



**SCHOOL PLACES PLAN and
CAPACITY STRATEGY
2021 – 2025**

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Council has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places, and the School Places Plan and Capacity Strategy (SPP) is the essential control employed by the Council to meet this duty.
- 1.2 The Bracknell Forest Learning Improvement Strategy contains seven Key Priorities, one of which is to “*Access a High-Quality School Place*”. This SPP is the tool through which there are sufficient accessible school places available across the Borough in the right locations at the right time to meet the forecast need.
- 1.3 The SPP is produced in accordance with DfE Guide to Forecasting Pupil Numbers in School Place Planning, and details of the forecasting methodology are set out in Annex 1.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 Bracknell Forest is in transition, moving from a time of scarcity of school places to a time of surplus school places.
- 2.2 The birth rate and primary school numbers are decreasing across the Borough.
- 2.3 Secondary numbers however are still increasing as the previous rise of primary numbers is still working its way up through secondary schools.
- 2.4 Pupil numbers on roll are forecast to change between 2021 to 2025:
 - Early Years - decrease by up to 5% (114)
 - Primary - decrease by up to 9% (898)
 - Secondary KS 3 & 4 - increase by up to 6% (384)
 - Post 16 - increase by 28% (331)
 - SEN - increase by 7.8% (340)
- 2.5 Forecasts indicate that there will be enough mainstream school places across all sectors in all planning areas to meet this forecast demand, and there are no plans to add any additional school capacity during this forecast period. The significant increase in post 16 numbers relates to the anticipated future opening of the sixth form at Kings Academy Binfield in 2023.
- 2.6 Where surpluses of school places result in a surplus of accommodation in schools, this can be dealt with in the following ways:
 - Converting teaching spaces to other uses e.g. learning support
 - Removing temporary accommodation
 - Mothballing part of a school
 - Finding alternative compatible uses for surplus accommodation
 - Leasing out surplus accommodation to paying tenants

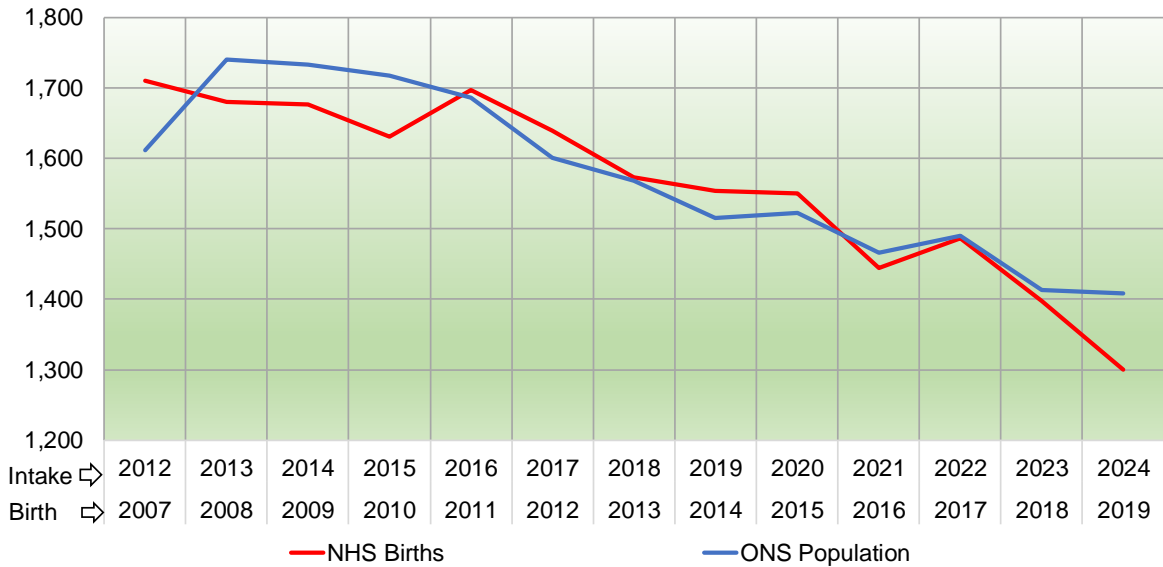
3. Factors Affecting Pupil Numbers and School Places

3.1 The following factors affect the supply and demand for school places:

Demographics

3.2 The Office of National Statistics (ONS) Population Predictions suggest that the numbers of babies born Bracknell Forest are decreasing, as set out on Graph One below. This is confirmed by data from the NHS.

