	107	100	3211
Oct-21	259	257	266	240	254	291	273	239	219	228	239	221	106	101	3193
Oct-22	231	258	263	272	236	255	290	227	239	224	228	234	79	103	3139
Oct-23	251	230	261	261	272	235	252	226	229	237	211	227	80	73	3045
Oct-24	250	250	233	267	263	272	240	205	219	213	234	208	88	81	3023
Oct-25	270	254	256	237	271	269	278	198	206	220	214	232	83	85	3073
Oct-26	240	271	257	258	238	274	272	227	197	204	218	210	92	80	3036
Oct-27	249	241	274	258	258	240	276	222	225	195	203	214	87	97	3039
Oct-28	233	250	244	276	258	261	242	226	220	223	194	199	85	84	2994
Oct-29		242	261	253	284	269	271	203	231	225	228	196	82	89	N/A
Oct-30			247	265	256	289	274	222	202	229	223	224	78	79	N/A
Oct-31				250	267	261	294	224	221	201	227	220	89	76	N/A

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

Pershore High School has a PAN of 90 places for year 7 pupils, predominantly those from the six (6) primary schools that had converted prior to 2025. Pershore High's Year 7 intake will increase to 282 places from 2027.

An average of 39 pupils per year from the middle schools and 23 per year from the 5 non-catholic primary schools have left the EPA to transfer to secondary schools in other areas for year 7, rather than stay at a Pershore middle school for year 7 and then transfer again to Pershore High in year 8. This trend is likely to decrease from 2027, once all pupils will be able to transfer directly from their primary school to Year 7 in Pershore High.

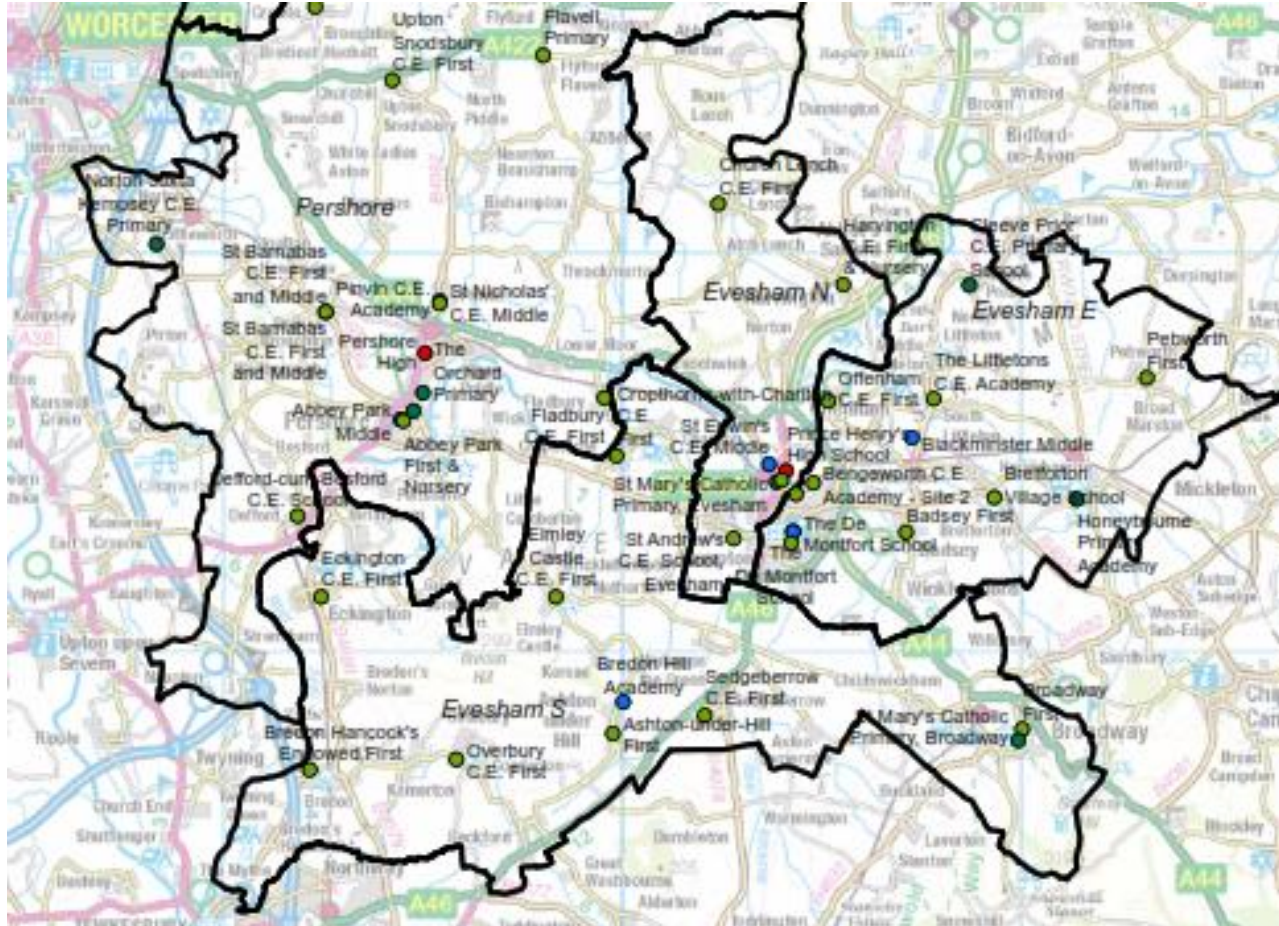
Sixth Form

Figure 67 – Sixth Form Summary for Pershore High EPA

School	Ofsted	PAN	Yr 12 NOR 2024	Yr 13 NOR 2024	Stay-On Rate Yr 12 (avg)	Stay-On Rate Yr 13 (avg from Yr 11)	Combined NOR 2024	Capacity
Pershore High	Requires Improvement	282	88	81	39%	40%	168	250

Evesham Planning Area

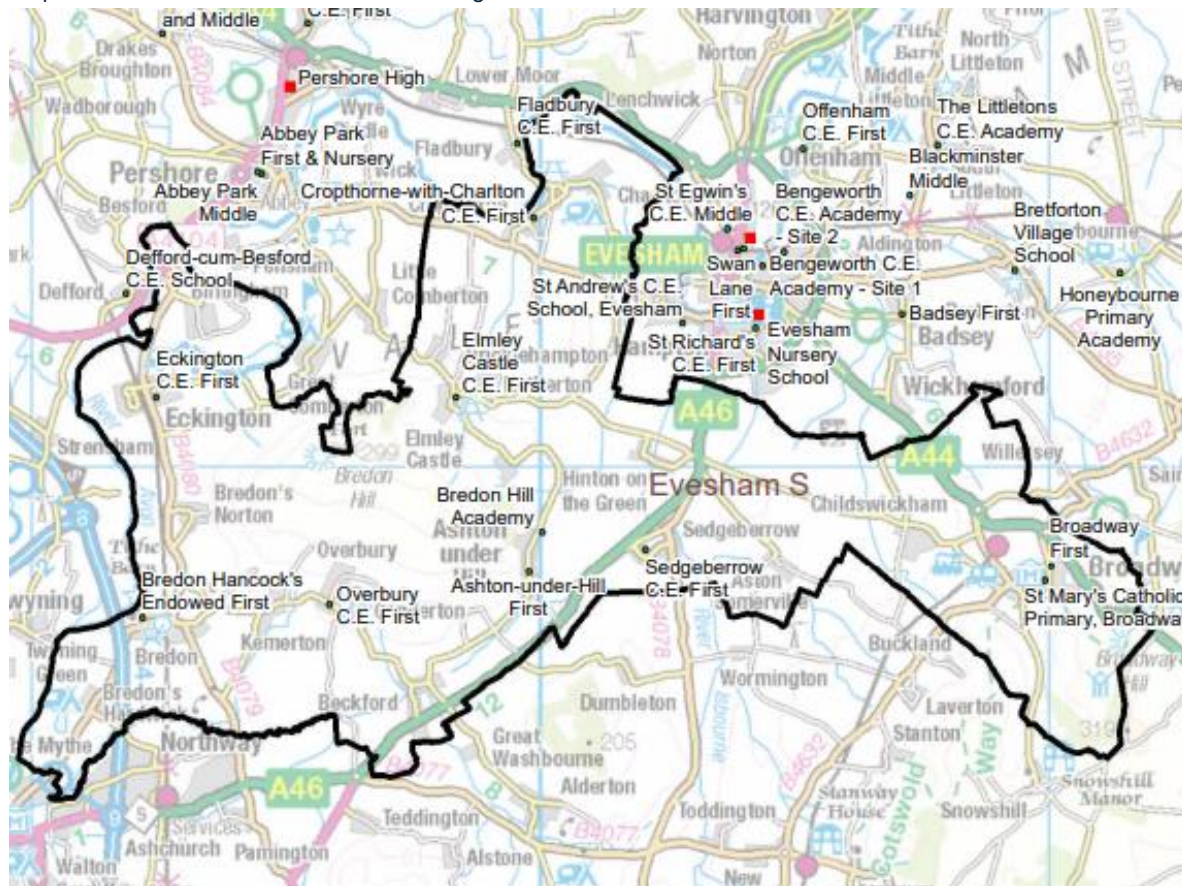
Map 28 Evesham Education Planning Areas



Evesham Planning Area comprises three (3) primary planning areas, together with one middle EPA and one high EPA.

Evesham South First Education Planning Area

Map 29 Evesham South Education Planning Area



The Evesham South Education Planning Area is made up of the south of the Vale of Evesham just outside Evesham town. The entirety of the area sits within Wychavon District Council.

The planning area is served by nine (9) First Schools (Years R-5) and one (1) Middle School (Years 6-8).

