

# School Capacity Collection 2023

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## Notes of this information

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

The information contained within this document relates school capacity only, forecast information is published separately and can be found here:

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## Primary Phase Capacity Data

2000	Perry Wood Primary and Nursery School	PS	CA	368	420	52	12%	0	0%
2001	Crabbs Cross Academy	PS	CA	218	300	82	27%	0	0%
2002	Crown Meadow First School & Nursery	PS	CO	298	300	2	1%	0	0%
2005	Oasis Academy Warndon	PS	CA	480	630	150	24%	0	0%
2006	Ashton-under-Hill First School	PS	CO	100	108	8	7%	0	0%
2008	Beoley First School	PS	CO	97	108	11	10%	0	0%
2010	Heronswood Primary School	PS	CA	404	420	16	4%	0	0%
2011	Carnforth School	PS	CA	177	210	33	16%	0	0%
2013	Broadway First School	PS	CO	83	110	27	25%	0	0%
2014	Birchen Coppice Academy	PS	CA	194	420	226	54%	0	0%
2015	Catshill First School	PS	CO	294	300	6	2%	0	0%
2016	Charford First School	PS	CO	429	450	21	5%	0	0%
2017	Finstall First School	PS	CO	300	296	0	0%	4	1%
2018	Lickey End First School	PS	CO	150	150	0	0%	0	0%
2019	Meadows First School	PS	CO	301	300	0	0%	1	0%
2020	Millfields First School	PS	CO	290	296	6	2%	0	0%
2023	Blackwell First School	PS	CO	151	150	0	0%	1	1%
2023	St George's CofE Primary School and Nursery	PS	CA	191	210	19	9%	0	0%
2024	St John's CofE Primary School	PS	CA	315	420	105	25%	0	0%

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2025	Badsey First School	PS	CA	157	270	113	42%	0	0%
2026	Bretforton Village School	PS	CA	59	90	31	34%	0	0%
2027	Burlish Park Primary School	PS	CA	397	420	23	5%	0	0%
2028	Honeywell Primary School	PS	CA	135	281	146	52%	0	0%
2029	St George's CofE First School	PS	CA	166	225	59	26%	0	0%
2030	St Stephen's CofE First School	PS	CA	147	150	3	2%	0	0%
2031	North Worcester Academy	PS	CA	173	420	247	59%	0	0%
2032	Clifton upon Teme Primary School	PS	CO	78	105	27	26%	0	0%
2033	Northleigh CofE Primary School	PS	CA	168	315	147	47%	0	0%
2034	Dodford First School	PS	CO	73	75	2	3%	0	0%
2035	Westlands First School	PS	CO	216	300	84	28%	0	0%
2036	Chawson First School	PS	CO	331	450	119	26%	0	0%
2037	Upper Arley CofE Primary School	PS	CA	63	105	42	40%	0	0%
2038	St Matthias Church of England Primary School	PS	CA	164	210	46	22%	0	0%
2039	Arrow Valley First School	PS	CA	140	225	85	38%	0	0%
2040	Cherry Orchard Primary School	PS	CA	566	630	64	10%	0	0%
2041	Swan Lane First School	PS	CO	315	351	36	10%	0	0%
2042	Witton Middle School	MP	CA	442	540	98	18%	0	0%
2043	The Orchards School	PS	CA	245	300	55	18%	0	0%
2044	Rushwick Church of England Primary School	PS	CA	163	210	47	22%	0	0%
2047	Fairfield First School	PS	CO	138	150	12	8%	0	0%
2055	Hagley Primary School	PS	CO	628	626	0	0%	2	0%
2078	Honeybourne First School	PS	CA	184	210	26	12%	0	0%
2079	Inkberrow First School	PS	CA	186	210	24	11%	0	0%

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2080	Kempsey Primary School	PS	CA	361	420	59	14%	0	0%
2105	Great Malvern Primary School	PS	CA	327	336	9	3%	0	0%
2118	Pebworth First School	PS	CO	23	72	49	68%	0	0%
2119	Abbey Park First and Nursery School	PS	CO	160	150	0	0%	10	7%
2121	Orchard Primary School	PS	CA	198	210	12	6%	0	0%
2127	Astwood Bank First School	PS	CA	410	420	10	2%	0	0%
2128	Batchley First and Nursery School	PS	CO	263	300	37	12%	0	0%
2131	Holyoakes Field First School	PS	CA	271	300	29	10%	0	0%
2134	The Vaynor First School	PS	CA	438	450	12	3%	0	0%
2135	Webheath Academy Primary School	PS	CA	415	420	5	1%	0	0%
2136	Tenacres First School	PS	CO	284	300	16	5%	0	0%
2137	Woodrow First School	PS	CO	260	300	40	13%	0	0%
2147	Stoke Prior First School	PS	CO	150	147	0	0%	3	2%
2153	Suckley Primary School	PS	CA	86	84	0	0%	2	2%
2156	Welland Primary School	PS	CA	144	210	66	31%	0	0%
2162	Cranham Primary School	PS	CA	396	420	24	6%	0	0%
2167	Hollymount School	PS	CA	351	351	0	0%	0	0%
2172	Nunnery Wood Primary School	PS	CA	405	420	15	4%	0	0%
2173	Tudor Grange Primary Academy Perdiswell	PS	CA	380	420	40	10%	0	0%
2179	Stanley Road Primary School	PS	CA	285	446	161	36%	0	0%
2187	Wychbold First and Nursery School	PS	CA	141	150	9	6%	0	0%
2188	Meadow Green Primary School	PS	CO	265	315	50	16%	0	0%
2192	Moons Moat First School	PS	CO	197	300	103	34%	0	0%
2197	Beaconside Primary and Nursery School	PS	CO	211	210	0	0%	1	0%