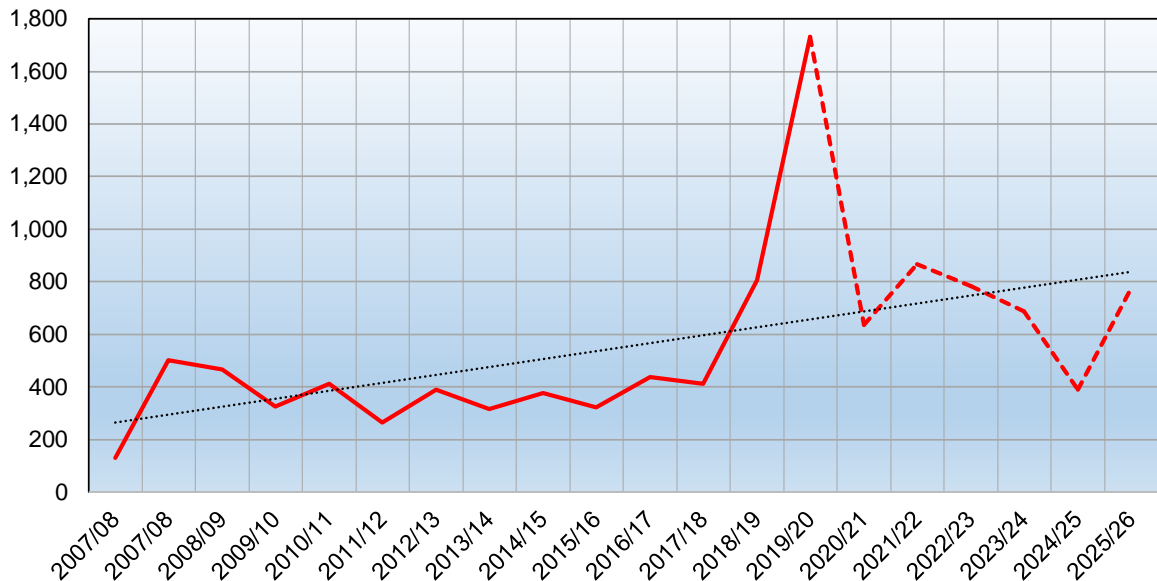
Graph One: Bracknell Forest – Numbers of 5 Year Old Children



New Housing

3.3 The number of houses built in Bracknell Forest in last two years has increased significantly over the preceding ten years as set out on Graph Two below. The predicted house completions up to 2025 are shown as a dotted line.

Graph Two: Housing Completions in Bracknell Forest



- 3.4 In the past new housing numbers have often come on more slowly than anticipated, and the timescales for delivery of new housing are outside of the Council's direct control, being in the hands of individual housing developers. Various factors may affect the timescales for new house building including market forces, interest rates, mortgage availability and employment opportunities in the local area.
- 3.5 Pupils arising from this spike in new housing will be unlikely to result in a spike in the school population because research has shown that 85% of families moving within the Borough keep their children at their original schools. The impact of this spike will however be likely to be felt over successive years depending on the age of the children in question and the year group which they will attend. Research has suggested that the peak demand for school places arising from new housing may only be reached after 5-7 years after a new development is completed.
- 3.6 Most of the new housing has been built in the North Bracknell Planning Area.

