

Education Planning Obligations in Worcestershire

Table of Charges 2026-2027 from 1 April 2026

Foreword

The Worcestershire Education Planning Obligations policy (October 2025) was approved by Worcestershire County Council Cabinet and became effective from 1st October 2025. Under delegated authority, per pupil place cost is to be updated within the policy annually in line with the approved methodology. The charges set out in this document are applicable to education planning obligations from **1st April 2026**.

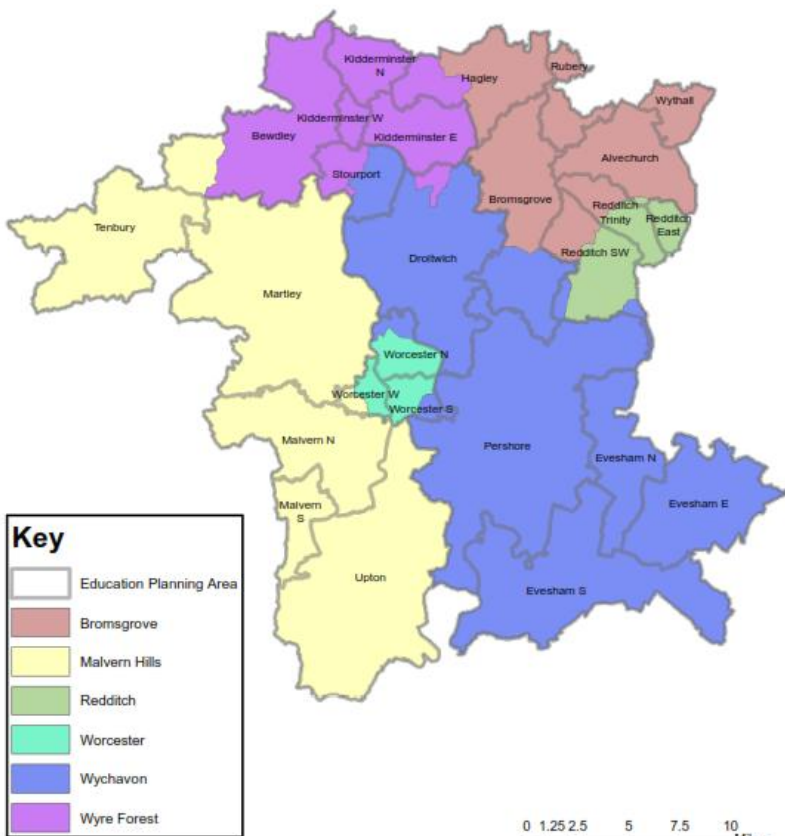
The Education Planning Obligations policy informs Local District Council Strategic Planning Documents (SPDs) and underpins contributions sought under S106 agreements.

Introduction

Where the impact of a development is judged to be of a level which would require delivery of a new school then the contribution will be negotiated with the developer. The contribution sought will reflect the site-specific build costs and the proportion of places in the new school which are likely to be filled by children resident on the proposed development.



The County Council operates 26 Education Planning Areas, based around the main population centres. The map to the left shows how these Education Planning Areas relate to district council boundaries.

