

WANDSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCILReport by the Director of Children's Services on the updated projected need for additional primary and secondary school placesSUMMARY

The previous Paper No.19-55 to the Education and Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to the Executive in February 2019 reported on the latest school roll projections, derived from birth, housing and school census figures, together with information supplied by the Greater London Authority (GLA). This paper publishes new school roll projections, which take account of the latest ward-based birth data, actual rolls from January 2020 and new housing trajectory data.

Birth rates across the Borough continue the downward trend seen in the previous report, although the impact of new housing in development areas such as Nine Elms will see actual numbers rise in the period to the middle 2020s. Whilst the demand for primary school places in most areas is likely to level out in the period up to 2025, the transition of the recent bulge years into secondary schools is now under way.

For the primary phase, the exceptions are Planning Areas (PA) 5B (Queenstown/Nine Elms) and PA8 (Thamesfield). Although there has been slow growth in the demand for primary places in Nine Elms, given the scale of the development it appears likely that the new 2FE school, on the site of a Royal Mail sorting office (Nine Elms Parkside), will be needed as we move into the middle of the decade. In PA8, Brandlehow Primary School will revert back to 2 forms of entry (FE) in September 2020 to meet local demand as approved by the Council's Executive in February 2018 (Paper No. 18-43).

The significant increase in demand for primary school places has now moved into the secondary phase. To meet this demand, the permanent expansions to add a form of entry each at Ashcroft, SW15 (East Putney), Chestnut Grove, SW12 (Nightingale) and St. Cecilia's, SW18 (West Hill), and two forms of entry at Ark Putney, SW15 (West Putney) were approved by the Council's Executive in February and September 2018 (Paper Nos 18-43 and 18-298). St. John Bosco, SW11 (St. Mary's Park) plans to reduce its Pupil Admission Number (PAN) from September 2021. The Council will keep the position under review and report any changes in projected demand.

The purpose of this paper is to provide recommendations to ensure that the Council can meet its statutory responsibility for the provision of school places. It is expected that demand for 2021/22 can be met with the changes outlined above.

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<u>GLOSSARY</u>	
DfE	Department for Education
FE	Forms of Entry
GLA	Greater London Authority
PA	Planning Area
PAN	Published Admission Number
UTC	University Technical College

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Members are asked to note the conclusions outlined in paragraphs 92-97 of this report.
2. Members are also asked to note that given the scale of the development in Nine Elms it appears likely that the new 2FE school, on the site of a Royal Mail sorting office (Nine Elms Parkside), will be needed as we move into the middle of the decade. Design plans have progressed for the new school with community facilities to ensure that the site is available. A later report will be provided outlining likely timescales and necessary approvals.
3. The content of this report will be published on the Wandsworth Council Website as a record of the Council’s pupil projections. A copy of the report will also be placed in the Member’s Reading Room.

INTRODUCTION

4. This is the annual update setting out the projected need for school places to meet the Council’s statutory duty to secure sufficient schools for their area, to ensure sufficient school places are available in the Borough for every child of school age whose parents want to have one.
5. The last report approved in February 2019 (Paper No.19-55) recognised that, following the recent programme of expansion sufficient additional primary capacity was now available, save for potential additional places to meet the additional housing being developed in Nine Elms and the need to expand Brandlehow Primary School to meet local demand.
6. For secondary age pupils, the expectation was that sufficient places could be found within the existing school estate with a combination of permanent and temporary expansion, with capital investment.
7. The updated projections provided in this report take into account the latest available data, including ward-based birth information. Comments on each primary planning area are given below, as well as an analysis of demand for secondary and post 16 places.
8. The existing approved strategy to meet the Council’s statutory duty, that is, a combination of new schools, permanent enlargement and bulge classes, continues subject to local needs and conditions.

9. Admission limits have been set for 2020/21 and 2021/22 and were published in the relevant documents for parents seeking a place in the coming year. There remains scope to vary admission limits on a temporary basis should that become necessary to meet demand, after appropriate consultation.
10. The Council undertakes its own projections of need taking into account school rolls informed by birth rates and dwelling stock change by ward. The Greater London Authority (GLA) also provides school place planning forecasts using broadly similar data but using its own methodology. There is an advantage in having both sets of projections for comparison purposes.

Background and Context

11. In common with other parts of London, primary rolls are falling back. The total reception class intake for Wandsworth primary schools in October 2019 (2798) was similar to October 2018 (2802) but remains down by 3.3% compared to October 2017 (2893). On time applications for Wandsworth residents remained constant from 2018 to 2019 but has fallen by 3.1% for 2020 entry. The proportion of parents who were able to secure a school of choice has been consistent at approximately 95% in recent years, but some surplus capacity has begun to emerge.
12. The total number of pupils on roll in reception is expected to begin to increase again due to the underlying demographic changes in London including the impact of new developments. This is illustrated below (see graph, page 6 of this report), showing both the GLA and Wandsworth forecasts for reception class places with forecast capacity to 2032/33. This forecast includes existing assumptions about the provision of new places in Nine Elms and elsewhere. With the exception of Nine Elms this can be met within existing capacity.
13. The number of pupils on roll in the Borough's secondary schools is predicted to rise as the growth in the primary phase feeds into the secondary phase. Rolls are forecast to increase, peaking in 2023/24. Current forecasts indicate that numbers may again rise from 2026/27 and this position will need to be closely monitored.
14. Secondary applications from Wandsworth residents in October 2019 for Year 7 intake in September 2020 were up by 10.6% compared to those for 2017 entry. The numbers entering Year 7 by the October 2019 census were up by 7.3% compared to October 2017.
15. In addition to its statutory duty, the Council's policy is also to promote parental choice across a diversity of high performing schools and to ensure fair access to educational opportunities. A degree of spare capacity is helpful to enable parental preferences to be met, and to provide primary places within easy walking distance, and to meet the requirement for every on time resident applicant to be made a reasonable offer on national offer day. This has to be balanced with the efficient and economic delivery of the education service.
16. The Council keeps Planned Admission Numbers (PANs) under review to ensure there is a broad match between demand and provision. Where primary rolls have fallen, schools often have to deal with numbers which do not organise easily into groups of 30 and may give rise to budget difficulties. In these cases, the Council is generally sympathetic to

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minor adjustments in PANs through the admission process, so long as there is sufficient capacity overall.