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2200	Pitmaston Primary School	PS	CO	628	630	2	0%	0	0%
2202	Oldbury Park Primary School	PS	CA	334	420	86	20%	0	0%
2204	Somers Park Primary School	PS	CA	535	632	97	15%	0	0%
2901	Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery	PS	CO	390	398	8	2%	0	0%
2902	Stourport Primary Academy	PS	CA	289	315	26	8%	0	0%
2904	Lickhill Primary School	PS	CA	191	210	19	9%	0	0%
2906	Abbey Park Middle School	MP	CO	107	252	145	58%	0	0%
2907	Comberton Primary School	PS	CO	394	420	26	6%	0	0%
2908	Foley Park Primary Academy	PS	CA	204	219	15	7%	0	0%
2910	Franche Primary School	PS	CO	756	840	84	10%	0	0%
2911	Offmore Primary School	PS	CO	268	315	47	15%	0	0%
2914	Leigh and Bransford Primary School	PS	CA	191	208	17	8%	0	0%
2915	Coppice Primary School	PS	CA	617	630	13	2%	0	0%
2916	Westacre Middle School	MP	CO	449	450	1	0%	0	0%
2918	The Lyppard Grange Primary School	PS	CA	418	420	2	0%	0	0%
2919	Matchborough First School Academy	PS	CA	350	450	100	22%	0	0%
2920	Oak Hill First School	PS	CO	402	450	48	11%	0	0%
2921	Holywell Primary and Nursery School	PS	CO	404	420	16	4%	0	0%
3000	Abberley Parochial VC Primary School	PS	VC	117	105	0	0%	12	11%
3001	Bayton CofE Primary School	PS	VC	107	105	0	0%	2	2%
3002	Belbroughton CofE Primary School	PS	VC	168	175	7	4%	0	0%
3005	Blakedown CofE Primary School	PS	VC	201	210	9	4%	0	0%
3008	Broadheath CofE Primary School	PS	CA	148	140	0	0%	8	6%
3010	Far Forest Lea Memorial CofE Primary School	PS	CA	104	140	36	26%	0	0%

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3011	St Anne's CofE VC Primary School	PS	VC	211	262	51	19%	0	0%
3012	St Bartholomew's CofE VC Primary School	PS	CA	201	350	149	43%	0	0%
3013	Hartlebury CofE Primary School	PS	CA	170	210	40	19%	0	0%
3014	Callow End CofE Primary School	PS	CA	101	105	4	4%	0	0%
3015	Wilden All Saints CofE Primary School	PS	CA	190	230	40	17%	0	0%
3016	Cookley Sebright Primary School	PS	VC	200	210	10	5%	0	0%
3017	Castlemorton Church of England Primary School	PS	CA	83	105	22	21%	0	0%
3018	Church Lench CofE First School	PS	VC	74	83	9	11%	0	0%
3019	Claines CofE Primary School	PS	VC	205	202	0	0%	3	1%
3020	Cleeve Prior CofE (Controlled) Primary School	PS	VC	33	105	72	69%	0	0%
3021	St Catherine's CofE (VC) Primary School	PS	VC	417	420	3	1%	0	0%
3022	Clent Parochial Primary School	PS	VC	108	105	0	0%	3	3%
3026	St Oswald's CofE Primary School	PS	CA	156	210	54	26%	0	0%
3027	Crothorne-with-Charlton CofE First School	PS	VC	88	108	20	19%	0	0%
3028	Crowle CofE First School	PS	CA	58	75	17	23%	0	0%
3029	Defford-Cum-Besford CofE School	PS	VC	53	72	19	26%	0	0%
3038	Eckington CofE First School	PS	VC	69	135	66	49%	0	0%
3039	Eldersfield Lawn CofE Primary School	PS	VC	104	105	1	1%	0	0%
3040	Elmley Castle CofE First School	PS	VC	79	90	11	12%	0	0%
3041	Bengeworth CE Academy	PS	CA	514	540	26	5%	0	0%
3042	St Richard's CofE First School	PS	VC	320	365	45	12%	0	0%
3043	St Andrew's CofE School and Nursery	PS	VC	305	360	55	15%	0	0%
3048	Grimley and Holt CofE Primary School	PS	VC	99	105	6	6%	0	0%
3049	Hanbury CofE First School	PS	VC	135	150	15	10%	0	0%