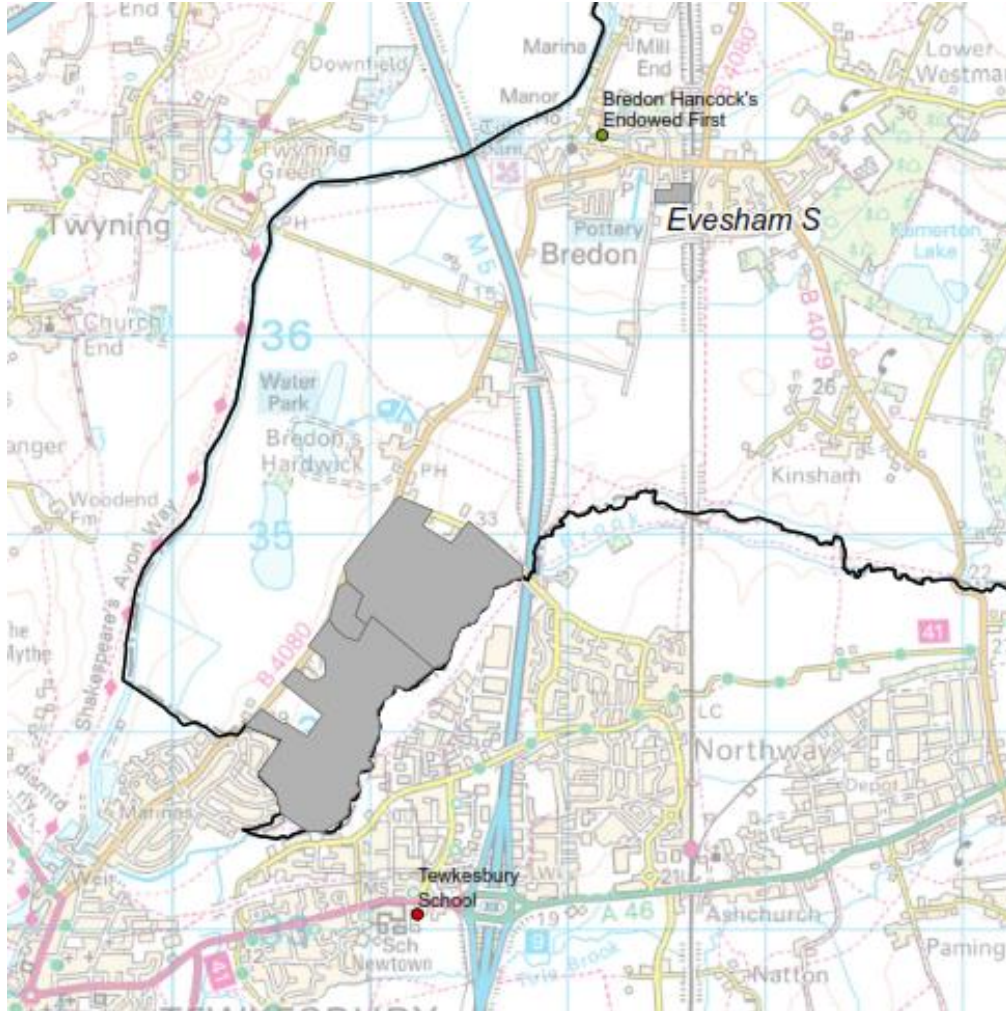
First school places are forecast to be sufficient in the Evesham South First EPA.

2% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Evesham South EPA, with 29% of schools deemed by Ofsted as 'Outstanding' and 71% of schools deemed as 'Good'.

The previous year's forecasts showed some surplus places. Known children figures have increased since the previous year's forecast.

Housing

Figure 68 – Large Housing Development in Mitton, near Tewkesbury



A proposed housing development at Mitton, adjacent to Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire will, if approved, add 500 dwellings by 2034, with a further 500 dwellings to follow thereafter.

A new primary school is planned for this development. The development of an admissions link to Tewkesbury secondary education is under discussion with Gloucestershire County Council and the South Worcestershire planning authorities, but there may be some increase in demand for places at Evesham schools.

The forecast below includes a trend migration factor of 50% inbound pupils from Gloucestershire and Evesham.

Figure 69- Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Evesham South First and Middle EPAs

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8
PAN	178	178	178	178	178	178	182	162	162
Oct-19	126	145	161	158	152	157	175	162	157
Oct-20	164	129	149	164	156	156	173	155	158
Oct-21	139	172	135	150	165	147	176	162	154
Oct-22	143	148	170	136	150	170	166	162	162
Oct-23	151	144	144	183	140	159	173	163	162
Oct-24	139	147	137	143	184	135	176	154	162
Oct-25	177	142	147	140	144	185	148	162	153
Oct-26	156	181	142	150	141	144	203	137	161
Oct-27	168	160	181	145	150	141	158	187	136
Oct-28	146	172	159	184	146	151	155	146	186
Oct-29		149	172	163	185	146	166	143	145

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

2% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Evesham North EPA, with 20% of schools deemed by Ofsted as 'Outstanding', and the remaining 80% deemed as 'Good'.

Figure 70 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Evesham North First EPA

PAN 195	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8
PAN	195	195	195	195	195	195	180	150	150
Oct-19	140	194	155	189	185	159	174	148	149
Oct-20	171	144	190	153	188	182	172	147	149
Oct-21	177	172	144	191	156	180	169	149	149
Oct-22	151	183	172	140	193	157	167	146	151
Oct-23	158	152	187	172	144	195	159	150	150
Oct-24	151	163	156	177	169	141	167	147	148
Oct-25	146	154	164	153	178	167	136	147	148
Oct-26	163	149	155	161	154	176	160	119	148
Oct-27	131	166	150	152	162	152	169	141	120
Oct-28	135	134	167	147	153	160	147	149	142
Oct-29		138	135	164	148	151	154	129	150

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Housing

Additional dwellings have been built in Hampton, near St Andrew's CE First School, with a further 110 dwellings to be built between 2025-2027. These are forecast to yield an additional 6 pupils per year group per year by 2027.

Evesham East First & Primary Education Planning Area

The Evesham East Education Planning Area is made up of the eastern half of the town of Evesham plus rural villages towards the border with Warwickshire, coinciding with the catchment of The De Montfort School (see map above). The entirety of the area sits within Wychavon District Council.

The planning area is served by

- seven (7) First Schools (Years R-5)
- two (2) Primary Schools (Years R-6),
- one (1) Middle School (Years 6-8) and
- one (1) Middle & High School with a sixth form (Years 6-13).

There are forecast to be sufficient first school places in the Evesham East First & Primary EPA

2% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Evesham East EPA, with 55% of first and primary schools deemed as 'Good' and 45% inspected during 2024/25 with no overall judgement issued but Quality of education rated 'Good'.

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

On average over a 6-year period, 21% of reception pupils (63 pupils per year group) from Evesham urban catchments attended schools outside Evesham, including 6 per year group attending the Vale of Evesham special school.

Cleeve Prior CE Primary School is forecast to have over 50% surplus places in reception for the next three years. There are no other schools within a 2-mile range with surplus known children that would be likely to increase its numbers on roll. WCC is working with Cleeve Prior CE Primary School to support options to sustain this school with such low numbers.

St Richard's CE First School reduced in PAN from 60 to 45 places for September 2025.

Housing

There are 200+ dwellings being built (planned to be complete in 2026) at Long Marston, which is within the Pebworth First School catchment. The development is closer to Meon Vale Primary School in Warwickshire but increasing numbers of pupils from the development are applying to Pebworth First. This table shows the range of possible reception intakes. Up to 2024, Pebworth First had more than 50% surplus places.

Figure 71 - Forecast range of Reception intakes for Pebworth First School

Pebworth First forecast reception intakes	% of Known Children	2025	2026	2027	2028
Known Children		24	16	19	25
Based on 2024 intake rate	33%	8	5	6	8
Average 2020-2024 rate	52%	12	8	10	13
Based on 2025 allocations	40%	10	6	8	10

Figure 72 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Evesham East First and Middle EPAs

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8
PAN	285	300	300	300	300	300	295	250	250
Oct-19	264	250	254	254	268	268	226	169	183
Oct-20	235	262	245	248	251	262	227	176	169
Oct-21	260	233	257	238	253	243	239	178	160
Oct-22	232	261	233	267	246	255	245	206	180
Oct-23	228	235	264	241	265	249	232	197	203
Oct-24	220	232	242	261	249	269	240	192	188
Oct-25	235	221	232	242	265	248	250	195	187
Oct-26	226	236	221	233	246	264	230	203	189
Oct-27	217	230	239	225	239	248	248	189	199
Oct-28	189	218	230	240	228	238	230	201	184
Oct-29		189	218	231	243	227	221	187	195

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Evesham Middle Education Planning Area

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

There are 4 primary schools in the Evesham EPAs (Honeybourne, Cleeve Prior, St Mary's, Broadway and St Mary's, Evesham). The pupils from these primary schools frequently transfer to a Warwickshire or Gloucestershire secondary school - Chipping Camden Secondary School in Gloucestershire admitted 50 pupils per year from Worcestershire over the last 5 years. This explains why there are fewer year 7 pupils than year 6 pupils in the EPA.

There is a strong parental preference in favour of Bredon Hill Academy (rated 'Outstanding') and St Egwin's Middle School (rated 'Good') The two schools within Evesham itself (De Montfort Middle School and St Egwin's CE Middle School) have sufficient places to meet the needs of pupils currently at their feeder schools in most year groups.

Many pupils applying for places at St Egwin's Middle School live in the catchment of Blackminster Middle School (rated 'Requires Improvement'). In the event of oversubscription in the other middle schools, some pupils resident in Blackminster's catchment area are likely to be offered places at their catchment school.

Figure 73 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Evesham Middle EPA

Whole EPA	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Middle School Only	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8
Oct-19	575	479	489	PAN 562	514	479	489
Oct-20	572	478	476		517	478	476
Oct-21	584	489	463	Year 6 Evesham EPA PAN 652	534	489	463
Oct-22	578	514	493		526	514	493
Oct-23	564	510	515		514	510	515
Oct-24	583	493	498		515	493	498
Oct-25	534	504	488		486	504	488
Oct-26	588	462	499		527	462	499
Oct-27	576	511	460		508	511	460
Oct-28	531	498	505		462	498	505
Oct-29	538	459	493		482	459	493
Oct-30	514	465	455		441	465	455
Oct-31	549	444	461		494	444	461

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The combined PAN of the middle schools in 2024 decreases to 562 but the 4 primary schools add a further 90 year 6 places, therefore total capacity of year 6 is 652 places.