Pupil Yields Arising from New Housing

- 3.7 New dwellings of different sizes yield different numbers of pupils e.g. smaller flats yield less children than larger 3-4 bed family homes. Research has revealed that estimated average pupil yields from new housing in Bracknell Forest have decreased by 30% since 2016.

New Schools

- 3.8 New schools may cause some turbulence in demand for school places through parental preference for new facilities and the time taken for new schools to fill up in all year groups. The newest schools in Bracknell Forest are the Kings Academy Binfield and Kings Academy Oakwood located in the North Bracknell school planning Area, which opened in September 2018 and September 2019 respectively. There are currently no new schools under construction in Bracknell Forest.

Pupil Mobility

- 3.9 Pupil mobility is high when there are staffing changes at the Royal Military Academy (RMA) which is located in the Sandhurst & Crowthorne school Planning Area. Schools in the Crowthorne and Sandhurst regularly see existing pupils leaving and new pupils arriving unexpectedly which gives the Borough pupil mobility in excess of 20%, which is higher than the national average.
- 3.10 Traveller families are another factor affecting pupil mobility, and this can be difficult to forecast. There is a permanent designated Traveller Site with 13 pitches which is also located in the Crowthorne and Sandhurst school planning area.

3.11 The extent of primary internal migration within the Borough is set out on Charts One to Three below:

Chart One: Where North Bracknell Residents Took up Primary School Places

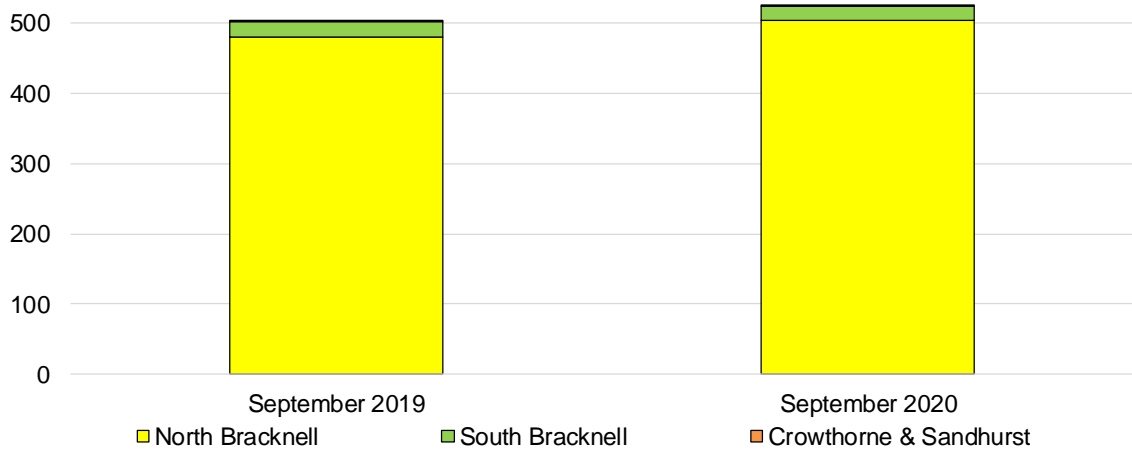


Chart Two: Where South Bracknell Residents Took up Primary School Places

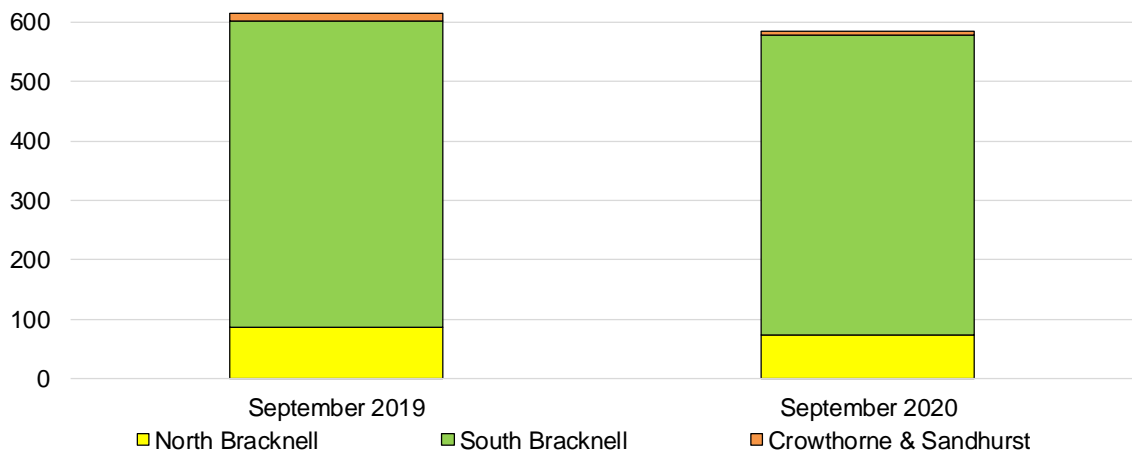
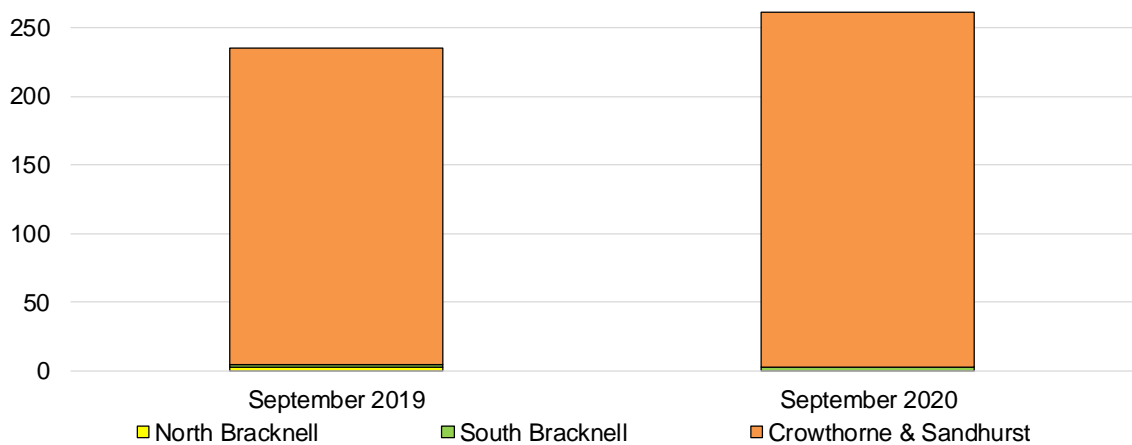


Chart Three: Where Crowthorne & Sandhurst Residents Took up Primary School Places