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3051	Hanley Swan St Gabriel's with St Mary's CofE Primary School	PS	CA	115	105	0	0%	10	10%
3053	Harvington CofE First School	PS	VC	175	180	5	3%	0	0%
3056	Himbleton CofE Primary School and Nursery	PS	VC	85	98	13	13%	0	0%
3057	Hindlip CofE First School	PS	VC	87	101	14	14%	0	0%
3072	The Littletons Church of England Academy	PS	CA	127	180	53	29%	0	0%
3074	Malvern Wyche CofE Primary School	PS	VC	137	140	3	2%	0	0%
3077	Martley CofE Primary School	PS	CA	139	140	1	1%	0	0%
3081	Norton Juxta Kempsey CofE Primary School	PS	CA	199	210	11	5%	0	0%
3082	Offenham Church of England First School	PS	CA	115	108	0	0%	7	6%
3084	Overbury CofE First School	PS	VC	86	90	4	4%	0	0%
3085	Pendock CofE Primary School	PS	VC	45	56	11	20%	0	0%
3088	Pinvin CofE First School	PS	CA	102	125	23	18%	0	0%
3089	Powick CofE Primary School	PS	CA	183	196	13	7%	0	0%
3091	Feckenham CofE Primary School	PS	CA	114	115	1	1%	0	0%
3093	St Luke's CofE First School	PS	VC	148	150	2	1%	0	0%
3097	Romsley St Kenelm's CofE Primary School	PS	VC	197	196	0	0%	1	1%
3099	Sedgeberrow CofE First School	PS	VC	180	175	0	0%	5	3%
3104	Tenbury CofE Primary School	PS	CA	201	210	9	4%	0	0%
3105	Tibberton CofE First School	PS	VC	68	75	7	9%	0	0%
3107	Upton-Upon-Severn CofE Primary and Pre School	PS	VC	189	200	11	6%	0	0%
3108	Upton Snodsbury CofE First School	PS	VC	40	75	35	47%	0	0%
3110	Whittington CofE Primary School	PS	VC	211	210	0	0%	1	0%
3114	St Barnabas CofE Primary School	PS	VC	408	420	12	3%	0	0%
3116	Red Hill CofE Primary School	PS	VC	368	420	52	12%	0	0%

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3205	St Nicholas' CofE Middle School	MP	CA	212	308	96	31%	0	0%
3208	St Barnabas CofE First and Middle School	MP	CA	189	393	204	52%	0	0%
3300	Astley CofE Primary School	PS	VA	91	105	14	13%	0	0%
3302	St Andrew's CofE First School	PS	VA	219	225	6	3%	0	0%
3306	Bredon Hancock's Endowed CofE First School	PS	VA	155	178	23	13%	0	0%
3308	Broadwas CofE Aided Primary School	PS	VA	87	105	18	17%	0	0%
3309	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	PS	CA	80	120	40	33%	0	0%
3310	St Peter's Catholic First School	PS	CA	264	300	36	12%	0	0%
3316	Cutnall Green CofE Primary School	PS	CA	136	182	46	25%	0	0%
3317	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	PS	VA	194	210	16	8%	0	0%
3318	St Peter's Droitwich CofE Academy	PS	CA	441	450	9	2%	0	0%
3322	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	PS	CA	150	210	60	29%	0	0%
3324	Fladbury CofE First School	PS	VA	75	100	25	25%	0	0%
3328	Great Witley CofE Primary School	PS	CA	192	210	18	9%	0	0%
3329	Hallow CofE Primary School	PS	VA	184	203	19	9%	0	0%
3330	Chaddesley Corbett Endowed Primary School	PS	VA	207	210	3	1%	0	0%
3331	St Mary's CofE (VA) Primary School	PS	VA	179	210	31	15%	0	0%
3332	Wolverley Sebright Primary Academy	PS	CA	197	210	13	6%	0	0%
3350	Lindridge St Lawrence CE Primary School	PS	VA	78	105	27	26%	0	0%
3353	Madresfield CofE Primary School	PS	CA	102	105	3	3%	0	0%
3357	Malvern Parish CofE Primary School	PS	CA	209	210	1	0%	0	0%
3358	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	PS	VA	114	210	96	46%	0	0%
3359	Malvern Wells CofE Primary School	PS	VA	84	105	21	20%	0	0%
3360	St James' CofE Primary School	PS	VA	70	105	35	33%	0	0%

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3365	Ombersley Endowed First School	PS	VA	121	140	19	14%	0	0%
3368	Holy Redeemer Catholic Primary School	PS	VA	167	210	43	20%	0	0%
3369	Sutton Park Primary School	PS	CA	204	210	6	3%	0	0%
3380	St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School	PS	CA	153	210	57	27%	0	0%
3381	Sytchampton Endowed Primary School	PS	VA	93	100	7	7%	0	0%
3382	Tardebigge CofE First School	PS	VA	145	146	1	1%	0	0%
3387	Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary	PS	VA	185	210	25	12%	0	0%
3388	St Clement's CofE Primary	PS	CA	198	210	12	6%	0	0%
3389	St George's CofE Primary School	PS	VA	169	210	41	20%	0	0%
3390	St George's Catholic Primary School	PS	VA	210	210	0	0%	0	0%
3391	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	PS	VA	353	420	67	16%	0	0%
3393	St Ambrose Catholic Primary	PS	CA	193	210	17	8%	0	0%
3397	Bewdley Primary School	PS	CO	417	420	3	1%	0	0%
3398	Abbeywood First School	PS	CA	267	300	33	11%	0	0%
3400	Grove Primary School	PS	CO	129	236	107	45%	0	0%
3401	Northwick Manor Primary School	PS	CA	620	660	40	6%	0	0%
5200	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic First School	PS	CA	288	300	12	4%	0	0%
5201	Flyford Flavell Primary School	PS	CO	115	112	0	0%	3	3%
5202	St Thomas More Catholic First School	PS	CA	184	225	41	18%	0	0%