The right-hand half of figure 76 (left) shows the forecast for combined middle schools only

Evesham High Education Planning Area

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

Prince Henry High School (rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted) continues to receive more applications than places available, including on average 30% from pupils living in The De Montfort High School's catchment. The De Montfort High School reduced its external PAN for year 9 from 100 to 90 in September 2024, making the combined PAN for year 9 a total of 555. Once the reduction in PAN for the 2024 year 6 cohort reaches year 9, this becomes a combined PAN of 525 in 2027. This is greater than the forecast numbers on roll in feeder schools in all years. In the event of there being higher numbers transferring than the current total combined PAN, The De Montfort High School has sufficient accommodation to admit the extra pupils.

Figure 74 – Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Evesham High EPA

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13	Total
PAN	673	673	673	673	673	673	657	562	562	525	525	525			
Oct-19	530	589	570	601	605	584	575	479	489	483	473	455	228	190	6851
Oct-20	570	535	584	565	595	600	572	478	476	481	487	468	242	219	6872
Oct-21	576	577	536	579	574	570	584	489	463	459	472	469	221	225	6794
Oct-22	526	592	575	543	589	582	578	514	493	466	465	464	222	211	6820
Oct-23	537	531	595	596	549	603	564	510	515	500	460	447	239	201	6847
Oct-24	510	542	535	581	602	545	583	493	498	511	483	445	191	228	6747
Oct-25	546	517	542	536	586	600	534	504	488	494	506	470	215	180	6719
Oct-26	539	553	517	543	541	584	588	462	499	484	490	493	227	203	6722
Oct-27	500	549	557	521	551	542	576	511	460	498	482	479	240	216	6682
Oct-28	456	507	550	558	526	549	531	498	505	456	493	469	232	226	6555
Oct-29		462	507	551	563	524	538	459	493	501	452	480	227	218	N/A
Oct-30			463	509	556	561	514	466	455	489	497	440	232	214	N/A
Oct-31				464	514	555	551	445	462	452	485	484	213	219	N/A

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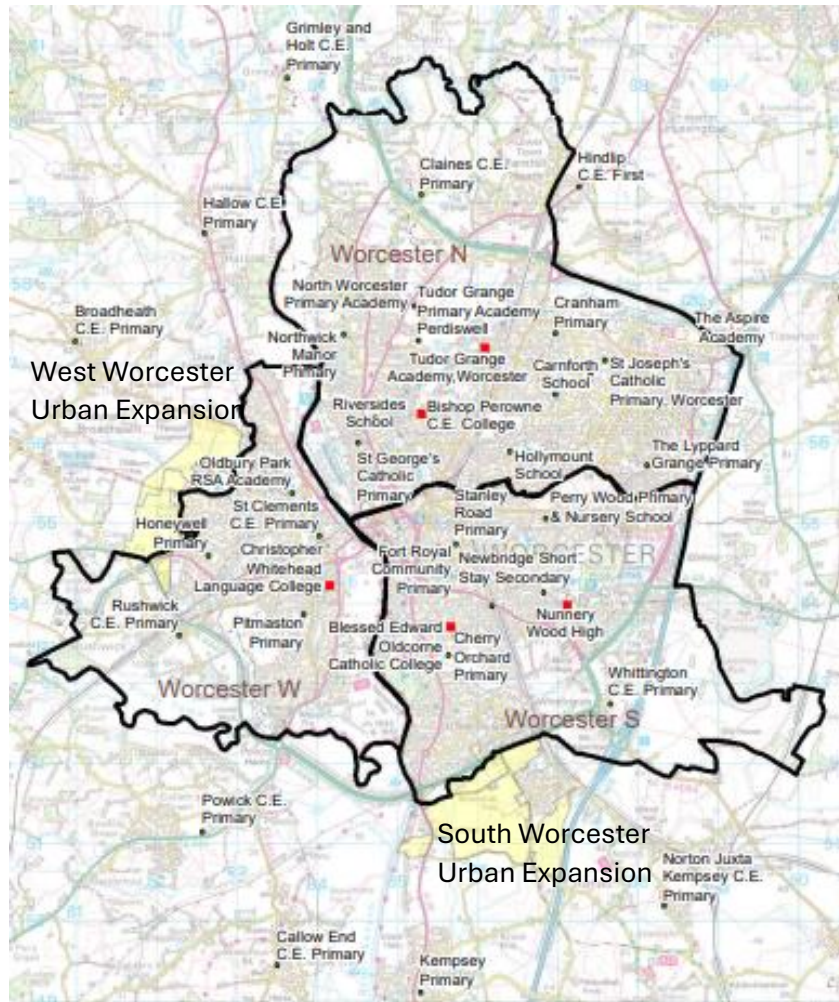
Sixth Form

Figure 75 – Sixth Form summary for Evesham High EPA

School	Ofsted	PAN	Yr 12 NOR 2024	Yr 13 NOR 2024	Stay-On Rate Yr 12 (avg)	Stay-On Rate Yr 13 (avg from Yr 11)	Combined NOR 2024	Capacity
Prince Henry High	Outstanding	315	150	179	53%	53%	329	379
The De Montfort High	Good	210	41	49	38%	35%	90	100

Worcester City District

Map 31 Education Planning Areas in Worcester City District



The city is split into 3 Primary EPAs which feed into one Worcester Secondary EPA.

The EPAs comprise the whole of the Worcester City District but Worcester West EPA extends into Malvern Hills District, and Worcester North and Worcester East EPAs both extend into Wychavon District.

Worcester West Primary Education Planning Area

This planning area is mostly within the city of Worcester and includes the area around Rushwick village. The EPA is served by six (6) Primary Schools (Years R-6), and one (1) Secondary School (Years 7-11) with a sixth form (Years 12-13).

4% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Worcester West EPA, with 33% of schools deemed by Ofsted as 'Outstanding', with 50% deemed as 'Good and 17% yet to be inspected.

Primary School places are forecast to be sufficient in Worcester West Primary EPA until 2028, however major new housing will require additional school places in the longer term.

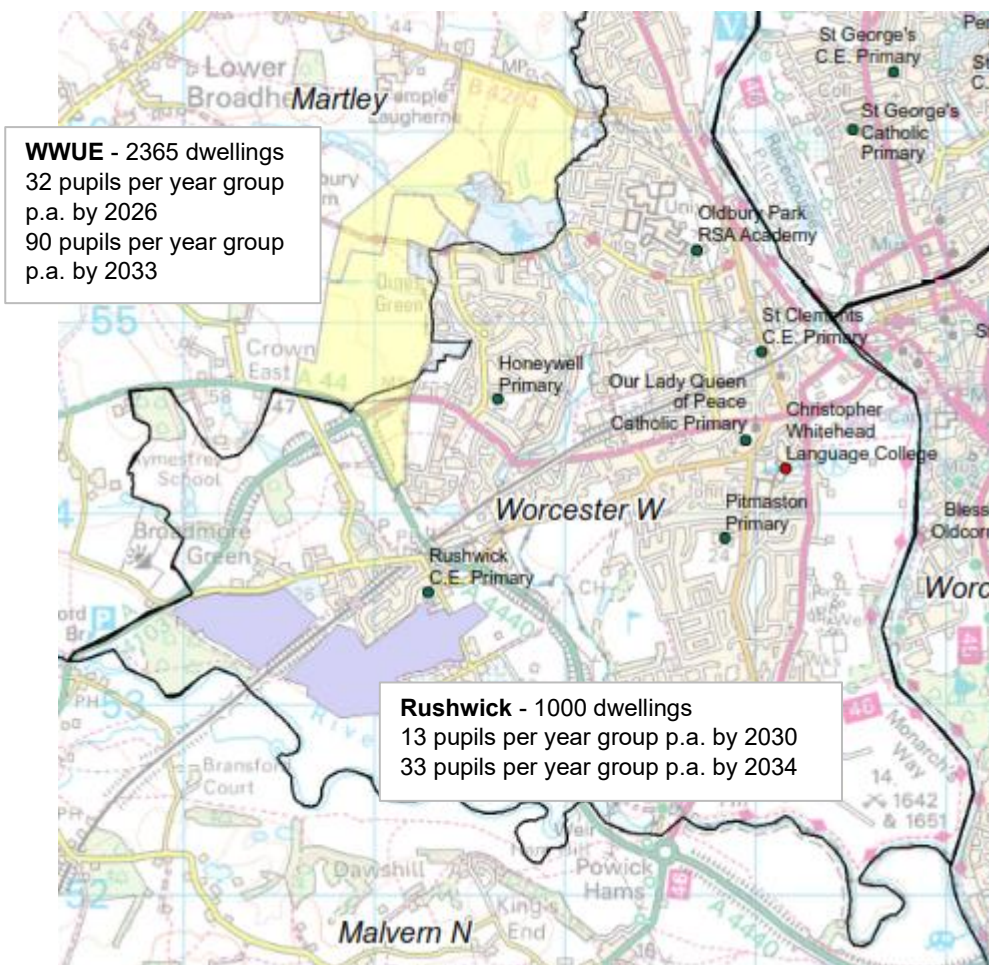
Figure 76 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Worcester West Primary EPA

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
PAN	270	270	270	270	270	270	270
Oct-19	229	234	234	255	263	263	262
Oct-20	217	229	224	234	247	264	256
Oct-21	219	223	236	226	239	246	265
Oct-22	216	222	233	240	233	240	247
Oct-23	223	229	232	238	251	243	247
Oct-24	231	234	247	237	248	254	250
Oct-25	220	242	245	254	246	255	260
Oct-26	219	229	251	250	261	251	258
Oct-27	223	229	239	257	258	267	255
Oct-28	214	230	236	242	263	262	269

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Housing

Figure 77 – Large Housing Developments in Worcester West and Rushwick



Major housing construction is underway in the West Worcester Urban Expansion (WWUE) site, with 2365 new dwellings in total planned.