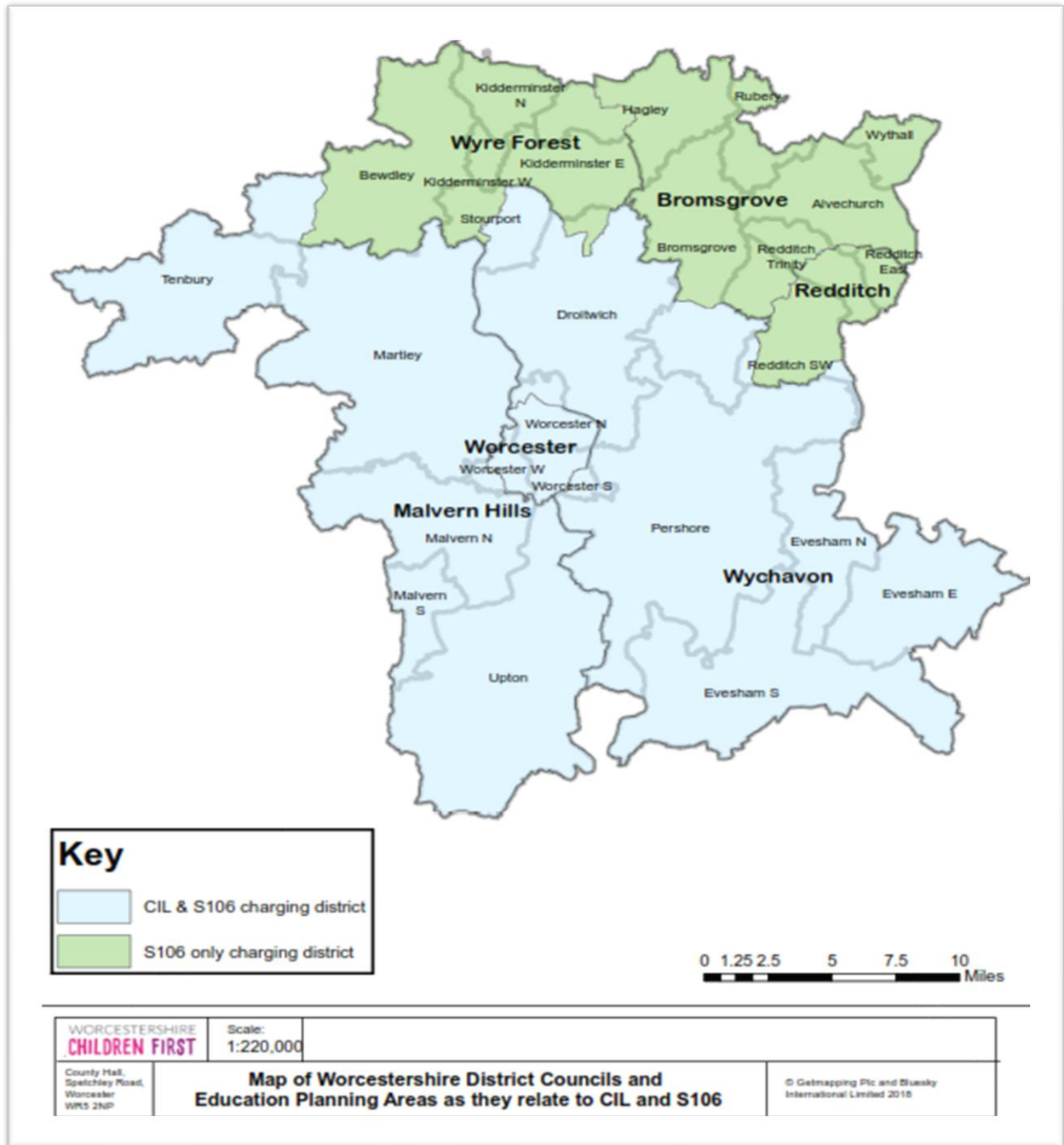


Charges by Planning Area where a Community Infrastructure Levy is applicable

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was adopted by Malvern Hills District Council and Wychavon District Council on 5th June 2017 and by Worcester City Council on 4th September 2017.

Where site-specific infrastructure is required in a CIL area, an education contribution under S106 will be sought and developers are advised to contact Worcestershire County Council at the earliest opportunity to discuss the level of charges.

The CIL charging areas are identified on the following map.



Charges by Planning Area for where a Section 106 Planning Obligation is applicable

The County Council will provide a formal response once a planning application is submitted but welcomes and encourages early discussions with developers to identify the likely impact of a development and the mitigation required.

Where a standard education financial contribution is judged to be the appropriate mitigation for a development, the local authority will seek an education financial contribution proportionate to the required number of pupil places through a S106 agreement. The calculation will be applied to each phase of education. The current methodology for assessing the level of impact and the formula for calculating the cost per pupil place is set out in more detail in paragraph 6.9 of the [Education Planning Obligations Policy Worcestershire](#) document.

The table below indicates the contribution that may be sought per pupil place for education planning obligations in respect of planning permissions that come forward from 1 April 2026. The actual contribution sought may be less if the detailed assessment shows there is existing spare capacity within local schools.

A S106 contribution will not be required from development sites of fewer than 10 dwellings as it is anticipated that the impact on education infrastructure will be low.

To assess the overall impact of the development on education infrastructure the number of places required will be calculated on all dwelling types to derive the total number of school places required. However, in calculating the level of contribution required, exemptions will be applied for the following dwelling types:

- developments that are 100% non-residential
- all houses and flats with a maximum of one bedroom;
- homes for older people as defined by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) February 2024 Annexe 2;
- flats or apartments specifically designed as student accommodation;
- specialist housing for people with disabilities (C2) as defined in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2024 Annex 2
- affordable rent or social rent dwellings where the landlord is a registered housing provider and the provision is to meet local need from those families already resident in the area and the property will remain at an affordable price for future eligible households;

The table below sets out the **cost per pupil place** that will be charged when a financial contribution towards an existing provider is judged to be the appropriate mitigation for a new development. Developments that require an expansion to support ½ a form of entry or greater will be subject to negotiation as contributions may be based on actual anticipated build costs as well as land requirements.

Education Planning Area	Early Years Provision	Primary Phase Year R – Year 6	Secondary Phase Year 7 – Year 11	Post 16	Special Educational Needs and Disability places
All areas	£21,899	£21,899	£30,120	£30,120	4 x relevant phase