<b>Key to Phase</b>	
Primary Phase	PS
Middle School deemed Primary Phase	MP

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

## Secondary Phase Capacity Data

Estab		Phase	Governance	Number on Roll Jan 2023	Capacity Jan 2023	Unfilled Places Jan 2023	% Unfilled Places Jan 2023	Pupils in Excess of Capacity Jan 2023	% Pupils in Excess of Capacity Jan 2023
4001	The Bewdley School	SS	FO	973	990	17	2%	0	0%
4002	North Bromsgrove High School	SS	CA	1006	1041	35	3%	0	0%
4003	South Bromsgrove High	SS	CA	1334	1309	0	0%	25	2%
4004	The Stourport High School and Sixth Form College	SS	CA	1127	1500	373	25%	0	0%
4005	Droitwich Spa High School and Sixth Form Centre	SS	CA	1260	1435	175	12%	0	0%
4008	Arrow Vale High School	SS	CA	839	972	133	14%	0	0%

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4009	Ipsley CofE Middle School	MS	CA	641	615	0	0%	26	4%
4010	Haybridge High School and Sixth Form	SS	CA	1147	1366	219	16%	0	0%
4013	Tenbury High Ormiston Academy	SS	CA	470	522	52	10%	0	0%
4014	Baxter College	SS	CA	827	1349	522	39%	0	0%
4017	Woodrush High School	SS	CA	1006	1033	27	3%	0	0%
4018	The De Montfort School	AT	CA	883	1270	387	30%	0	0%
4020	Ridgeway Academy	MS	CA	316	480	164	34%	0	0%
4028	The Chase	SS	CA	1370	1679	309	18%	0	0%
4030	Pershore High School	SS	CA	1188	1510	322	21%	0	0%
4044	Waseley Hills High School	SS	CA	775	1050	275	26%	0	0%
4400	Bredon Hill Academy	MS	CA	484	486	2	0%	0	0%
4401	Aston Fields Middle School	MS	CO	597	600	3	1%	0	0%
4402	Catshill Middle School	MS	CO	403	465	62	13%	0	0%
4403	Parkside Middle School	MS	CO	606	592	0	0%	14	2%
4408	Blackminster Middle School	MS	CO	252	363	111	31%	0	0%
4418	Birchensale Middle School	MS	CA	594	600	6	1%	0	0%
4427	Church Hill Middle School	MS	CA	404	405	1	0%	0	0%
4432	Christopher Whitehead Language College	SS	CA	1496	1640	144	9%	0	0%
4434	Nunnery Wood High School	SS	CA	1483	1500	17	1%	0	0%
4435	The Chantry School	SS	CA	884	875	0	0%	9	1%
4436	Woodfield Academy	MS	CA	563	600	37	6%	0	0%
4437	Trinity High School and Sixth Form Centre	SS	CA	947	1151	204	18%	0	0%
4438	Tudor Grange Academy Redditch	SS	CA	370	1120	750	67%	0	0%
4500	Hanley Castle High School	SS	CA	1103	1100	0	0%	3	0%

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4501	King Charles I School	SS	CA	1094	1360	266	20%	0	0%
4503	Wolverley CofE Secondary School	SS	VC	920	1005	85	8%	0	0%
4575	Alvechurch CofE Middle School	MS	CA	439	440	1	0%	0	0%
4576	St Egwin's CofE Middle School	MS	VC	451	450	0	0%	1	0%
4579	Walkwood Church of England Middle School	MS	CA	650	708	58	8%	0	0%
4754	Bishop Perowne CofE College	SS	CA	1026	1200	174	15%	0	0%
4800	Hagley Catholic High School	SS	CA	1086	1190	104	9%	0	0%
4801	Dyson Perrins CofE Academy	SS	CA	655	1040	385	37%	0	0%
5400	St Augustine's Catholic High School	SS	CA	968	1005	37	4%	0	0%
5401	St Bede's Catholic Middle School	MS	CA	669	640	0	0%	29	5%
5402	Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College	SS	VA	1045	1050	5	0%	0	0%
5403	Prince Henry's High School	SS	CA	1285	1324	39	3%	0	0%
5404	St John's Church of England Middle School Academy	MS	CA	669	600	0	0%	69	12%
5950	Vale of Evesham School	AT	CA	184	165	0	0%	19	12%
6009	Holy Trinity School	AT	CA	737	785	48	6%	0	0%
6905	Tudor Grange Academy Worcester	SS	CA	1122	1250	128	10%	0	0%

<b>Key to Phase</b>	
Secondary Phase	SS
Middle School deemed Secondary Phase	MS
All through School	AT

<b>Key to Governance</b>	
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Academy	CA
Community School	CO
Foundation School	FO
Voluntary Aided	VA
Voluntary Controlled	VC

## Commentary by Planning Area

### Schools Capacity Survey 2023

### Local Authority Commentary

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

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

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

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

Worcestershire has a number of large (1000+) housing developments continuing across the county resulting in a requirement of new primary schools. This is a new challenge for the county and has involved a revision of our strategy towards new housing.