The site is located within the Martley EPA boundary, but it is expected that much of the initial impact will be on schools in Worcester West EPA, of which several are within walking distance, based on pupil projections.

A proposed site within the development has been identified for a new two form entry (60 place per year group) primary and nursery school which is currently being planned to open in September 2029.

The new dwellings are forecast to yield an additional 60+ (2FE) pupils per year group by 2030, rising to 90 (3FE) by 2036. Prior to the new school being delivered, the mitigation of the impact of the demand for places from new housing will include pupils attending schools within the West Worcester EPA, but some pupils may need to attend schools further than 2 miles from home, therefore incurring transport costs for the LA.

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

Figure 78 –Forecast pupils living in the catchment areas adjacent to West Worcester Urban Expansion due to start school 2025-2028

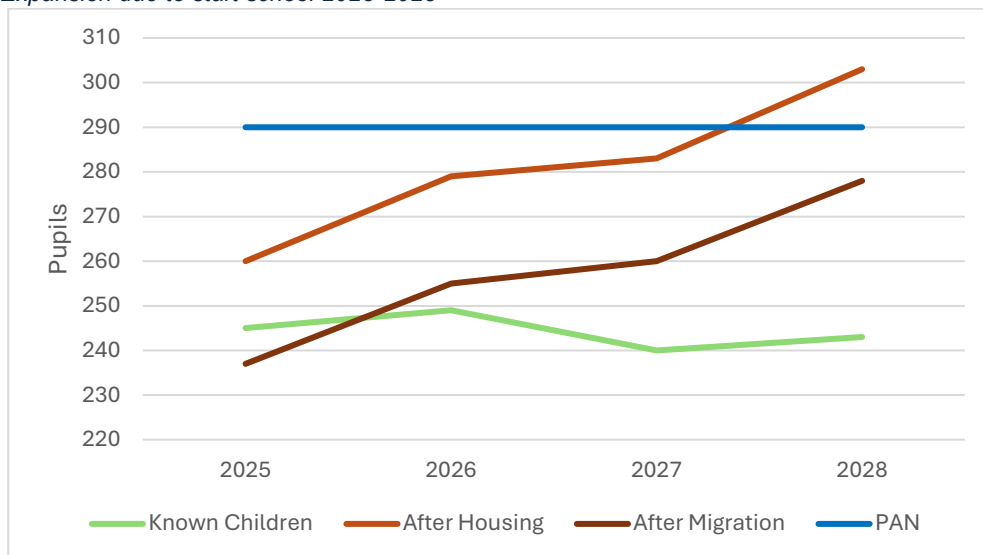


Figure 76 shows that totals of current known children per year are below PAN for the EPA and that many additional children are forecast from both WWUE housing and from the rest of Worcester.

This graph includes Broadheath CE Primary School (which is in Martley Primary EPA), showing that although the West Worcester EPA is sufficient for its own resident pupils, the impact of housing is likely to fill all available places by 2028, in years 5 and 6 as well as Reception. This includes a trend of 8% of resident pupils attending special schools, independent schools or schools outside the EPA.

Honeywell Primary school reduced its PAN from 45 to 30 in 2020, so may have sufficient accommodation to accept an increased intake if required.

Worcester South Primary Education Planning Area

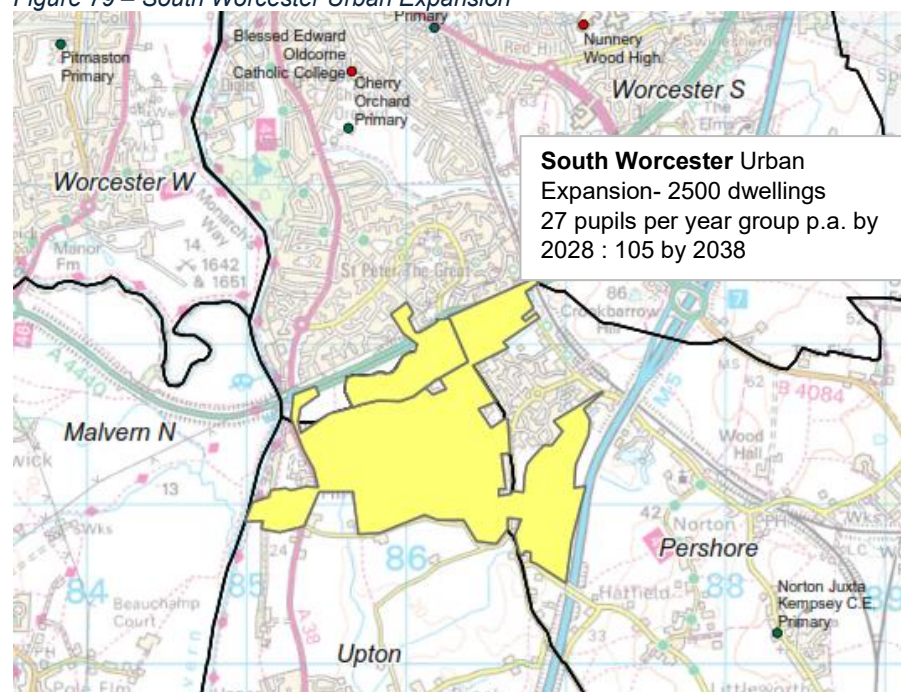
The area sits within the city of Worcester but includes a small area of Wychavon District around Whittington village. The planning area is served by six (6) Primary Schools (Years R-6), and two (2) Secondary Schools (Years 7-11).

6% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in Worcester South EPA, with 83% of schools deemed by Ofsted as 'Good'.

Primary School places are forecast to be sufficient in Worcester South Primary EPA

Housing

Figure 79 – South Worcester Urban Expansion



Major housing growth is planned in the Hopfields area of South Worcester totalling circa 2400 homes up to 2037. The first phase of this scheme (238 dwellings) is complete.

The site is located entirely within the Upton EPA, but since there is currently no safe walking route from the development to the catchment school, Kempsey Primary, much of the initial impact is likely to be mitigated within schools in the Worcester South EPA, with several having safe walking routes from the development site.

The Section 106 Education Planning Obligations agreement for the developer's contributions was signed for the development on 17th October 2022 and includes a new 2FE Primary School with nursery within the development.

1000+ new dwellings are expected to be delivered up to 2031, with a forecast yield of additional 29 (1FE) pupils by 2029. Ahead of the new school being delivered, the mitigation for places may include some pupils having to be offered school places further than 2 miles from home, therefore incurring transport costs for the LA.

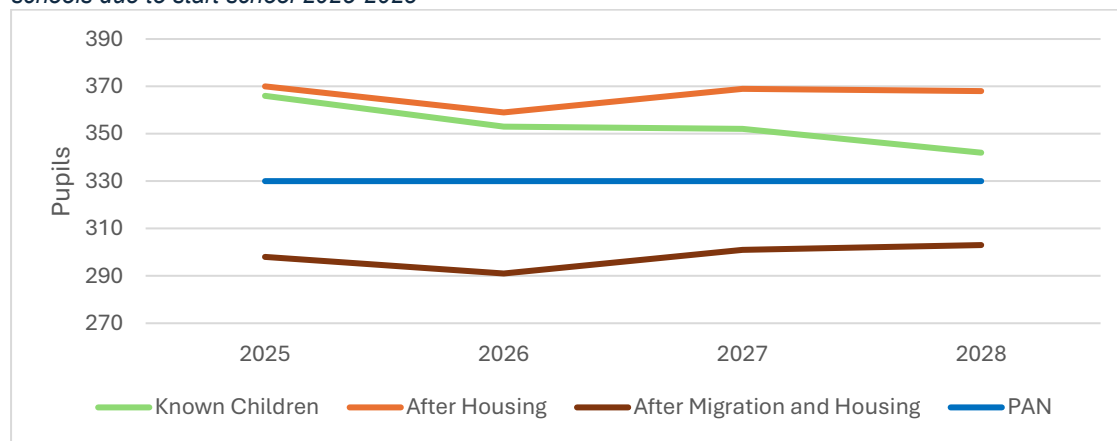
The pupil numbers on roll are offset by 19% leaving the Southeast area of the EPA to attend catholic schools, special schools and schools outside the city or other areas of the city.

Figure 80 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Worcester South Primary EPA

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
PAN	360	360	360	360	360	360	360
Oct-19	304	323	330	301	305	317	316
Oct-20	289	304	325	328	304	302	314
Oct-21	262	293	327	319	333	305	306
Oct-22	302	268	309	335	332	340	312
Oct-23	312	316	274	314	344	332	343
Oct-24	274	312	320	274	317	349	338
Oct-25	285	279	323	321	280	319	353
Oct-26	283	289	288	324	328	281	322
Oct-27	285	288	299	289	330	330	284
Oct-28	280	290	298	300	295	332	333

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Figure 81 –Current and forecast 3+ year olds living in the catchment areas of South Worcester primary schools due to start school 2025-2028



Allocations for September 2025 for these schools totalled 263 pupils, so the estimated transfers away from the area were conservative.

Worcester North Primary Education Planning Area

The entirety of the area sits within the city of Worcester. The planning area is served by twelve (12) Primary Schools (Years R-6), and two (2) Secondary Schools (Years 7-11), one with a sixth form.

8% of primary school aged pupils in the county are educated in the Worcester North EPA, with 15% of schools deemed by Ofsted as 'Outstanding', with the rest deemed as 'Good'.

There are forecast to be in oversupply for primary school places in the Worcester North Primary EPA from 2025.