17. Cross boundary movement is now in broad balance, with some 9% of total primary pupils coming from neighbouring boroughs compared to 9.4% residents going to schools outside of Wandsworth. The principal 'exports' are to Lambeth (2.8%), Merton (1.8%) and Kensington and Chelsea (also 1.8%), whilst the 'imports' include Lambeth (3.6%), Merton (3.4%) and Croydon (0.5%).
18. For secondary pupils, Wandsworth remains a net exporter by a small margin (0.8%) in Years 7 to 11. This is similar when looking at just Year 7 – in 2019 25.5% of Year 7 pupils at Wandsworth came from elsewhere compared to 26.2% residents attending schools in other boroughs although in the previous years the borough had been a slight net importer. Across Years 7 to 11, 8.1% of Wandsworth resident pupils attend schools in Merton, 5.2 % in Hammersmith and Fulham and 4% in Richmond, while 10.7% of pupils at Wandsworth schools live in Lambeth, 9.4% in Merton and 2.2% in Croydon.
19. Although the demand for primary school places has fallen in recent years, it is expected to rise again from 2020/21, partly in response to the impact of new developments but also as a result of the long-term growth in the London population. Projected levels remain below the peak in 2016. The primary bulge starting in 2009 has reached secondary schools and is expected to peak in 2023/24, although the long-term underlying trend remains upwards.
20. Overall, it is expected that the impact COVID 19 situation may lead to an increase in pupils attending state schools by slowing pupil mobility in the short-term and from pupils transferring from the independent sector due to financial difficulties. Although these factors are not directly included in the projections at this stage, it is expected that any such increase can be accommodated within existing capacity at primary level and the existing schemes at secondary level.

Methodology and Factors Affecting School Roll Projections

21. The Council's pupil projections are regularly reviewed to monitor the need for school places across the Borough.
22. The model used to develop primary projections is based on the 'cohort survival' method, using measured changes in actual rolls from year to year to generate forecasts. The normal pattern is for year group cohorts to reduce as children move from year to year, though new housing and migration generates additional admissions, often 'in-year'.
23. The starting point is the determination of reception class numbers, which uses GLA birth data to generate the likely demand for places on a ward by ward basis based on the 'retention rate', i.e. the proportion of children born in each ward who then take up a reception place four years later. For the secondary phase, the retention rate is the proportion of students in Year 7 compared to the previous Year 6 cohort. In each case the retention rate used is an average of the last three years.
24. The model also takes into account forecast housing completions using a calculator which uses indices derived from existing developments to determine the likely numbers from open market, social rented and intermediate tenure housing.

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25. Underlying population changes due to migration and fertility are initially reflected in the birth data, although once children are in schools the roll retention rates from year to year then influence the forecasts.
26. The GLA provides a pupil place planning forecast from the same data although the modelling assumptions are slightly different. This provides a useful check on the accuracy of the Wandsworth model.
27. The overall retention rate from birth to school admission in 2019 was 56.6%. Although it varies from year to year, it is broadly consistent with that in recent years (2018: 55.4% 2017: 55.6%, 2016: 57.1%). This masks local variations reflecting higher mobility in some wards where some parents move out of the area before children reach reception age or move to the independent sector.
28. Migration and mobility effects are difficult to forecast and increase the volatility in school populations. Although there is a long-term upward trend in London's under 16 population forecast to 2040, school rolls rise and fall from year to year.
29. The effect of the UK's departure from the European Union (Brexit) is included in the projections based on the impact on the school population thus far. It may also have further effect on birth rates in certain areas going forward although it is too early to quantify this accurately at this stage. The position will continue to be monitored and reflected in projections going forward.
30. The model includes the major redevelopment planned in the Nine Elms area, anticipated to create up to 16,000 new homes in Wandsworth. The projections have also been adjusted to take account of revised assumptions for child yield, including anticipated lower fertility and occupancy rates.
31. A planned development on the former Springfield Hospital site is expected to generate more than 800 new homes. The Council retains the option of building a new primary school on part of the former Springfield hospital, SW18 (Wandsworth Common) site. However, at this stage projections suggest a 2FE solely mainstream school could not be justified and the potential to use the site for other educational provision is currently being explored.
32. In terms of the secondary projections, the same model is used as for primary projections, but in this case the retention rate is derived from the proportion of Year 7s compared to the previous Year 6. The numbers are adjusted to take account of the projected child yield based on the Planning Department's survey of anticipated net housing change.
33. The transfer rate between Year 6 and Year 7 has increased significantly since 2016/17 from 83.9% to 88.1% in 2019/20. The retention rate used by the model is a 3-year average of this transfer rate, currently 87.6%, which is lower than the transfer rate we have seen in recent years. In reviewing this year's projections, it has been identified, similar to last year, that the retention rate is still lower than the transfer rate. As the peak of the Reception cohorts from 2010/11 to 2016/17 have not all transferred from primary to secondary and the transfer rate has risen for another year it has been assumed that the higher transfer rate is a trend rather than an anomaly. As with last year the projections have been adjusted by adding 2.9% over the next 3 years projections to compensate for the difference between the transfer rate and the retention rate. The difference between the transfer rate and the retention rate has been identified as one of