Secondary rolls are increasing due to a peak in pupils currently in year 6, which will reach secondary schools in 2023. We recently increased capacity through a number of secondary school expansions to meet this need, however in certain areas, such as Worcester City, we are close to meeting capacity of these schools and are planning to open a new secondary school.

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

Worcestershire is a mix of two-tier and three-tier planning areas. Several schools in three tier areas have, over the last 5 years, sought approval for a change of age range to two-tier. Where these applications have been to the RSC, they have for the most part been granted, however Worcestershire has frequently been unable to support these changes because of the impact on alternative schools and in some cases, a lack of clear transition for pupils. Several areas are now facing capacity and



viability issues due to these changes.

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

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

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

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

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

**3 Summary of primary places in individual planning areas where:**

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

You should include details on:

- i) local factors affecting the area, relating them to the LA-wide factors described above;

- ii) schools experiencing particular shortfall or surplus of places (referencing establishment number and name); and
- iii) issues and/or solutions that cross planning area boundaries.

If you plan at Local Authority level only and do not use planning areas, you should complete this section to illustrate any regional variations.

Please copy and paste additional rows as needed.

<b>Total number of primary planning areas across the Local Authority.</b>	24
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<b>Planning area name/ID</b>	
a.	Overview
PRIMARY NAME: Alvechurch	
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
ID: 8850034	On average 20 pupils per year come from the Rubery Primary area 8850011.
b.	Overview
PRIMARY NAME: Bromsgrove	Natural demographics and housing on the west side of Bromsgrove (600+ dwellings by 2026) are increasing pupil numbers in reception and year 5, the intake year for middle schools in this planning area.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	A new 60 place first school is planned to be opened in 2028 adjacent to the areas of new housing. The LA is considering whether a bulge year is required prior to this opening but the precise school has not yet been agreed. The LA is also planning a 1FE expansion

	in one of the middle schools but this has not yet been finalised.
ID: 8850034	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
c.	Overview
PRIMARY NAME:  Droitwich	The 600 new dwellings built on the southern end of Droitwich have increased numbers of the known pre-school children in the town. There is a high parental preference for urban residents to attend rural first schools. Although there are more known children than places within the town of Droitwich, trends show reception intakes are not likely to be full in the years up to 2026.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
ID: 8850003	Monitoring
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	On average 40 pupils per year group attend schools outside the planning area.
d.	Overview
PRIMARY NAME:  Evesham North	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	Parental preference attracts pupils from Evesham East 8850035 to St Egwin's CE Middle Schools 4576 in this planning area.

<p>ID: 8850033</p>	
<p>e.</p> <p>PRIMARY NAME:  Evesham East</p> <p>ID:  8850035</p>	<p>Overview</p> <p>Cleeve Prior 3020 and Pebworth 2118 both have surplus places above 50% of their PAN. The distance (over 2 miles) between neighbouring catchments and schools does not support sharing of pupils.</p> <p>Honeybourne Primary Academy 2078 and Cleeve Prior CE Primary 3020 used to be feeders to Blackminster Middle 4408 , but became primary schools in 2016-17. The majority of these pupils transfer to secondary schools outside the county, leaving Blackminster Middle 4408 with low numbers on roll, though these are forecast to increase.</p> <p>Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.</p> <p>Both Cleeve Prior and Pebworth are being monitored and supported by the Schools Support Forum to identify any actions required to sustain both as viable schools.</p> <p>Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)</p> <p>Parental preference also sends pupils to another middle schools St Egwin's 4576, in Evesham North 8850033.</p>
<p>f.</p> <p>PRIMARY NAME:</p>	<p>Overview</p> <p>Elmley Castle 3040 has surplus places above 50% of its PAN.</p> <p>Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each</p>

	school and by what date.
Evesham South	Elmley Castle 3040 is being monitored and supported by the Schools Support Forum to identify any actions required to sustain both as viable schools.
ID:	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
8850004	
g.	Overview
PRIMARY NAME:	Hagley Primary 2055 is usually oversubscribed but this school is close to the border with Dudley LA. Currently 77% of the pupils attending Hagley schools reside in the planning area. Based on known pre-school children living in the planning area, there are sufficient primary places.
Hagley Primary	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
ID:	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
8850005	Dudley LA confirms there is sufficient capacity for any Dudley pupils not successful in their application to Hagley.
h.	Overview
PRIMARY NAME:	The west side of Kidderminster has 46 surplus places in reception in 2022 with numbers on roll dropping from 264 in 2018 to 224 in 2022. There is a strong parental preference towards schools in neighbouring planning areas in the rest of Kidderminster and in Bewdley.
Kidderminster West Primary	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	Birchen Coppice 2014 reduced its PAN from 60 to 30 for September 2023