Figure 82 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Worcester North Primary EPA

	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
PAN	710	710	710	710	710	710	710
Oct-19	634	572	639	645	630	615	600
Oct-20	594	630	575	635	656	626	614
Oct-21	568	596	629	573	638	660	621
Oct-22	617	570	605	639	569	646	664
Oct-23	603	634	586	618	647	599	652
Oct-24	581	607	643	601	622	652	603
Oct-25	492	585	614	650	605	631	654
Oct-26	518	496	592	621	654	614	633
Oct-27	531	522	502	598	625	664	615
Oct-28	494	535	528	507	603	634	665

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Figure 83 – Worcester North Primary Schools showing surplus places

School	Ofsted	PAN	NOR Sept 2025	Forecast 2025	Forecast 2026	Forecast 2027	Forecast 2028
Carnforth	Good	30	22	20	21	20	23
Claines CE	Good	30	26	29	30	30	28
Cranham	Good	60	47	41	50	43	52
Hollymount	Good	50	40	43	41	42	38
North Worcester Academy	Good	60	52	53	57	46	52
Northwick Manor	Outstanding	90	70	78	72	80	66
Oasis Academy	Outstanding	60	54	59	65	68	60
St Barnabas CE	Good	60	44	41	51	38	44
St George's CE	Good	30	24	13	14	16	13
St George's RC	Good	30	25	23	23	25	22
St Joseph's RC	Good	30	39	36	39	31	36
TGPA Perdiswell	Good	60	33	34	48	54	44
The Lyppard Grange	Good	60	54	60	56	47	47
Surplus places			180	120	83	110	125

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

Although there are significant surplus places, there are no schools with over 50% surplus places forecast in reception years.

Worcester Secondary Education Planning Area

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

Housing

Worcester City is experiencing, and is anticipated to continue to experience, a large volume of housing growth. The largest demand for places exists in the south, and demand is expected to continue to rise. The South Worcestershire Development Plan (reviewed in 2025 and pending adoption by the South Worcestershire Councils) includes the requirement for an additional 20,400 dwellings across South Worcestershire up to 2041, some phases of which are already under construction. Of these, some 12,800 are within 5 miles of the city of Worcester.

The majority of the pressure for secondary school places exists within the southeast of the city, within the catchment area of Nunnery Wood High School and where Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College is also located. Forecasts are predicting a need for an additional 2FE (64 places) in total to meet demand for September 2026.

In October 2025, Cabinet agreed to ensure the sufficiency of secondary school places for pupils living or attending Worcester City primary schools, to support the schools in Malvern to provide additional places in September 2026 and September 2027. WCC have continued to work with all existing Worcester City secondary schools, Malvern secondary schools and secondary schools in Martley, Pershore and Upton to assess what options are potentially available to mitigate the demand for Year 7 places from 2029 to 2035. Cabinet in February 2026 are recommended to note that sufficient secondary school places from 2029 to 2035 will be provided through the expansion of Bishop Perowne CE Academy and Tudor Grange Academy Worcester and then through surplus places at other secondary schools.

Years 2029 to 2031 have been added to the table below to demonstrate that the cohort entering Year 7 in 2028 is unusually small and will be followed by larger cohorts.

Figure 84 - Forecast and Historic Numbers on Roll for Worcester Secondary EPA

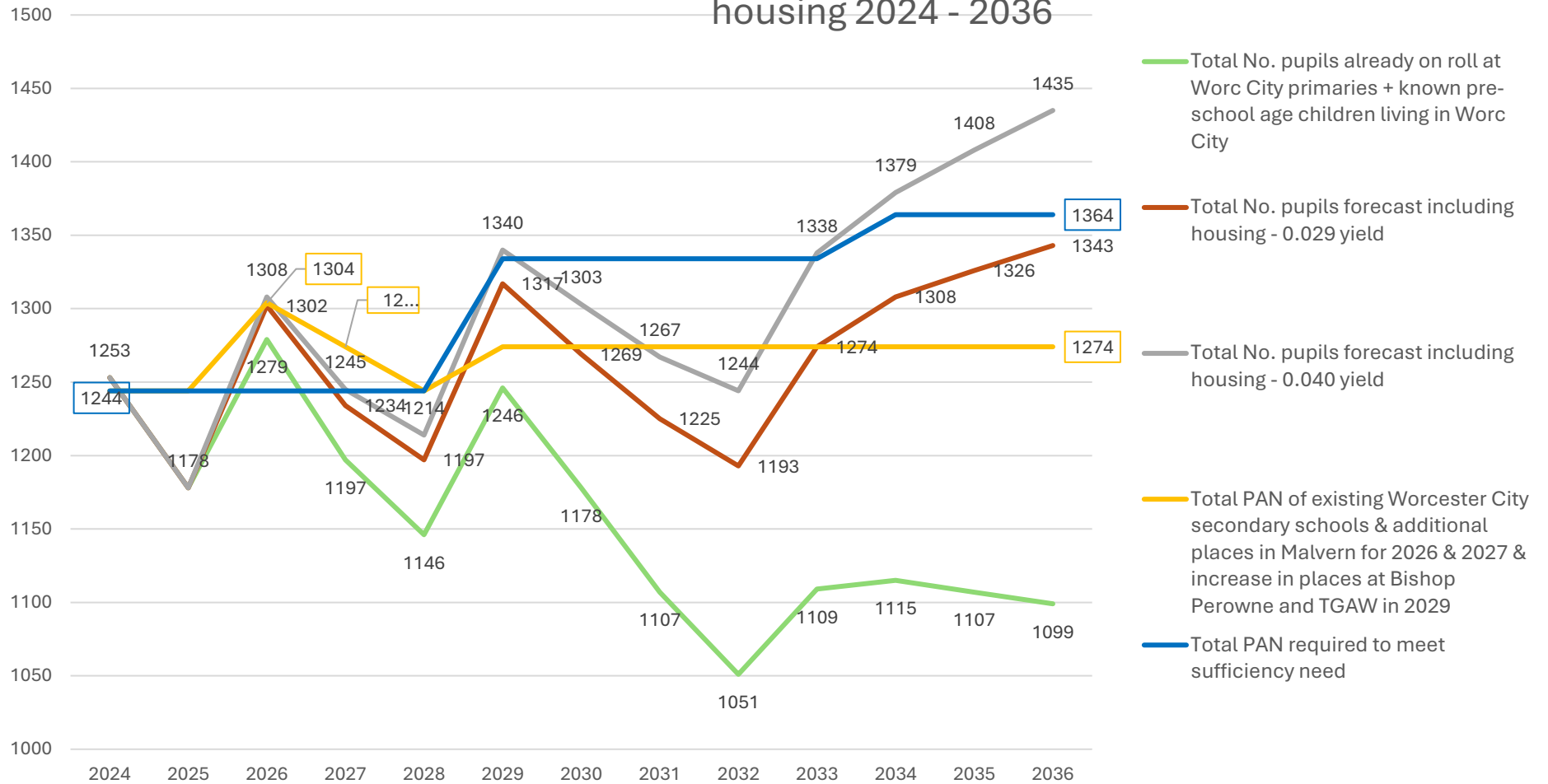
PAN 1244	R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13	Total
PAN	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	1244	1244	1244	1244	1244			
Oct-19	1167	1129	1203	1201	1198	1195	1178	1150	1148	1089	1076	1003	118	158	14013
Oct-20	1100	1163	1124	1197	1207	1192	1184	1189	1135	1145	1088	1056	167	110	14057
Oct-21	1049	1112	1192	1118	1210	1211	1192	1203	1188	1146	1139	1073	177	157	14167
Oct-22	1135	1060	1147	1214	1134	1226	1223	1227	1207	1186	1136	1126	142	167	14330
Oct-23	1138	1179	1092	1170	1242	1174	1242	1251	1233	1189	1169	1131	157	129	14496
Oct-24	1086	1153	1210	1112	1187	1255	1191	1253	1254	1218	1195	1155	174	150	14593
Oct-25	998	1101	1178	1221	1127	1201	1262	1212	1252	1249	1212	1181	175	163	14531
Oct-26	1008	1012	1125	1189	1238	1140	1207	1284	1211	1247	1243	1198	179	164	14444
Oct-27	1031	1022	1034	1136	1205	1252	1146	1228	1283	1206	1241	1228	182	168	14361
Oct-28	998	1061	1060	1059	1166	1234	1274	1179	1240	1290	1212	1238	188	182	14381
Oct-29		1024	1096	1082	1085	1191	1253	1306	1187	1243	1293	1206	189	185	N/A
Oct-30			1049	1108	1099	1100	1201	1277	1307	1184	1239	1279	184	179	N/A
Oct-31				1061	1126	1114	1108	1223	1278	1303	1180	1227	195	174	N/A

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

The chart below shows current numbers on roll and forecast demand for places in Worcester City secondary schools, with the demand from existing children (bottom solid line, shown in green) and the expected additional demands from housing growth (conservative calculation shown as a brown dotted line, evidence-based calculation shown as a dashed grey line) in detail.

The EPA forecast numbers in the table above reflect a point between these lines, as the calculation used to generate the EPA forecasts includes trends in population changes, which will include housing growth where the volume of housing is greater than in the previous five years within the EPA, but also families moving into and out of established housing in the area..

Forecast NOR and capacity of Year 7 places in Worcester City including housing 2024 - 2036



Year 7
NOR

Forecast based on Aut 2025 NOR @ Feeder
Schools

Forecast based on pre-
school known children

Sixth Form

Figure 86 – Sixth Form summary for Worcester Secondary EPA

School	Ofsted	PAN	Yr 12 NOR 2024	Yr 13 NOR 2024	Stay-On Rate Yr 12 (avg)	Stay-On Rate Yr 13 (avg from Yr 11)	Combined NOR 2024	Capacity
Christopher Whitehead Language College	Good	284	138	111	48%	43%	249	220
Tudor Grange Academy Worcester	Good	210	36	39	26%	24%	75	200

Christopher Whitehead Language College sixth-form has a sixth-form capacity of 220 places but has higher numbers on roll, both in 2024 and forecast. The sixth-form numbers on roll are low in this EPA because there are more than two further education colleges in the city.