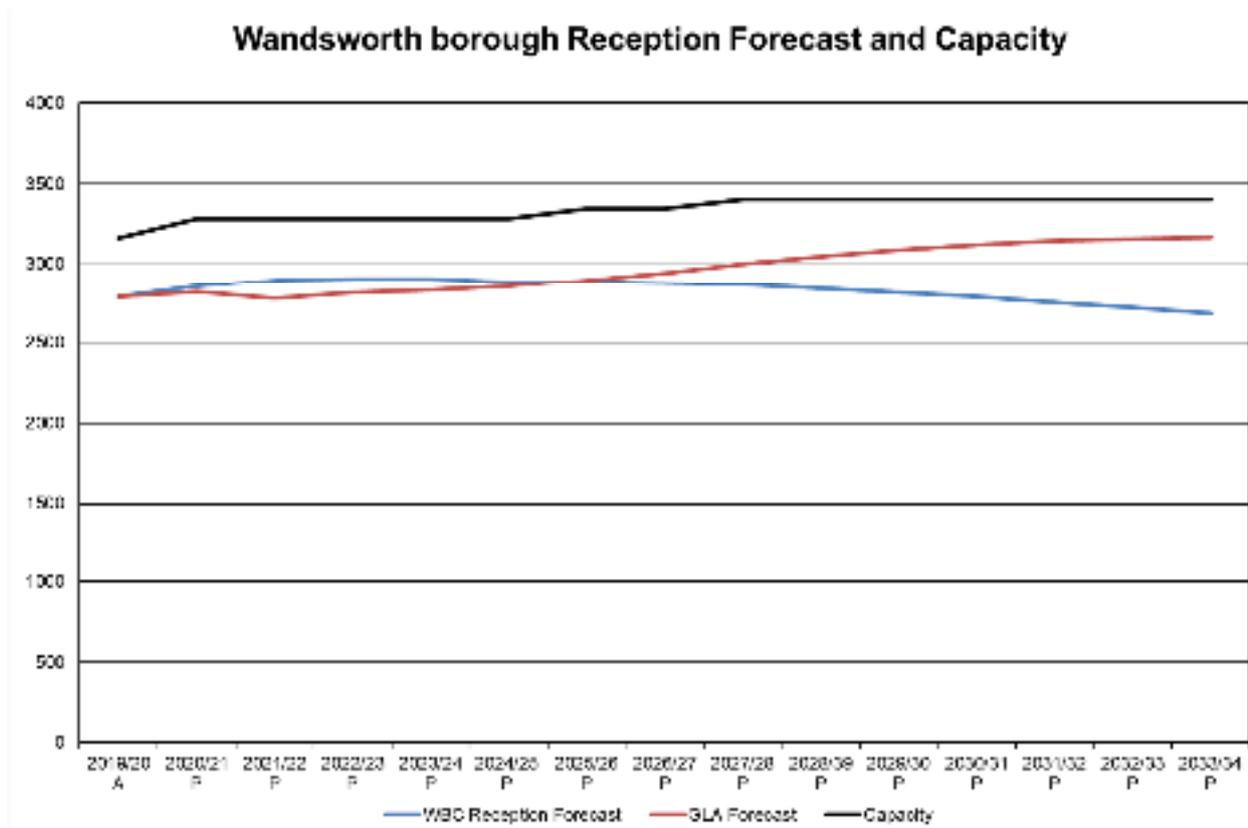
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the biggest factors in the under-projection of the Wandsworth model in recent years. Last year the projections were adjusted, and the accuracy of the projections improved significantly to within 1%. The projections from the Wandsworth model have historically been highly accurate (within 0.5%), but in recent years has not been as accurate. The adjustments bring the projections from the Wandsworth model in line with GLA projections and it is hoped will further improve the accuracy of the projections. This will continue to be reviewed as the peak from primary to secondary transfers through.

34. Appendix 1 shows the location of all schools including the primary planning areas. Appendices 2 and 3 set out the data for primary and secondary schools, with the planned sized of each school, forecast demand to 2033/34 and a comparison with capacity.

Review of Primary School need

35. In common with many areas of London, the Borough has witnessed substantial growth in pupil numbers in recent years. Between 2009/10 and 2016/17 primary school reception numbers rose by 579 (24%) and whole school rolls by some 3,000 or 19%. Over the same period, permanent capacity at primary schools increased by 28FE as the Borough responded to the growth in demand, including 10 bulge classes. In total some 6,300 new places were provided although many schools are still in the course of filling up.
36. The Borough's strategy was to meet this demand by a combination of bulge classes, major extensions and new provision. This represents a capital investment of some £67m., a combination of DfE capital grant, Council funding (capital and borrowing), developer contributions through S106 or CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy). This includes the cost of Floreat Primary School, SW18 (Earlsfield) and Oasis Academy Putney, SW15 (Thamesfield) (both academies) although not the three free schools provided separately by the DfE – Tooting, SW17 (Tooting) Rutherford House, SW12 (Bedford) and Mosaic, SW15 (Roehampton and Putney Heath).
37. The long term forecast of primary need is shown by the chart below, illustrating the showing a gradual increase in demand for reception class places to 2023 although still below 2016 levels. The growth in capacity reflects the potential new places mainly in Nine Elms.



38. An analysis and commentary for each planning area is set out below.

PA1 (Furzedown Ward)

39. The latest projections for Furzedown (PA1) continue at the broadly the same level as at present. Goldfinch Primary School (formerly Eardley Primary School) converted to academy status on 1st January 2019, having been judged by Ofsted to require special measures. This coupled with the overall fall in rolls has had an impact on pupil numbers. The ward also borders both Lambeth and Merton so cross boundary movement is also a factor. Goldfinch has operated to a lower PAN of 30 in recent years but is proposing to increase to 60 from 2021.

40. Current projections for the area show that demand for places is likely to be largely unaltered for next five years with a slight decline towards the end of the decade. There are enough places to allow for parental choice although PANs will be kept under review. No further changes are proposed at present.

PA2 (Tooting and Graveney Wards)

41. Having peaked at 582 in 2016/17, demand in 2018/19 fell back significantly to 507 and again to 493 in 2019/20.

42. The forecast anticipates an increase in current demand of approximately 35 over the next five years, partly as a result of new housing. This can be met comfortably within current capacity. The overall birth to school retention rate is high, with an average of 94.6% of births being recruited over the past three years.

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43. There is likely to be sufficient spare capacity in the planning area for the foreseeable future. PANs are currently under review with Franciscan, Hillbrook and Smallwood all capping their admissions by 1FE for 2020 entry.

PA3 (Earlsfield and Wandsworth Common Wards)

44. Following the opening of Floreat Wandsworth Primary School in September 2015 there is sufficient capacity in the area to meet forecast demand. At the school's request, the PAN for Swaffield School was reduced from 90 to 60 with effect from September 2019 although it was in fact possible to operate to the lower number from September 2018. Current projections show there will be a small margin of spare capacity in the coming years. Should additional places be needed, the option to open a bulge class would be available. Parents may also wish to consider schools in the neighbouring PAs 6 and 7.
45. The Council retains the option of building a new primary school on part of the former Springfield hospital site. Although some 800 dwellings are planned for this site, the projections suggest a 2FE solely mainstream school could not be justified and the potential to use the site for other educational provision is currently being explored.