3.12 The extent of secondary internal migration within the Borough is set out on Charts Four to Six below:

Chart Four: Where North Bracknell Residents Took up Secondary School Places

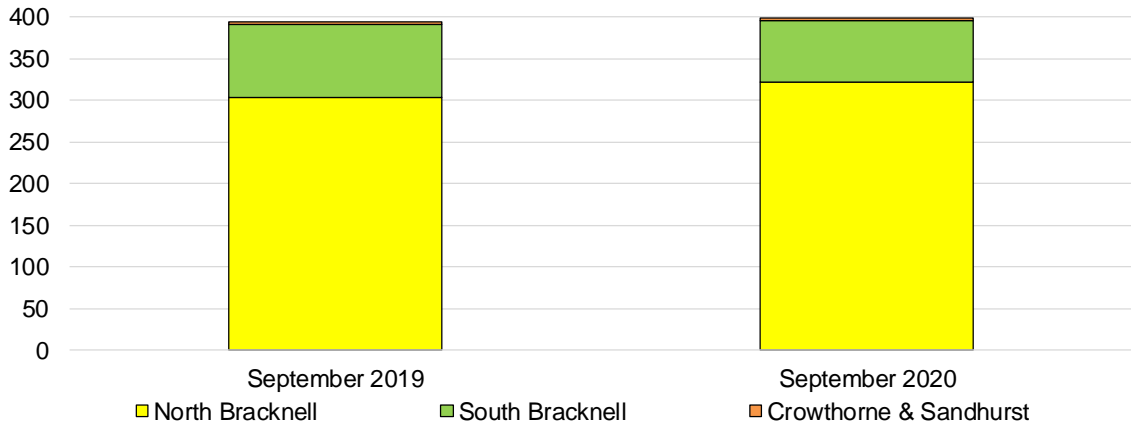


Chart Five: Where South Bracknell Residents Took up Secondary School Places

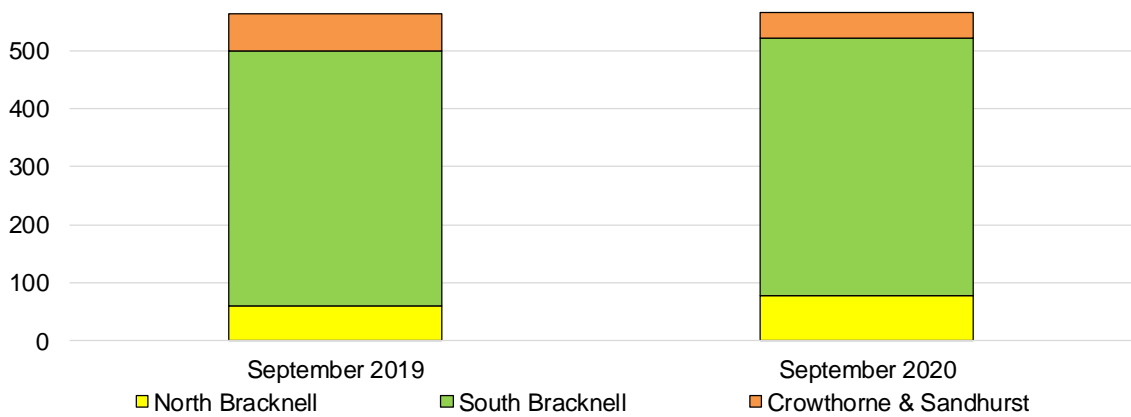
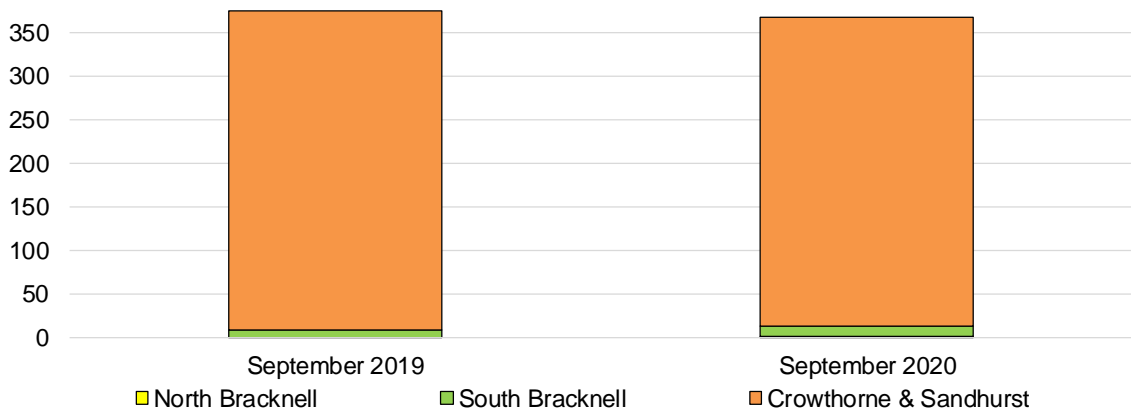