Post-16 provision

Figure 87: - Ofsted Ratings (most recent graded inspection) for Secondary/High Schools with Post-16 Provision in Worcestershire

Name	PAN 2024 /25	Sixth Form PAN 2024/25	Ofsted grading	Inspection Date	Education Planning Area	Maintained or Academy	Conversion Date
Arrow Vale RSA Academy	224	15	Outstanding	05/12/18	Redditch	Academy	01/09/12
Baxter College	180	10	Good	15/01/20	Wyre Forest	Academy	01/09/12
Christopher Whitehead Language College	284	12	Good	24/05/23	Worcester	Academy	01/07/11
Droitwich Spa High and Sixth Form	305	15	Good	20/02/24	Droitwich	Academy	01/07/11
Hagley Catholic High	190	30	Good	16/10/19	Hagley	Academy	01/10/14
Hanley Castle High and Sixth Form	180	20	Good	14/06/17	Upton	Academy	01/08/11
Haybridge High and Sixth Form	210	52	Good	28/09/22	Hagley	Academy	01/07/11
Holy Trinity	75	30	Good	21/09/22	Wyre Forest	Academy	01/09/14
King Charles 1 High and Sixth Form	224	10	Good	02/03/23	Wyre Forest	Academy	01/04/12
North Bromsgrove High and Sixth Form	300	10	Good	25/01/23	Bromsgrove	Academy	01/12/23
Pershore High and Sixth Form	282	8	Requires Improvement	12/03/24	Pershore	Academy	01/07/11
Prince Henry's High and Sixth Form	315	30	Outstanding	05/03/24	Evesham	Academy	01/03/13
South Bromsgrove High and Sixth Form	335	20	Good	18/04/23	Bromsgrove	Academy	01/11/13
St Augustine's Catholic High and Sixth Form	235	50	Outstanding	16/04/24	Redditch	Academy	01/07/14
The Bewdley School	180	8	Good	12/09/19	Wyre Forest	Maintained	N/A
The Chase	240	40	Good	19/10/21	Malvern	Academy	01/11/11
The De Montfort School	210	10	Good	10/10/23	Evesham	Academy	01/01/21
The Stourport High and Sixth Form	254	15	Good	12/07/22	Stourport	Academy	01/08/11
Trinity High and Sixth Form	252	20	Good	05/03/24	Redditch	Academy	01/08/11
Tudor Grange Academy Redditch	180	20	Good	18/01/22	Redditch	Academy	01/04/14
Tudor Grange Academy Worcester	210	3	Good	22/05/19	Worcester	Academy	01/09/09
Waseley Hills and Sixth Form	178	50	Requires Improvement	08/06/22	Rubery	Academy	01/09/12
Wolverley High and Sixth Form	180	8	Good	09/11/21	Wyre Forest	Maintained	N/A
Woodrush High and Sixth Form	180	10	Good	23/04/24	Wythall	Academy	01/07/11

Recent Demand for Post-16 Provision in schools - Stay on Rates

Figure 88: - Number of Pupils on Roll in Years 12 and 13 in state-funded mainstream schools – data each October

School Name	Year 12 2019	Year 13 2019	Year 12 2020	Year 13 2020	Year 12 2021	Year 13 2021	Year 12 2022	Year 13 2022	Year 12 2023	Year 13 2023	Year 12 2024	Year 13 2024
Arrow Vale RSA Academy	80	62	80	69	67	76	93	59	83	83	83	74
Baxter College	52	51	50	50	55	44	34	47	47	31	32	42
Christopher Whitehead Language College	90	98	116	83	113	107	90	111	117	83	134	111
Droitwich Spa High and Sixth Form	97	88	91	96	97	81	96	90	94	89	90	83
Hagley Catholic High	112	100	89	110	101	78	86	83	87	81	90	81
Hanley Castle High and Sixth Form	115	99	95	110	114	91	103	114	98	100	95	94
Haybridge High and Sixth Form	130	158	168	119	122	153	98	105	126	82	112	111
Holy Trinity	31	16	30	25	20	29	24	20	8	22	15	12
King Charles 1 High and Sixth Form	57	44	65	49	62	50	59	47	62	58	54	55
North Bromsgrove High and Sixth Form	65	16	77	57	98	71	117	87	90	107	100	82
Pershore High and Sixth Form	101	74	107	100	106	101	79	103	80	73	85	80
Prince Henry's High and Sixth Form	170	156	169	166	174	163	150	168	185	145	146	178
South Bromsgrove High and Sixth Form	178	164	182	173	168	175	188	166	182	177	184	175
St Augustine's Catholic High and Sixth Form	150	96	146	136	149	138	142	137	131	122	146	120
The Bewdley School	47	32	71	47	69	64	50	55	54	46	42	50
The Chase	134	132	130	124	154	124	132	136	93	127	98	88
The De Montfort School	58	34	73	53	47	62	72	43	54	56	38	48
The Stourport High and Sixth Form	79	44	57	67	82	66	72	70	100	63	89	84
Trinity High and Sixth Form	95	87	116	88	88	102	97	76	120	87	120	87
Tudor Grange Academy Redditch	17	14	32	14	24	32	38	17	27	28	35	20
Tudor Grange Academy Worcester	28	60	51	27	64	50	52	56	40	46	35	38
Waseley Hills and Sixth Form	48	30	34	43	40	30	25	31	16	24	17	16
Wolverley High and Sixth Form	12	19	29	9	41	24	39	24	31	36	47	28
Woodrush High and Sixth Form	45	56	42	40	66	43	42	57	70	40	58	66
Total	2037	1855	2001	1778	2005	1763	2100	1868	1995	1806	1945	1822

The number of pupils in a sixth form varies between schools. This is shown in the table above.

- Waseley High and Holy Trinity had the smallest number of pupils on roll in year 12 in 2024/25 with 17 and 15 pupils respectively,
- the largest school sixth forms, Prince Henry's High and Sixth Form and South Bromsgrove High School, had the greatest number on roll in year 12 in 2024/25 of 146 and 184 pupils respectively.

For all schools, where there are a greater number of pupils in attendance in a sixth form, there is an increased likelihood of the school delivering a greater number of subjects as scale supports the viability of subject delivery.

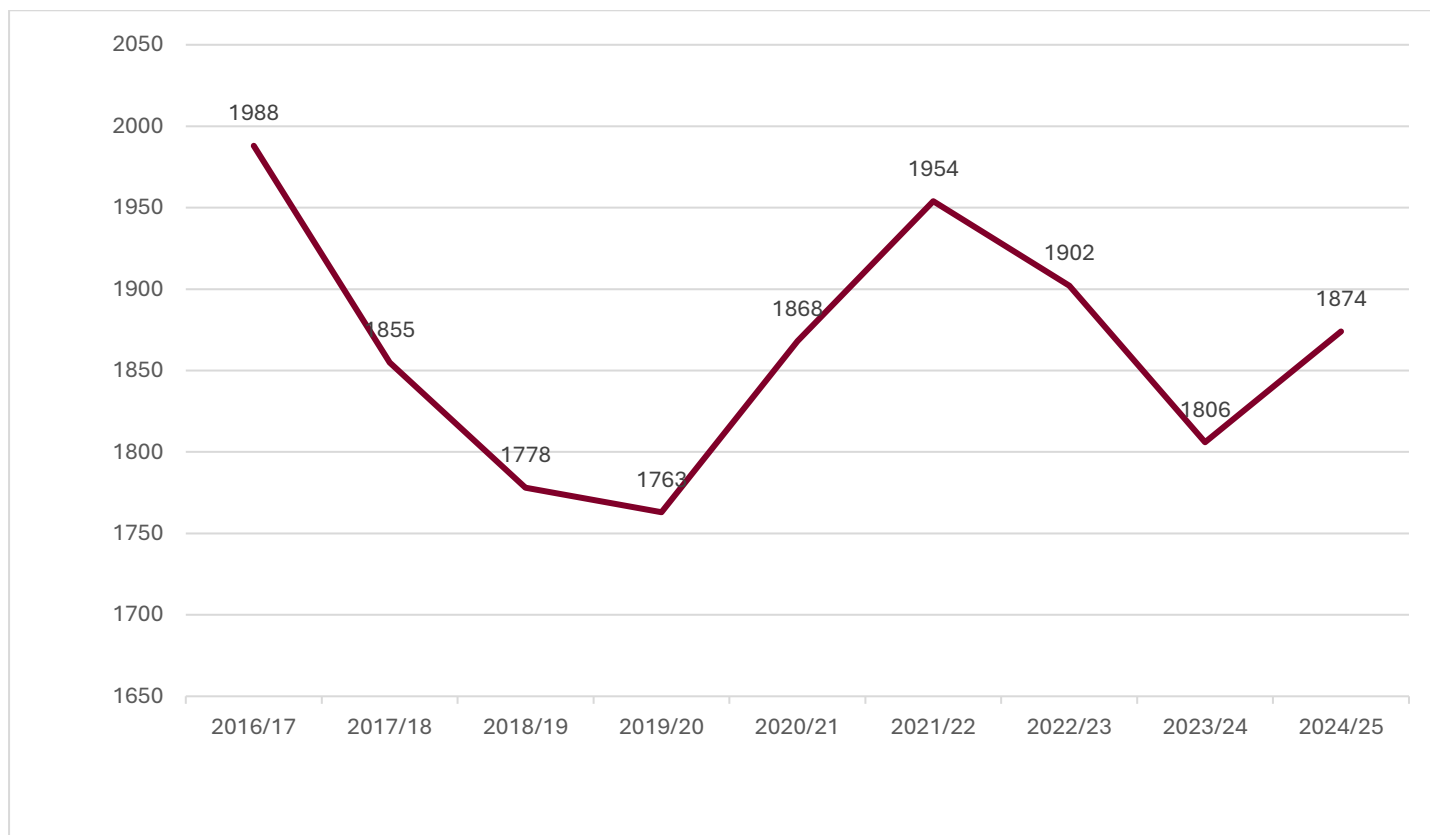
Over the past 7 years the average stay on rate in year 12 has ranged from 39.41% in the 2023/24 academic year to 46.19% in the 2021/22 academic year, although across individual sixth forms, the rates vary significantly. The stay on rate in 'Outstanding' schools was higher, between 51%-54%.

In October 2023, analysis of the number of pupils in year 12 in a school sixth form compared with the number of pupils in year 11 of the previous corresponding year and attending the same schools, varied from 9% to 78%, though the average decreased from 47% in 2021/22 to 41% in 2023/24. This mirrors an increase in NEET¹¹ rates (not in education, employment or training) from 4.9% in 2018 to 6.5% in 2022/23.