PA 4A (Bedford and Nightingale Wards)

46. Reception pupil numbers again rose to 204 admissions for 210 places in 2019 compared to 186 in 2017. Numbers are projected to remain at a similar level over the next five years. No changes are proposed.
47. There may be scope for schools in this planning area to meet excess demand from PA 4B (below) should that continue at the current level.

PA 4B (Northcote and Balham Wards)

48. The number of places required in PA 4B is forecast to remain high over the next few years, with all schools expected to be full. Belleville Primary School operated bulge classes in 2016 and 2017 (temporarily raising its PAN to 150 for that year) and has again offered 30 additional places for 2020 entry.
49. It is not proposed to make any further variations this year. There are options for parents in the adjacent planning areas.

PA 5A (St Mary's Park, Latchmere and Shaftesbury Wards)

50. Reception rolls in this planning area dropped by 24 compared to 2018 but still remained 17 higher than in 2017. Projections indicate a rise of approximately 20 pupils because of housing developments in St. Mary's and Latchmere Wards over the next 10 years, and there may also be some impact due to the high demand in the adjacent PA4B (above). There is also scope for schools in this planning area to meet excess demand from PA6 should that continue at the current level.
51. Westbridge Primary School recently reduced its PAN from 60 to 30 and admissions to Falconbrook Primary School were capped at 30 in 2018 and 2019. Current projections indicate that there are sufficient places in this planning area and no further action is needed at present.

PA 5B (Queenstown Ward)

52. Nine Elms is the major growth area in the Borough, anticipated to create up to 16,000 new homes in Wandsworth.
53. Given the nature of this development, which includes high value apartments, the demographic of the resident population is likely to differ from other parts of the Borough. For this reason, alternative assumptions have been used to produce the projections including births, child yield per dwelling, the level of occupancy and the proportion of children expected to attend local schools. As more of the housing developments are occupied, the Council will gain a better understanding of the mix of families who will occupy them which will allow the projections to be further refined.
54. The timing of social and mixed tenure housing has changed during the development with the expectation now that it would be delayed until later in the development cycle. The impact of this has been reflected in the child yield projections, which show a steady increase in demand to 158 plateauing between 2025 and 2028.
55. The Council has commissioned local surveys including door to door follow up enquiries to determine the likely demand from new residents. The 2018 Developer Phasing Study and the 2017 Housing Survey general population projections by 2030/31 are 2-4,000 higher than that forecast in 2015 (34,700). The Housing Survey also forecasts a greater number of 0-4-year olds (by 3-4%) than that in the Developer Phasing Study. As the response rate to the surveys was relatively low (873 households), these figures should be used with caution and the position will be closely monitored as further information becomes available.
56. There has been very little impact on rolls thus far and in fact receptions rolls in 2019 dropped by 13 compared to last year. Of the schools in the planning area, Griffin Primary School has nearly 1FE of available capacity and St Mary's has deferred its expansion to 2FE for the past three years. The current number of reception pupils (92) is well within current capacity and demand for places in September 2020 can be met within the present number of places available.
57. St. Marys has deferred its expansion until demand comes through and in the short-term there will be sufficient places from existing capacity. Griffin Primary School has had some difficulty in recruiting pupils in recent years and has operated as a 1FE school. It is likely to consult on formally reducing its PAN to 30 in the autumn. Nonetheless moving forward, given the scale of the development it appears likely that the new 2FE school, on the site of a Royal Mail sorting office (Nine Elms Parkside), will be needed as we move into the middle of the decade. The adjacent site on Ponton Road (currently owned by the Metropolitan Police) would also provide the means to expand the primary school to 4FE should further demand materialise. In the meantime, design plans have progressed for the new school with community facilities to ensure that the site is available.
58. Should consultation on the future of the Patmore and Savona estates in Nine Elms lead to proposals for additional affordable housing, this would create extra demand for school places not currently allowed for in the pupil projections and thus reinforce the need for the school developments referred to above to be brought forward in due course.

PA6 (Fairfield Ward)

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59. Reception rolls at schools in PA6 increased by 14 in 2019 compared to the previous year. The projections show a gradual increase in demand in the planning area from 2021 as a result of new dwellings in the centre of Wandsworth. This additional demand (up to 0.5FE) can be met within current provision in conjunction projected spare capacity in PA5a and PA7.
60. Ark John Archer Primary Academy (previously known as High View Primary School) has reduced its PAN formally from 60 to 30 from 2020. Should additional places be needed, the option to open a bulge class would be available.
61. There is also a proposal for a new 2FE free school, the Anglo-Portuguese School of London (APSoL) to open in September 2020 on part of the South Thames College campus on Wandsworth High Street. The funding agreement of the school has very recently been signed by the Secretary of State to open this September. .

PA7 (Southfields, West Hill and East Putney Wards)

62. The number of children admitted to Reception in this area in 2019 was similar to recent years. Reception class numbers in PA7 are expected to decline slightly until the end of the planning period although there are some new developments.
63. Current projections indicate that there are enough places to provide sufficient choice in the area, with spare capacity is expected to remain broadly consistent. The PAN for West Hill Primary School will reduce formally from 60 to 30 in 2021, with the school having capped its admissions at this level for the previous two years. There are no other proposals for change at this stage.

PA8 (Thamesfield Ward)

64. Following its reduction in PAN to 30 in 2018, Brandlehow Primary School will revert back to 2FE (PAN of 60) from September 2020. The project remains on programme to be completed by the end of the year, with the use of existing temporary classrooms if needed.
65. Pupil numbers are projected to rise in PA8 over the next few years and it is expected that the enlarged Brandlehow would fully recruit to the end of the planning period.