ID: 8850006	
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
i.  PRIMARY NAME:  Kidderminster North Primary  ID: 8850037	Overview
	1,360 dwellings are planned in the east side of the planning area by 2030. This is forecast to add 30 pupils per year by 2026.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	A new 2FE primary school (Lea Castle) is planned to be delivered within the site in 2028.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
j.  PRIMARY NAME:  Kidderminster East Primary  ID:	Overview
	1,340 dwellings are planned in the east side of the planning area by 2036. This is forecast to add 3 pupils per year by 2026 and 18 pupils per year by 2029.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	A new 2FE primary school is planned to be delivered within the site in 2030.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)

8850036	Pupils from new housing in Kidderminster North 8850037 are likely to take up places in Kidderminster East before the new school there opens in 2028.
<p>k.</p> <p>PRIMARY NAME:</p> <p>Malvern North Primary</p> <p>ID: 8850007</p>	<p>Overview</p> <p>This area is experiencing low birthrates and has an estimated 90 surplus primary places in 2024. Most of the schools have shared catchments therefore there is no obvious connection between known children and the surplus places in any specific school.</p> <p>Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.</p> <p>The LA is investigating options for reducing capacity in the area.</p> <p>Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)</p> <p>33 pupils on average from Malvern South 8850038 attend schools in Malvern North 8850007.</p>
<p>l.</p> <p>PRIMARY NAME:</p> <p>Malvern South Primary</p> <p>ID:</p>	<p>Overview</p> <p>300 dwellings (Qinetic site) are planned to be built in this area 2023-2026, with 18 additional pupils expected by 2026. However schools in Malvern North within 2 miles have surplus places, therefore there is no current need to add places.</p> <p>Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.</p> <p>Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)</p> <p>33 pupils on average from Malvern South 8850038 attend schools in Malvern North 8850007.</p>

8850038	
<p>m.</p> <p><b>PRIMARY NAME:</b></p> <p>Pershore Primary</p> <p><b>ID:</b></p> <p>8850009</p>	Overview
	<p>Following a public consultation which confirmed a majority support for the proposal to move to a fully two-tier education system in Pershore, the LA agreed in April 2022 to support the move. Funding is confirmed and the moves to convert remaining first and middle schools to primary schools are being planned</p>
	<p>Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.</p>
	<p>The 3 middle schools (that have adjacent first schools, paired as 2119/2906, 3088/3205 and the last St Barnabas 3208 is an integrated first and middle school) have surplus capacity. The LA is working with these schools to manage accommodation, staffing and finance pending conversion to two tier.</p> <p>6 first schools have converted into primaries but 4 remaining firsts schools will also have to be converted.</p>
	<p>Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)</p>
<p>n.</p> <p><b>PRIMARY NAME:</b></p> <p>Redditch NW</p>	Overview
	<p>Housing in the north of the town is underway, adding 347 dwellings by 2026 and 1030 by 2037. This is forecast to add 17 pupils per year by 2026 and 52 pupils per year by 2036. Holyoakes Field First School 2131 relocated into this area with an option to expand from 2FE to 3FE.</p>
	<p>Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.</p>
	<p>The LA has planned a 1FE expansion to Birchensale Middle School 4418 for 2024, with a bulge year 5, the intake year. The LA are considered to expand Holyoakes Field First 2131 from 2FE to 3FE and are considering the options for when to do this.</p>



<p>ID:  8850010</p>	<p>Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)</p> <p>Some of the schools in the middle of Redditch are within walking distance of the other new development in Redditch SW 8850040 (Foxlydiate) and are likely to fill available places 2024-2026</p>
<p>o.  PRIMARY NAME:  Redditch SW  ID:  8850040</p>	<p>Overview</p> <p>Housing in the Foxlydiate area is expected to add 350 dwellings by 2026 and 2,560 by 2036. This is forecast to add 18 pupils per year by 2026 and 128 pupils per year by 2036.</p> <p>Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.</p> <p>A new first school is planned to be opened in 2027 in the Foxlydiate housing development. The LA is analysing whether to open this as a 2FE with an option to expand or open as a 3FE first school. New pupils from the housing can be accommodated in existing Redditch SW and Redditch NW schools before the new school is delivered.</p> <p>Ridgeway Academy 4422 is converting from a middle (5-8) to a secondary (7-11). This will be completed in 2023. The Local Authority responded at the time with concern that the removal of year 5-6 places would create a shortage of Year 5 &amp; 6 places in Redditch. We have seen an insufficiency of places in Year 5 &amp; 6 in Redditch causing a sufficiency issue.</p> <p>Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)</p> <p>The expansion to Birchensale Middle 4418 in Redditch NW 8850010 and a bulge year in Redditch East Middle 8850039 will address the shortage in the cohort starting year 5 in 2024.</p>
<p>q.  NAME:</p>	<p>Overview</p> <p>Eastern Redditch is experiencing lower birthrates therefore there are surplus places at reception since September 2022. Eastern Redditch has high numbers of pupils reaching year 5 in the middle schools in alternating years starting in 2023.</p>

Redditch East Primary  ID: 8850039	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	The LA has planned for a 1 FE bulge at Church Hill Middle 4427 for 2023 and again in 2025. These are the years when the expected year 5 numbers on roll exceed the PAN of the planning area. There is a current bulge in year 6 which will have left the school by 2025 so the bulge year accommodation can be used again.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	Overview
r.  NAME: Rubery Primary  ID: 8850011	There are higher numbers of known children in the catchment of Lickey Hills 2901 than its PAN of 60. Many pupils from this planning area opt to apply for schools in the Alvechurch planning area 8850034.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	There is agreement to deliver a 1 FE Primary Free School in (Wave 14 Austin Park) in the Rubery EPA. This is unlikely to be continued due to issues with locating suitable land in a greenbelt area.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
	20 pupils per year tend to join schools in the Alvechurch planning area 8850034.
s.  NAME: Upton Primary	Overview
	Small scale housing development has increased reception numbers in Kempsey 2080.

