

Pershore Education Planning Area Review

**Consultation period:
2nd September – 29th September 2024**

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Pershore Context

The Pershore Education Planning Area is made up of 15 schools serving the town of Pershore and surrounding rural areas. From September 2019, numerous schools within the Pershore Education Planning Area have sought to change their age range towards a two-tier system of education.

	Historical	Current	Proposed
First	11	5	0
Primary	1	6	13
Middle	2	1	0
First and Middle	1	2	0
High	1	1	1
	16	15	14

Proposals

An area-wide transition would require changes to schools to be coordinated to ensure the changes are made in line with other schools, so that pupil journeys would not be detrimentally impacted. The proposals involve all First and/or Middle schools changing to Primary schools and the High School becoming a Secondary school for all the Year 7 pupils in the Pershore area. The proposals being consulted on include:

- a. Conversion of the following first schools to primary schools, resulting in a change of age range and accommodation changes:
 - i. **Crowle CE First School:** Change of age range from age 5-9 to 5-11 (RSC approval of change already sought)
 - ii. **Fladbury CE First School:** Change of age range from age from 4-9 to 3-11 including integration of a nursery provision (Governor decision)
 - iii. **Upton Snodsbury CE First School:** Change of age range from age 5-9 to 5-11 & enlargement of premises. (Governor decision)
 - iv. **Defford-cum-Besford CE School:** Change of age range from 5-9 to 5-11 (Governor decision)
- b. Conversion of **St Barnabas CE First & Middle School** to a primary school, incorporating a pre-school age children as pupils and change of age range from First to Primary (from 4-12 to 2-11) (RSC decision)
- c. Amalgamation of **Abbey Park First and Nursery** and **Abbey Park Middle Schools** to provide a single primary school (changing the age range from 3-9 to 2-11), incorporating a pre-school age children as pupils (LA decision).
- d. Conversion of **Pinvin CE Academy School** to a primary school with change of age range from First & Middle to Primary (3-12 to 3-11)
- e. Increase of places at **Pershore High School**, to enlarge their premises to increase places in year 7 (RSC decision); and a change of feeder school links for all Pershore Primary schools.

Timeline

A [Persnore Education Journey Tracker](#) for pupils, parents and professionals to see in detail how the proposed changes would shape the journey for pupils in the Persnore education planning area should the proposals be approved, and the year groups available at each school.

Under the proposals, all changes will be made by September 2027, but changes will begin in September 2025 when Year 5 pupils will stay at their first schools instead of moving to middle school. Those pupils will then stay at the same school when they become Year 6 pupils in September 2026 and their school will become a primary school.

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
0-1	Nursery						
1-2	Nursery	Nursery					
2-3	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery				
3-4	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery	Primary			
R	First	First	First	Primary	Primary		
1	First	First	First	Primary	Primary	Primary	
2	First	First	First	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary
3	First	First	First	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary
4	First	First	First	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary
5	Middle	First	First	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary
6	Middle	Middle	First	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary
7	Middle	Middle	Middle	Secondary	Secondary	Secondary	Secondary
8	High	High	High	Secondary	Secondary	Secondary	Secondary
9	High	High	High	Secondary	Secondary	Secondary	Secondary
10	High	High	High	Secondary	Secondary	Secondary	Secondary
11	High	High	High	Secondary	Secondary	Secondary	Secondary

Year 5 retained at first school in 2025

Year 6 retained at first school converted to primary school in 2026

Current (2024/25) Year 4 pupils are the first cohort that will not attend middle school

What would the school system look like?

High Schools	Persnore High (Avonreach MAT)
Named Feeder Primary Schools	Abbey Park Primary (Community) Crowle CE Primary (DOWMAT) Defford cum Besford CE Primary (Voluntary) Fladbury CE Primary (Voluntary) Flyford Flavell Primary School (Community) Himbleton CE Primary (Voluntary) Inkberrow Primary (Avonreach MAT) Norton Juxta Kempsey Primary (Avonreach MAT) Orchard Primary (Avonreach MAT) Pinvin CE Academy (DOWMAT) St Barnabas CE Primary (DOWMAT) Upton Snodsbury CE Primary (Voluntary)

Have your say! Engagement with stakeholders and residents

- It is very important that all those involved or have an interest have a say, we welcome your views.
- All of the information available is accessible from this [Worcestershire County Council Pershore Review webpage](#) or the individual schools' websites. An online survey is available for you to respond to these proposals.
- The four-week consultation period commences on Monday 2nd September 2024 and closes at noon on Sunday 29th September 2024
- Individual schools are holding consultation events to allow stakeholders to learn more about the proposals and give the opportunity to provide feedback. Details are provided in each school's consultation document.

Responses required by noon on Sunday 29th September 2024



Survey QR Code

Website



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What happens next?

- 12 noon 29th September 2024 - Consultation closes
- End of October 2024 – Schools review consultation responses
- November 2024 - Decision makers (Governing Bodies, Regional Schools Commissioner and WCC Cabinet) take decisions to proceed or not

If all decide to proceed:

- September 2025 – all first schools become primary schools and retain year 5 pupils
- September 2026 – all new primary schools retain Year 6 pupils
- September 2027 – Pershore High Year 7 intake expanded to accept all Year 7 students