PA9 (Roehampton and West Putney Wards)

66. Reception numbers dropped sharply by 44 in 2019 from a peak level of 270 in 2018. The projected number of places is expected to recover slowly from September 2020 plateauing at approximately 245 towards the end of the decade.
67. Mosaic Jewish Primary School opened in its new site in Roehampton Lane in September 2015 expanding from 1FE to 2FE. The school's admissions policy draws half of its pupils from the local community and the remainder from the Jewish community across London. The school is included in the projections at 2FE and, even if the 30 places open to Jewish children from across London are discounted, there would still be sufficient capacity in the area to meet parental preferences. Currently, most of the school's pupils come from the local area.

68. There is some projected spare capacity within the area, and this will be closely monitored going forward. Granard Primary School has an official PAN of 90 but has recruited to 60 in recent years.

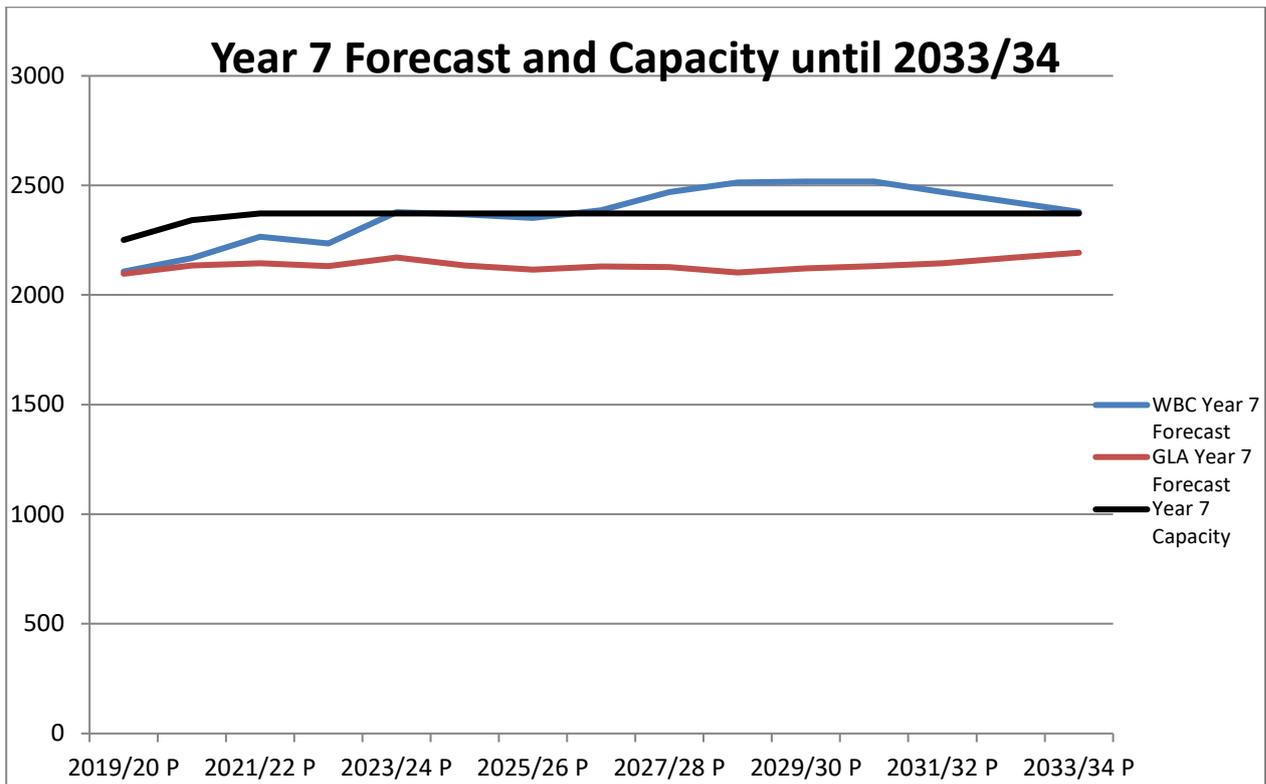
Analysis of Secondary School Places in the Borough

69. Even before the latest anticipated rise in rolls, there has been substantial investment in new and improved secondary school places in the borough. Bolingbroke Academy opened as a new 4FE free school in 2012 with places also added at Burntwood, Chestnut Grove, SW12 (Bedford) Graveney, SW17 (Furzedown) Harris Battersea, SW11 (Latchmere) (all 1FE) and St John Bosco, SW11 (St. Mary's Park) (net 2FE) since 2010.
70. A key element in projecting pupil numbers for Wandsworth secondary schools is the transfer rate from Year 6 in primary schools. While in primary schools the movement across borough boundaries is relatively modest and tends to only be significant for schools close to borough boundaries, the position for secondary schools is more complex and movement is much greater.
71. The transfer rate from Wandsworth primary to Wandsworth secondary schools (Year 6 to Year 7) considers both factors, as well as pupil movement to independent schools. The transfer rate has risen in recent years from 82% staying in Wandsworth schools to 88.1% in 2019. Outward migration has reduced over the same period from 31% to 26%.
72. Given the degree of cross boundary movement at Year 7 transfer, the figures quoted above need to be understood in context. In September 2018, 26.2% of Wandsworth resident pupils took up a place at a school of preference in a neighbouring borough ('exports'). By comparison, 25.5% of the places in Wandsworth secondary schools were also offered to out of borough students ('imports'). Since 2014 exports have fallen from 31%, but imports have fluctuated from 24% and 29%.
73. The overall pattern of cross boundary movement is measured by the DfE and published annually based on total 11-15 rolls. Although the Borough is a small net exporter, there is significant movement to Merton, Hammersmith and Fulham, Lambeth and Richmond. Imports come principally from Lambeth, Merton and Croydon.
74. Four schools offer selective places, a total of 231 (7.7FE) which are allocated based on test scores. Tests may be taken by any applicant regardless of distance from school.
75. Although growth in rolls has been broadly even across the Borough, and whilst secondary pupils may be expected to travel, proximity to school remains an important consideration for parents. The existing pattern of schools offers diversity of provision, with single sex, voluntary and specialist schools available.