ID: 8850014	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	There are several planning applications for the area which we are monitoring.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
t.  NAME: Worcester West Primary  ID: 8850041	Overview
	Low birthrates have resulted in 54 surplus places in reception in 2022. A large housing development, the West Worcester Urban Expansion is planned in this area – 400 dwellings by 2024 and 2,300 by 2037, that is an expected 23 pupils in reception in 2024 and 118 pupils by 2037. This is forecast to fill up adjacent primary schools.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	Extensive housing developments will attract additional pupils but also add a new 60 place primary school. This is now planned to open in 2028, though this depends on when the houses are completed.
	Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)
u.  NAME: Worcester North Primary	Overview
	Low birthrates have resulted in 93 reception surplus places this year but the surplus places are expected to decrease as there are longer term housing developments planned in the city.
	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.
	The LA is investigating options for reducing capacity in the area.

<p>ID: 8850015</p>	<p>Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)</p> <p>On average 45 pupils per year group per year resident in Worcester South 8850042 attend schools in Worcester North, many of these attending the catholic schools as there are none in Worcester South.</p>
<p>v.  NAME: Worcester South Primary</p> <p>ID: 8850042</p>	<p>Overview</p> <p>Low birthrates have resulted in 58 surplus reception places in 2022. Multiple housing developments in the area, including the South Worcester Urban Expansion – 2,400 dwellings by 2037, 20 pupils by 2026, are expected to take up many of the surplus places.</p> <p>Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.</p> <p>The South Worcester Urban Expansion includes the planned delivery of a 2FE primary school in the site in 2028.</p> <p>Please indicate relationship with issues and solutions in other planning areas (including identification of the planning area)</p> <p>This South Worcester Urban Expansion has the potential to increase pupils in the Upton planning area 8850014 and perhaps Pershore 8850009, but current trends suggest that there will be sufficient places in southern Worcester.</p>
<p>w.  PRIMARY NAME: Wythall Primary</p> <p>ID: 8850016</p>	<p>Overview</p> <p>Owing to high cross-border migration from Birmingham and Solihull it is harder to determine basic need for the Wythall planning area. Known children in the planning area will peak in 2023 just higher than the combined PAN of the 2 primary schools.</p> <p>Actions (current and planned) to address shortage/excess of places. Include the number of places to be added or removed in each school and by what date.</p> <p>After discussing with Solihull LA we have confirmed place availability there. Usually 30 pupils a year from Wythall planning area attend schools in Solihull, therefore there are sufficient places available for reception in 2023.</p>

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

The significant increase in the number of EHC plans in Worcestershire since 2016 has in part been a result of rising population numbers, however this does not explain the trend entirely. Over the last several years the number of EHC plans as a percentage of the total pupil population (including independent schools and post-16 establishments) has increased from 2.9% in January 2016 to 5.6% in January 2022.

A significant contribution to this has been the rise in the post-16 population with an EHC plan following a change in Government Legislation where the educational or training outcomes of the EHC plan are not achieved by age 18, the EHC plan can remain in place until the young person reaches 25. When extracting the number of children with an EHC plan up to the age of 25 compared to the total pupil population of Worcestershire, 5.6% of all pupils have an EHC plan.

35% attend LA funded special schools, and 32% are supported within a state-funded mainstream school in or out of Worcestershire. 863 young people (18%) are attending post 16 colleges. This corresponds to the responsibility to continue education opportunities up to the age of 25 for young people with EHC plans and is the age group which saw most growth in 2018-2019.

The gap between the percentage of children attending maintained special schools and mainstream schools has continued to close between Worcestershire and nationally. In 2017, Worcestershire had 15% more than nationally, in 2022 the difference was 5%. The percentage of young people in post-16 providers with EHC plans in Worcestershire is also higher than nationally with a 3% difference to national figures. The percentage of children with EHC plans going to mainstream schools in Worcestershire has dropped by 1% in the last year. The percentage of children with EHC plans in Worcestershire going to independent settings is 1.4% above the national average. We can expect the rise in the percentage of children with EHC plans to continue over the next several years as the trends and changes in the system continue to have a positive impact on identification of support needed by pupils to achieve their full potential.

Following the rise of EHC plans in the last several years, we have seen growth in pupils placed in special schools. In 2021/22, nationally, 30.7% of children with EHC plans were placed in maintained special schools, whereas in Worcestershire 35% of children with EHC plans were placed in maintained special schools

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

The percentage of children identified with special educational needs and disabilities has increased considerably over the last 10 years in Worcestershire. This is likely to continue to increase slightly year on year as a percentage of the total population following continual advancement in identification and diagnoses. Where previously babies with difficulties of various causes wouldn't survive early childhood, today they are living fulfilling lives through school and beyond, but with a variety of special needs.