In academic year 2023/24, 5 out of 24 (21%) school sixth forms in Worcestershire retained over 50% of year 11 pupils in year 12, compared to the previous academic year, 2022/23, when 6 out of 24 (25%) school sixth forms maintained over 50% of their corresponding year 11 cohort.

¹¹ [JSNA Annual Summary 2024](#)

Figure 89: - The average number of students staying in further education at school sixth forms, transitioning from year 12 to year 13 per academic year.



Comparatively, when looking at the stay-on rates for students transitioning from year 12 to year 13 (in mainstream schools) across the county, the general correlation was an upward trend until 2021/22 as seen in figure 90 below.

Figure 90: - A line graph showing the combined county average stay-on percentage of students progressing from year 12 to year 13 in school sixth forms

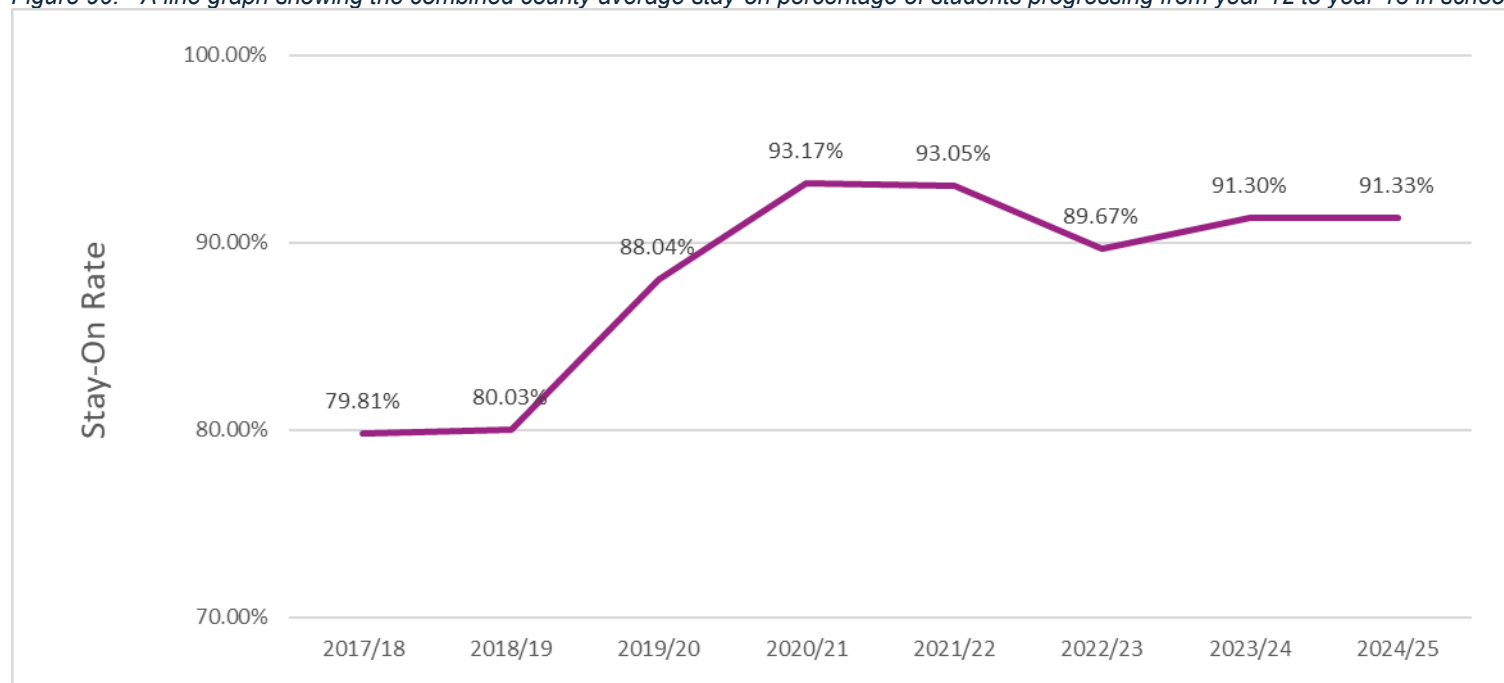


Figure 91 below shows the number of year 13 pupils on roll as a percentage of the corresponding year 11 cohort that left KS4 two years prior. These percentages indicate the retention rate for each school sixth form. However, these figures do not show the number of students that completed the course they enrolled in. Stay-on rate only maps progression until two terms after a pupil enters the corresponding year, i.e. a student that enters year 13 and drops out after the beginning of the summer term would still show as part of the stay-on rate for that year.

Figure 91: - Year 13 Pupils as a Percentage of the corresponding Year 11 Cohort from Two Years Prior

School Name	2019	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Arrow Vale RSA Academy	32.63%	37.91%	37.07%	27.06%	36.89%	33.18%
Baxter College	31.48%	30.67%	27.16%	30.52%	24.60%	31.06%
Christopher Whitehead Language College	46.89%	37.73%	47.35%	49.12%	35.32%	45.12%
Droitwich Spa High and Sixth Form	39.64%	35.69%	30.45%	36.14%	32.96%	32.81%
Hagley Catholic High	59.52%	64.71%	47.56%	44.39%	43.32%	46.02%
Hanley Castle High and Sixth Form	64.71%	65.09%	54.17%	69.09%	60.24%	54.34%
Haybridge High and Sixth Form	98.14%	73.01%	93.29%	57.38%	44.32%	60.33%
Holy Trinity	57.14%	50.00%	61.70%	44.44%	46.81%	17.65%
King Charles 1 High and Sixth Form	23.91%	25.79%	29.24%	35.07%	30.53%	28.65%
North Bromsgrove High and Sixth Form	8.29%	24.57%	26.30%	37.66%	44.03%	31.54%
Pershore High and Sixth Form	38.54%	44.64%	43.16%	42.74%	33.03%	34.19%
Prince Henry's High and Sixth Form	50.49%	51.71%	53.44%	54.55%	46.77%	56.87%
South Bromsgrove High and Sixth Form	51.41%	53.07%	53.52%	49.70%	53.15%	53.19%
St Augustine's Catholic High and Sixth Form	43.05%	59.39%	60.53%	58.30%	52.36%	50.85%
The Bewdley School	21.19%	26.40%	38.55%	33.95%	27.88%	28.25%
The Chase	58.15%	57.94%	62.63%	68.69%	69.78%	50.00%
The De Montfort School	21.94%	37.86%	41.33%	26.88%	35.22%	31.79%
The Stourport High and Sixth Form	22.11%	34.36%	37.08%	39.77%	34.81%	40.78%
Trinity High and Sixth Form	39.19%	38.26%	42.15%	31.15%	36.40%	31.99%
Tudor Grange Academy Redditch	18.67%	22.58%	54.24%	31.48%	32.94%	19.23%
Tudor Grange Academy Worcester	34.68%	14.52%	29.41%	32.75%	23.23%	19.19%
Waseley Hills and Sixth Form	23.26%	35.25%	23.81%	26.72%	21.05%	11.27%
Wolverley High and Sixth Form	21.11%	11.11%	20.69%	17.91%	25.71%	19.44%
Woodrush High and Sixth Form	33.14%	23.67%	24.43%	31.67%	23.39%	37.93%

Future demands for Post-16 provision in Worcestershire

Demographic changes

From a base of total numbers on roll of 27,532 in 2014/15, numbers have risen yearly to a peak of 30,782 in 2022/23, as seen below in *figure 92*. The decline in secondary school pupils impacted upon school sixth form numbers which fell by 16% from 4,491 in October 2014 to 3,768 in October 2019, which subsequently, is the same amount of time for the decrease to travel from year 7 to year 13 (sixth form year 2 (SFY2)). This is evidenced in *figure 93* below.

However, since October 2015 growth in secondary school pupil numbers continues to gather momentum, this increase is likely to impact school sixth form pupil numbers and post 16 provision across the County. This growth is set to continue until September 2026, where pupil numbers in secondary schools across Worcestershire are predicted to be at their highest. Pupil numbers are set to continue to rise until 2028 but with less impact in line with the current sixth form transfer rate of 42.95%; from 2028 pupil numbers are predicted to remain stable for the next three years. As seen in *figure 92*, secondary pupil numbers begin to fall in 2027/28, therefore it is forecast that this decline will be seen by sixth forms in 2029 admittance numbers.

Figure 92: - Graph to show the NOR of pupils attending Worcestershire secondary schools from 2008/09 until 2023/24. Figures for NOR are forecast from 2024/25 until 2033/34 to show expected trend. The blue vertical line represents the current academic year. Increasing trend is in line with the expected housing increase.