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Demand for secondary school places

- 76. At present, 8 out of the 11 secondary schools in the Borough are fully subscribed at Year 7, with places only available at Ark Putney, Southfields and St John Bosco. There are variations from year to year, but it is assumed these too will eventually fill to capacity.
- 77. The number of pupils on roll in the Borough’s secondary schools is predicted to rise as the growth in the primary phase feeds into the secondary phase. This is already working its way through to the secondary phase with an increase in secondary applications from Wandsworth residents for September 2020 of 16.6% compared to 2016 entry. Year 7 numbers at Wandsworth secondary schools in January 2020 were up by 7.3% compared to January 2018 and by 17.3% from January 2016. In the medium term, rolls are forecast to peak in 2023/24. Current forecasts indicate that numbers may again rise from 2026/27 and this position will need to be closely monitored.
- 78. Plans to expand four schools (Ashcroft, SW15 (East Putney) Chestnut Grove, St Cecilia’s, SW15 (West Hill) [each by 1FE] and Ark Putney, SW15 (West Putney) by 2FE) have already been approved by the Council’s Executive (Paper Nos 18-43 and 18-298). To meet peak demand over the period to 2023-2026, it may also be necessary to open bulge classes as previously agreed (Paper No. 17-54). Six secondary schools have indicated their willingness to consider providing additional classes when required – Ark Putney, Burntwood, SW18 (Earlsfield), Graveney, Southfields, SW18 (Southfields) Chestnut Grove and St. John Bosco. As with the primary programme, adjustments may be needed from year to year requiring minor capital investment.
- 79. The chart below illustrates forecast demand for secondary school Year 7 places until 2033/34. Capacity figures include the planned permanent expansions and also indicative timing of bulge classes although at this stage no firm proposals for bulge classes have been agreed.



80. Keir has been appointed as contractor for the preferred feasibility options to complete the design and price the construction of all the schools. Kier are delivering all the schools except Ashcroft which due to a smaller construction value is being delivered by Lengard. The planned permanent expansions of Ark Putney and Ashcroft are on programme and expected to be ready for the schools to admit additional pupils from September 2020 if necessary. There has been some delay in progressing the schemes at Chestnut Grove and St Cecilia's although Chestnut Grove have agreed to admit additional pupils in advance of completion. The original proposal to use modular buildings at Chestnut Grove has been changed to traditional construction methods owing to higher than expected costs. Planning permission has been obtained and works are expected to be completed in the summer of 2021. St Cecilia's has faced increased costs due to extensive ground contamination, underground services and complex interfaces with the existing building. Discussions remain ongoing with the school to bring the project within budget though value engineering.

Post 16 Education

81. Young people between 16 and 18 are required to attend full time education or training, or employment with training. The education options post-16 are diverse and include apprenticeships, part time training courses as well attending school or college. The retention rate between Year 11 and Year 12 in full time schooling has been rising, with some 99% of the January 2019 Year 11 cohort recorded in year 12 in January 2020. However, this is on a rising roll from year to year and may also mask transfers in and out of the borough as young people seek courses of choice.
82. Existing sixth form provision varies significantly in size, with Graveney being the largest with a roll of 789. Others include Burntwood (415) and Southfields (469) although the average size is around 290. Pressures on accommodation may be managed by class sizes and timetabling to maximise the use of available space.
83. With rising demand, there is likely to be pressure on 6th form places as schools fill up with 11-15 students and the planned expansions at Ark Putney, Chestnut Grove and St Cecilia's also provide for an additional 50 sixth form places at each school.
84. In addition, options for Post 16 education accessible to students living in Wandsworth are being enhanced through the opening of new University Technical Colleges (UTCs) in Lambeth and Westminster, offering places for pupils aged 14-19. The South Bank Engineering UTC based in Lambeth (Brixton) specialises in the building and health sectors and opened in September 2016. The Sir Simon Milton UTC in Westminster opened in September 2017 with a focus on engineering in transport and construction. The Harris Federation is also planning to open a dedicated sixth form college in Clapham Park in September 2021. Other options may include new schools in neighbouring boroughs with additional post 16 capacity.

Financial considerations

85. As set out in Paper No. 18-298, the total cost of the four projects recommended to proceed was estimated at £12.79m but this exceeded the available resources by £0.667m. The scope of works is considered necessary to secure the required expansion of student numbers. It is expected that during the scheme development there would be

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an emphasis of value engineering to make the necessary savings to bring them into balance.

86. Schools have been asked if they would be willing in principle to make contributions to meet the funding gap. All have agreed to consider how this might be done, whether by meeting the cost of loose furniture, equipment and ICT (needed year by year as they expand), the cost of removal of temporary accommodation, value engineering or by a commitment to enter into a financial agreement with the Council to pay an agreed sum over a period of years. Good progress is being made in closing the funding gap, with circa 75% of the required funding secured in principle and the remainder subject to ongoing discussions.
87. In the event that it is not possible to meet the funding gap, eg due to increased building costs arising from site abnormalities or impact from the COVID 19, then the proposals will be subject to a further paper outlining the available options.
88. In the primary sector, as agreed in February 2018 (Paper No. 18-43), a budget of £3m was approved to expand Brandlehow Primary School to 2FE from September 2020. The cost will be met from the DFE basic need capital grant for 2019-20.
89. Funding for primary expansion to serve Nine Elms (eg the proposed new primary school) would need to be a claim on available CIL resources for the development area.

Comments of the Director of Resources

90. As set out in Paper Nos 18-43 and 18-298, funding for the secondary school expansions of Ark Putney Academy, Ashcroft Technology Academy, Chestnut Grove Academy, and St Cecilia's School and the expansion of Brandlehow Primary School were approved in February and September 2018 from Basic Need Capital Funding and existing capital provision.
91. In developing the secondary schemes further, the funding gap of £0.667m needs to be addressed through either the design process, value engineering or seeking financial contributions from the schools that benefit from the expansion programme to avoid additional cost to the Council.