Most schools report that children's needs are becoming more complex which supports the trend seen nationally that special schools are providing places for more complex children. High level of complex needs more often require more physical space for equipment, or breakout areas and quiet rooms. As mainstream schools develop their expertise on special needs education, they will be able to accept more children with EHCPs. MABs and language units also provide resourced provision within mainstream schools, enabling special schools to meet the needs of pupils with the most complex needs.

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

Although increases are being seen nationally a contributory factor to this is the financial challenges that some schools are facing, which is likely to have an additional

impact. In addition, we are seeing increased numbers of parental requests.

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

A strategic approach is needed between WCF, schools and DfE which prioritises available places for CYP with complex SEN.

Lack of specialist placements for CYP with SEMH means we are currently reliant on independent settings and short-term placements in Alternative Provision.

Additional demand for more generic special school places in Worcester City, Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wychavon.

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

Following a successful bid application, a new 120 place Special Free School for pupils with Autism is being delivered and due to open September 2026.

For September 2023, it has been agreed that the following Special schools will increase their places to meet growing need:

- Fort Royal
- Regency High
- Rigby Hall
- Wyre Forest

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

At the end of Q1. We have 500 children in an independent setting this increase has been seen year on year since 2016/17.

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

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

<b>10 Is your LA part of the Safety Valve or Delivering Better Value for SEND programmes?</b>
<p>Worcestershire is part of this programme and has recently submitted the grant application.</p> <p>High Needs has been a challenge this year, we continue to see an increase in the number of children who have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). As a result of this increase, we are seeing more students placed in Independent Schools and specialist post 16 placements. Through our work with the DBV programme we know that our HNB expenditure has risen by 23% in the past 3 years and the number of children with an EHCP has increased by 21% over the same period.</p>

<p><b>11 For high needs provision, which is reported at a local authority level only</b>, you should complete this section to illustrate any sub-LA regional variations where these create specific pressures that require actions to address impacts, over and above the general LA level pressure on places.</p> <p>Please copy and paste additional rows as needed.</p>	
Planning area name/ID and region	
p.	Overview MABs are nearing or at capacity.
PA NAME:	Actions (current and planned) to address shortage of places.
Primary & Secondary Units Resourced Provision Mainstream Schools ID: 1885001/1885011	Review and improve Service Level agreements with MABs for clear entry, criteria and exit process. Further develop and expand the role of WCF SEND support teams to build capacity to meet needs of CYP with ASD in mainstream schools through district support groups and ASD champions. Develop a process to monitor and improve provision and outcomes for CYP in MABs.

<p>q.</p> <p>PA NAME: Primary and Secondary Independent Special Schools</p> <p>ID: 1885002/18850012</p>	<p>Overview</p> <p>There are a number of CYP with special needs attending independent schools. Reasons for this are, that parental confidence in Worcestershire provision is low and this influences their preference for an independent setting. Or Worcestershire does not have a suitable school to meet the needs of the child or does not have spaces available.</p> <p>Actions (current and planned) to address shortage of places.</p> <p>Create additional places in our LA maintained special schools to accommodate more children within Worcestershire maintained provision.</p>
<p>r.</p> <p>PA NAME: Primary and Secondary Special Schools (LA Maintained, special academies, non-maintained special schools)</p> <p>ID: 1885003/18850013</p>	<p>Overview</p> <p>All of our special schools recognise there is an increased level of severity and complexity of special needs. The schools are experiencing higher numbers of consultations for placements. Demand for post-16 and 19-25 is growing and most schools are considering expanding in this direction.</p> <p>There is additional demand for more generic special school places in Worcester City, Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wychavon.</p> <p>Actions (current and planned) to address shortage of places.</p> <p>A new 120 place ASD Special School is also due to be built by Sept 2026. This will alleviate some of the current pressures on Worcester and Wychavon special schools.</p> <p>Support pupils back into mainstream wherever suitable, ensuring places are used only for those with the highest level of need whose needs cannot be met in mainstream.</p> <p>Develop outreach support to strengthen the capacity of mainstream schools to meet the needs of pupils with less complex needs.</p>



<p>s.</p> <p>PA NAME: Primary and Secondary Alternative provision (PRUs, AP academies and Independent AP)</p> <p>ID: 1885004/18850014</p>	<p><b>Overview</b></p> <p>Pupils with SEMH as primary need is forecast to rise – lack of specialist placements for this age group mean we are reliant on independent settings and short-term AP.</p> <p>Lack of places for KS5 pupils in either special schools or Alternative Provision.</p> <p><b>Actions (current and planned) to address shortage of places.</b></p> <p>Consider relative merits of extending provision in Kingfisher or commissioning medium term assessment placements in Primary Alternative Provisions for KS1 SEMH Pupils.</p> <p>Extend age range of pupils in Kingfisher to include KS5.</p> <p>Commission KS5 places for CYP with an EHCP who have attended mainstream schools and are at risk of NEET or AP.</p>
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