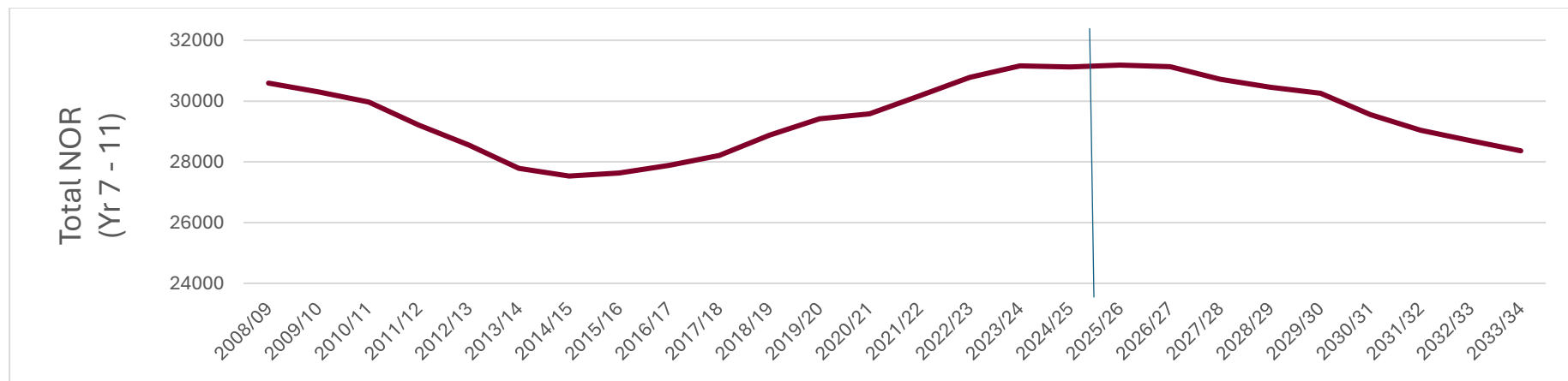
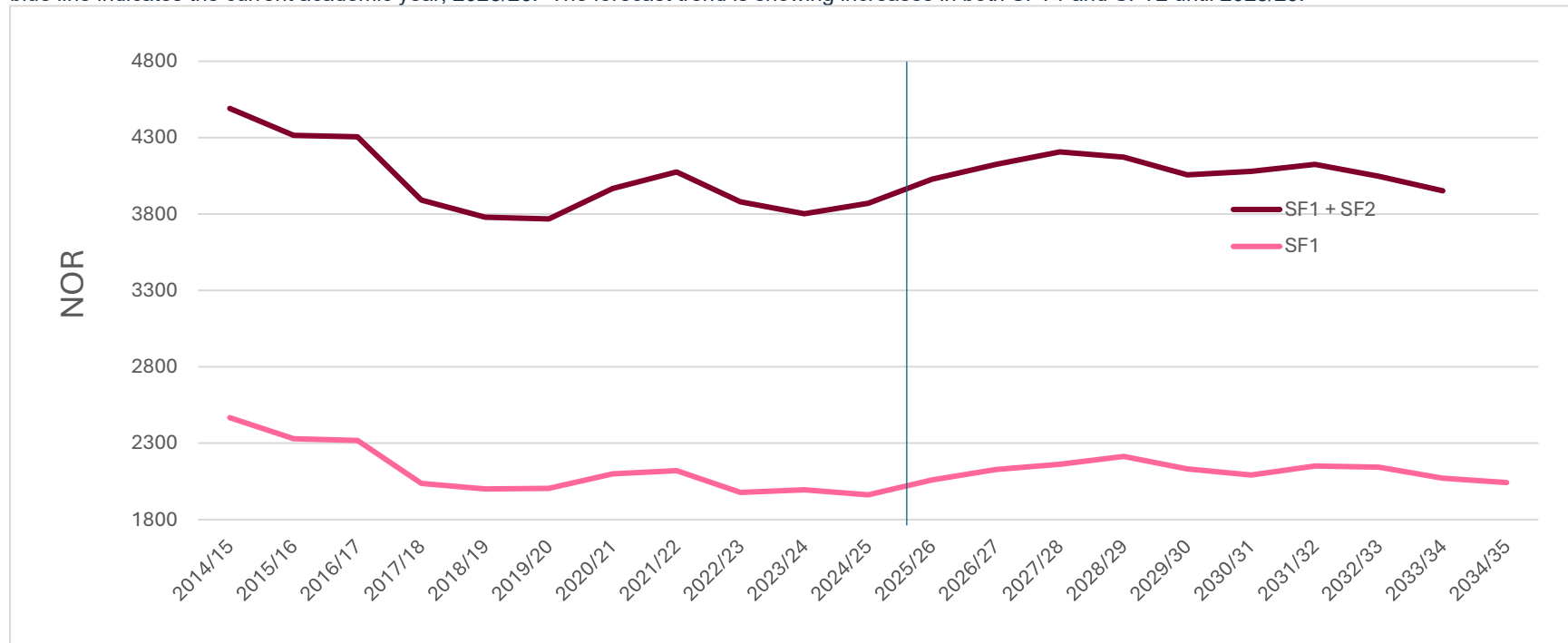


Figure 93: - A graph showing Secondary School Sixth Form NOR by Academic Year from October 2014 to October 2024, with Forecasted NOR from 2025/26 to 2033/34. The blue line indicates the current academic year, 2025/26. The forecast trend is showing increases in both SFY1 and SFY2 until 2028/29.



Housing

Figure 94 below sets out the number of dwellings identified as being required to be delivered per year by each district council between 2024 and 2030 to meet local housing need, and the estimated impact on school sixth form provision assuming an average stay on rate of 50% of year 11, is estimated to yield an additional 104 sixth form pupils on average per year that may choose school sixth form provision across Worcestershire, with further impact on other education, employment, and training provision.

Table 94: - Projected sixth form pupil yield from new housing until 2030

District Council	Housing Target per year until 2030	Estimated Sixth Form Pupil yield per year ¹²	Estimated Sixth Form Pupil Yield Over 7-Years
Bromsgrove	539	22	151
Malvern Hills	407	17	114
Redditch	460	19	129
Worcester	407	17	114
Wychavon	407	17	114
Wyre Forest	276	12	77
Total	2496	104	699

Sixth form pupil numbers reached their lowest in October 2019 at 3,768 and are now predicted to rise until the academic year 2032/33.

It is anticipated that there will be a 15% increase in post-16 provision with pupil numbers in year 12 rising from 2,003 in October 2023 to 2,352 in October 2028. This is indicative of higher pupil numbers in the high school system with a retention rate equating to 36.4% on average.

There is currently some capacity within the system to accommodate the predicted increase in sixth form pupil numbers from demographic growth. However, as higher pupil numbers come through the system, it is anticipated that any surplus capacity will be utilised to support provision across years 7-11 or 9-11 depending on two tier or three tier provision.

Most secondary and high schools have a net capacity or funding agreement that allows flexibility for a full year group in both year 12 and year 13 to assist with curriculum and timetabling. However, as a result of the forecast increase in secondary pupil numbers, there is unlikely to be a sufficiency of places in the more popular secondary schools particularly where there is anticipated large scale housing growth and ultimately, there may be displacement to other settings particularly when entry requirements are not met, or alternative curriculum options are sought.

¹² Number of dwellings x pupil yield (0.04) to derive total estimated year 12 and 13 pupils per year during the plan period 2020-2030

Conclusions

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

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

There will always be factors outside control measures which will impact on the actual demand for places in future years – economic changes which affect the building industry and either speed up or slow down the delivery of expected new housing, changes in patterns of migration which can mean unexpected new arrivals needing school places at short notice, and changes in parental preferences which can mean that a previously less popular school is suddenly in great demand.

While it is accordingly very difficult to forecast pupil numbers totally accurately, improvements in our forecasting methodology are helping us to increase the accuracy of our forecasts for 2026 and beyond. We undertake an annual review to compare forecast pupil numbers with data collated by the Admissions team on the numbers of first preferences (parents' nominations of their preferred school for their child entering first/primary, middle or high/secondary school) and allocations of places to highlight where forecasts were less accurate and to identify the reasons why – this exercise is valuable in informing the adjustments to forecasts at an individual EPA level.

Post-16 provision across Worcestershire is varied and schools that provide post-16 options through sixth form provision offer an important part to play across the school landscape. This report has explored current post-16 provision and shown that at present, schools are able to meet the demand for places in school sixth forms; however, for schools with small sixth forms, there have been challenges in maintaining a viable breadth of curriculum as numbers are low, with the closure of one school sixth form, Dyson Perrins in Malvern. WCC will continue to work closely with schools that currently have low numbers on roll in their sixth forms to ensure sustainability and retention of those settings to provide young people with the choice of attending local sixth form provision.

Overview of Recommended Actions

Based on the information and analysis presented in this report, the following tables detail the actions being taken or explored to meet the sufficiency needs for mainstream school age school places in Worcestershire over a ten-year period.

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

Approved schemes	Issue	Scheme	Year
Bromsgrove High	Insufficiency	North and South Bromsgrove High Schools agreeing to take 1FE over PAN	2026 & 2028
Worcester Secondary	Insufficiency	Dyson Perrins CE Academy and The Chase agreed to take bulge year group	2026
		Bishop Perowne CE Academy 1FE expansion	2029
		Tudor Grange Academy Worcester 0.5FE increase in places	2029

The following new schools are named within District Council plans and / or Section 106 Education Planning Obligation Agreements to mitigate the impact of the increased demand for school places resulting from new housing. Developer contributions towards the cost of the new schools have been agreed, however, the contributions are generally insufficient to meet the full cost of creating the additional provision, and the shortfall will have to be met from existing Council capital to deliver these new schools, including forward-funding where expenditure is required ahead of the payment of contributions.

Location	No. of dwellings	Provision	Indicative date required
Redditch – Foxlydiate	2,560	3 FE First with nursery	2027
Kidderminster – Lea Castle	1,360	2 FE Primary with nursery	2031
Bromsgrove – Perryfields	1,300	2 FE First with nursery	2031
South Worcester - Hopfields	2,500	2 FE Primary with nursery	2030

West Worcester	2,365	2 FE Primary with nursery	2029
Kidderminster East	1,340	2 FE Primary with nursery	2031 earliest
Wychavon – Mitton	500	1 FE Primary with nursery	2031 earliest
Worcester West – Rushwick	1,000	2 FE Primary with nursery	2035

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

Investigations into the potential to create additional provision are in progress in the following areas :

EPA	School	Issue	Additional provision	Year
Worcester West	Honeywell Primary	Housing	0.5FE or 1FE	
Martley	Broadheath CE Primary	Housing	10 places per year group (increase from 20 to 30)	

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

EPA	Catchment School	Issue	Forecast demand	Year
Northwest Redditch First	Holyoakes Field First	Housing	1 FE expansion	2030

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

EPA
Kidderminster West Primary
Stourport Primary
Tenbury Primary
Worcester North Primary

ACTION
Forecasting methodology: continue analysis of completed housing developments across Worcestershire to chart how the demand for school places from new housing develops following the commencement of construction and how re-circulation (families moving within the same education planning area) impacts on pupil yields.
Major housing growth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work collaboratively with colleagues in neighbouring authorities of Birmingham, Dudley and Solihull to assess the forecast impacts of proposed housing growth in Bromsgrove District and identify potential solutions. • Work collaboratively with all stakeholders on the development of plans for the new garden community in Wychavon.
Droitwich Middle - continue to monitor trends in transfers from primary schools to middle schools in Year 7