Conclusion

92. The main focus is now the delivery of additional places to meet the forecast growth in rolls in secondary schools. The recommended strategy is to support permanent expansion at selected schools and the inclusion of an option for bulge classes to meet the peak of demand if necessary.
93. Proposals to expand Ashcroft, Chestnut Grove and St Cecilia's by 1FE and Ark Putney by 2FE have already been approved and together with the provision of bulge classes, this is expected to meet the forecast need for places to 2024. Current forecasts indicate that numbers may again rise from 2026/27 and this position will need to be closely monitored.
94. Although there has been slow growth in the demand for primary places in Nine Elms, given the scale of the development it appears likely that the new 2FE school, on the site of a Royal Mail sorting office (Nine Elms Parkside), will be needed as we move into the

Primary and Secondary School Places

middle of the decade. Design plans have progressed for the new school with community facilities to ensure that the site is available. A later report will be provided outlining likely timescales and necessary approvals.

95. In PA8 (Thamesfield) the expansion of Brandlehow Primary school from 1FE to 2FE from September 2020 was approved in February 2018 following its earlier reduction from 1.5FE. This is in response to local parental demand for places and to maximise the use of the existing site and classrooms.
96. The need for primary and secondary places will be kept under review, and in consultation with schools the options to match demand and capacity will be considered to ensure that schools both meet parental expectations and can deliver education efficiently when budgets in real terms are under pressure. Any future plans will need to be considered in tandem with a full review via the Local Plan.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are no background papers to this report

Primary Projections 2020

Planning Area	School	Ward	Type	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/24
PA1	Furzedown Primary	Furzedown	CO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
PA1	Goldfinch Primary School	Furzedown	A	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
PA1	Penwortham Primary School	Furzedown	CO	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
PAN total				180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180
Reception Forecast				WBC Forecast	177	164	164	163	160	159	158	157	156	155	154	153	152	152
				+ (surplus)/ - (deficit)		16	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	28
				% + (surplus)/ - (deficit)		9%	9%	9%	10%	11%	12%	12%	13%	14%	14%	15%	15%	16%

Planning Area	School	Ward	Type	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/24
PA2	Broadwater Primary School	Tooting	CO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
PA2	Fircroft Primary School	Tooting	CO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
PA2	Franciscan Primary School	Graveney	A	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
PA2	Gatton School	Tooting	VA	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
PA2	Hillbrook Primary School	Tooting	FO	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120
PA2	Sellincourt Primary School	Graveney	CO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
PA2	Smallwood Primary School	Tooting	CO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
PA2	St Boniface RC School	Graveney	VA	50	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45
PA2	Tooting Primary School	Graveney	A	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
PAN total				620	615													
Reception Forecast				WBC Forecast	493	527	532	530	527	521	517	514	510	507	504	502	499	497
				+ (surplus)/ - (deficit)		88	83	85	88	94	98	101	105	108	111	113	116	121
				% + (surplus)/ - (deficit)		14%	13%	14%	14%	15%	16%	16%	17%	18%	18%	18%	19%	20%

Planning Area	School	Ward	Type	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/24
PA3	Beatrix Potter Primary	Wandsworth common	CO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
PA3	Earlsfield Primary	Earlsfield	CO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
PA3	Floreat Wandsworth	Earlsfield	A	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
PA3	Swaffield Primary	Wandsworth common	CO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
PAN total				240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240
Reception Forecast				WBC Forecast	231	225	228	228	229	228	228	227	224	221	218	214	211	207
				+ (surplus)/ - (deficit)		15	12	12	11	12	11	13	16	19	22	26	29	
				% + (surplus)/ - (deficit)		6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	11%	12%	

Planning Area	School	Ward	Type	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/24		
PA4A	Holy Ghost Catholic Primary School	Nightingale	VA	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30		
PA4A	Ravenstone Primary School	Bedford	CO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60		
PA4A	Rutherford House (free school)	Bedford	A	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60		
PA4A	St Anselm's School	Bedford	VA	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30		
PA4A	Trinity St. Mary's C.E.Primary	Nightingale	VA	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30		
PAN total				210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210		
Reception Forecast				WBC Forecast	204	198	200	199	198	196	195	194	193	191	190	189	188	187	186	
				+ (surplus)/ - (deficit)		12	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	19	20	21	22	23	24	
				% + (surplus)/ - (deficit)		6%	5%	5%	5%	7%	7%	8%	8%	9%	9%	10%	10%	11%	11%	

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PA4B	Alderbrook Primary School	Balham	CO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60		
PA4B	Belleville Primary School	Northcote	A	120	150	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120		
PA4B	Honeywell Infants School	Northcote	FO	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90		
PAN total				270	300	270														
Reception Forecast				WBC Forecast	263	292	292	289	286	281	278	275	272	269	267	266	264	262	260	
				+ (surplus)/ - (deficit)		8	-22	-19	-16	-11	-8	-5	-2	1	3	4	6	8	10	
				% + (surplus)/ - (deficit)		3%	-8%	-7%	-6%	-4%	-3%	-2%	-1%	0%	1%	2%	2%	3%	4%	

Planning Area	School	Ward	Type	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/24		
PA5A	Belleville Wix Pimary School	Shaftesbury	A	74	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44		
PA5A	Chesterton Primary School	Latchmere	A	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60		
PA5A	Christ Church CE School	Latchmere	VA	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30		
PA5A	Falconbrook Primary School	Latchmere	CO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60		
PA5A	John Burns Primary School	Shaftesbury	CO	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30		
PA5A	Sacred Heart (Battersea)	Latchmere	VA	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60		
PA5A	Shaftesbury Park School	Shaftesbury	CO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60		
PA5A	Westbridge Primary School	St. Mary's Park	A	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30		
PAN total				404	374															
Reception Forecast				WBC Forecast	326	332	341	344	345	345	346	347	346	344	342	340	336	333	329	
				+ (surplus)/ - (deficit)		42	33	30	29	29	28	27	28	30	32	34	38	41	45	
				% + (surplus)/ - (deficit)		11%	9%	8%	8%	8%	7%	7%	7%	8%	9%	9%	10%	11%	12%	

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PA5B	Griffin School	Queenstown	A	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
PA5B	St George's CE Primary School	Queenstown	VA	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
PA5B	St Mary's RC School	Queenstown	VA	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
PA5B	Nine Elms School	Queenstown	A							60	60	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	
PAN total				150	150	150	150	150	150	210	210	270							
Reception Forecast				WBC Forecast	79	93	109	122	133	144	155	157	158	155	148	137	124	111	102
				+ (surplus)/ - (deficit)		57	41	28	17	6	55	53	112	115	122	133	146	159	168
				% + (surplus)/ - (deficit)		38%	27%	18%	11%	4%	26%	25%	41%	43%	45%	49%	54%	59%	62%

Planning Area	School	Ward	Type	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/24		
PA6	Allfarthing Primary School	Fairfield	CO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60		
PA6	Ark John Archer Academy	Fairfield	A	60	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30		
PA6	St Joseph's RC Primary School	Fairfield	VA	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30		
PA6	St. Anne's C.E. Primary School	Fairfield	VA	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30		
PA6	St. Faith's School	Fairfield	VA	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30		
PAN total				210	180															
Reception Forecast				WBC Forecast	181	178	183	187	189	190	192	195	197	197	197	195	193	189	185	
				+ (surplus)/ - (deficit)		2	-3	-7	-9	-10	-12	-15	-17	-17	-17	-17	-15	-13	-9	-5
				% + (surplus)/ - (deficit)		1%	-2%	-4%	-5%	-5%	-7%	-8%	-9%	-10%	-9%	-9%	-9%	-7%	-5%	-3%

Planning Area	School	Ward	Type	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/24	
PA7	Albemarle Primary School	West Hill	FO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
PA7	Our Lady Queen of Heaven	West Hill	VA	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
PA7	Riversdale Primary	Southfields	CO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
PA7	Ronald Ross Primary School	West Hill	CO	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
PA7	Sheringdale Primary School	Southfields	CO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
PA7	Southmead Primary School	West Hill	CO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
PA7	St Michael's CE Primary School	East Putney	VA	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
PA7	West Hill	Southfields	CO	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
PAN total				390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	
Reception Forecast				WBC Forecast	377	361	360	356	351	343	339	335	331	327	324	321	318	315	312
				+ (surplus)/ - (deficit)		29	30	34	39	47	51	55	59	63	66	69	72	75	78
				% + (surplus)/ - (deficit)		7%	8%	9%	10%	12%	13%	14%	15%	16%	17%	18%	18%	19%	20%

Planning Area	School	Ward	Type	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/24	
PA8	All Saints' C of E Primary School	Thamesfield	VA	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
PA8	Brandlehow School	Thamesfield	CO	30	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
PA8	Hotham Primary School	Thamesfield	CO	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
PA8	Oasis Academy Putney	Thamesfield	A	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
PA8	Our Lady of Victories School	Thamesfield	CA	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
PA8	St. Mary's C.E. Primary	Thamesfield	VA	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
PAN total				240	270														
Reception Forecast				WBC Forecast	228	244	244	241	239	235	233	230	228	225	222	220	217	215	212
				+ (surplus)/ - (deficit)		26	26	29	31	35	37	40	42	45	48	50	53	55	58
				% + (surplus)/ - (deficit)		10%	10%	11%	11%	13%	14%	15%	16%	17%	18%	19%	20%	20%	21%

Planning Area	School	Ward	Type	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/24	
PA9	Granard Primary School	West Putney	CO	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	
PA9	Heathmere Primary School	Roehampton	CO	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	
PA9	Mosaic Jewish Primary School	Roehampton	A	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
PA9	Roehampton CE Primary School	Roehampton	VA	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
PA9	Sacred Heart (Roehampton)	West Putney	VA	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
PA9	The Alton School	Roehampton	A	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
PAN total				315	315	315	315	315	315	315	315	315	315	315	315	315	315	315	
Reception Forecast				WBC Forecast	226	238	243	244	244	242	242	243	243	244	245	245	245	244	243
				+ (surplus)/ - (deficit)		77	72	71	71	73	73	72	72	71	70	70	70	71	72
				% + (surplus)/ - (deficit)		24%	23%	22%	22%	23%	23%	23%	23%	23%	22%	22%	22%	23%	23%

Actual Reception Roll and Forecast - All Schools															
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/24
Reception PAN	3229	3224	3194	3194	3194	3194	3254	3254	3314	3314	3314	3314	3314	3314	3314
Reception Forecast	2785	2852	2898	2905	2904	2885	2884	2877	2862	2838	2814	2786	2752	2717	2682
+ (surplus)/ - (deficit)		372	296	289	290	309	370	377	452	476	500	528	562	597	632
% + (surplus)/ - (deficit)		11.5%	9.3%	9.1%	9.1%	9.7%	11.4%	11.6%	13.6%	14.3%	15.1%	15.9%	17.0%	18.0%	19.1%

Secondary Projections 2020

School	Type	Sex	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34
Ark Putney Academy	Academy	M	180	180	240	240	240	270	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240
Ashcroft Technology Academy	Academy	M	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240
Bolingbroke Academy	Academy	M	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120
Burntwood School	Academy	G	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	313
Chestnut Grove Academy	Academy	M	180	210	210	210	210	210	210	240	210	210	210	210	210	210	210
Ernest Bevin College	Community	B	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180
Graveney School	Academy	M	280	280	280	280	310	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280
Harris Academy Battersea	Academy	M	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180
Saint Cecilia's CE School	Academy	M	150	150	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180
Saint John Bosco College RC	VA	M	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180
Southfields Academy	Academy	M	249	249	249	249	249	249	249	249	249	249	249	249	249	249	249
	Y7 PAN		2252	2282	2372	2372	2402	2402	2372	2402	2372						

Year 7 Forecast	WBC Forecast	2108	2231	2331	2300	2378	2367	2351	2386	2469	2514	2519	2517	2470	2425	2379
	+ (surplus)/ - (deficit)		51	41	72	24	35	21	16	-97	-142	-147	-145	-98	-53	-7
	% + (surplus)/ - (deficit)		2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-4%	-6%	-6%	-6%	-4%	-2%	0%

Actual and Projected rolls																
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	
Year 7 to 11 PAN	11260	10128	10523	10757	10970	11154	11267	11324	11486	11554	11629	11709	11711	11595	11406	
Year 7 to 11 Forecast	9830	10224	10628	10863	11003	11187	11301	11358	11520	11588	11664	11744	11746	11631	11442	
% + (surplus)/ - (deficit)		-1%	-1%	-1%	0%											

Indicates phasing of expansion

Indicates timing of bulge class