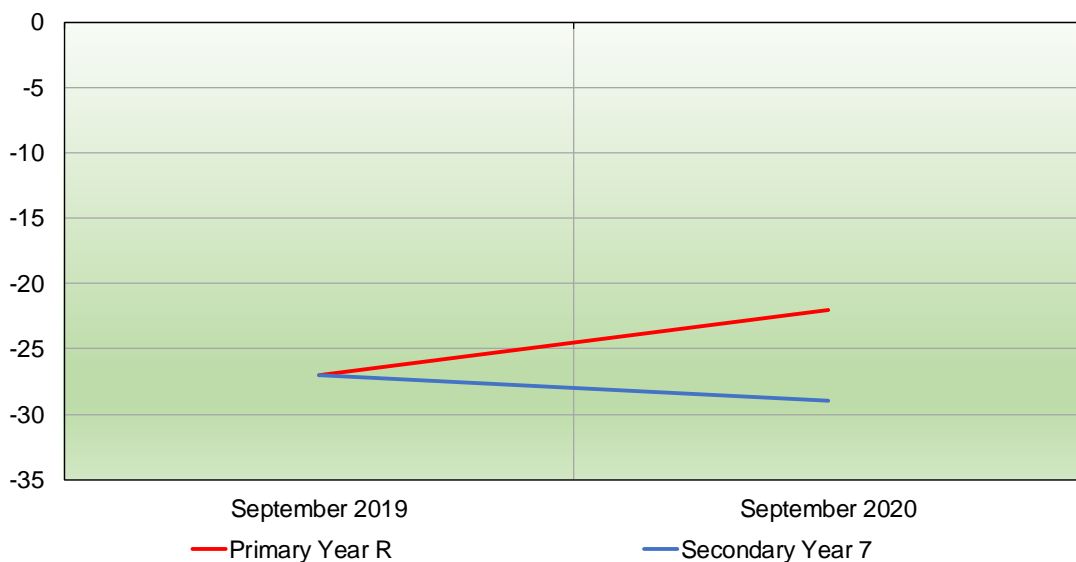
Chart Six: Where Crowthorne & Sandhurst Residents Took up Secondary School Places



Cross Border Issues with Neighbouring Local Authorities

- 3.13 Bracknell Forest shares boundaries with Wokingham, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead (RBWM), Hampshire and Surrey, but the majority of cross-border movement occurs between Bracknell Forest, Wokingham and RBWM.
- 3.14 There are several legacy issues derived from the way that Berkshire County Council organised its school places:
- Two Bracknell Forest primary schools, Ascot Heath and Cranbourne, are in the designated area of Charters Secondary School, which is located in RBWM.
 - The Wokingham primary schools at Hatch Ride and Oaklands are in the designated area of the Bracknell Forest Edgbarrow Secondary academy.
 - Part of the designated areas of the Bracknell Forest Ascot Heath Primary school and Cranbourne Primary school extend into RBWM.
 - Part of the designated areas of the RBWM South Ascot primary school and Charters secondary academy extend into Bracknell Forest.
- 3.15 Despite this the extent of cross border migration into and out of Bracknell Forest is not significant and is set out on Graph Three Below. For the September 2020 intake year Bracknell Forest was a net exporter of -22 primary and -29 secondary pupils.

Graph Three: Cross Border Migration in the Intake Years R and 7



Admission Over the PAN

- 3.16 Under the current School Admissions Code, individual schools can admit over their Published Admission Numbers (PAN). Schools may also admit over the PAN where parents win admissions appeals.
- 3.17 This impacts on the Council’s ability to manage the supply of school places if schools admit additional pupils that might otherwise have taken up places at other schools.

- 3.18 The seven schools which have admitted over their PAN in the last five years are set out on Table One below, and 89% of the total number of pupils admitted was by academy schools:

Table One: Schools Admitting Over their Published Admission Numbers

School	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-20	Total
Edgbarrow academy	31	2	1	30		64
Garth Hill College	4					4
Ranelagh academy			9	9	9	27
Sandhurst			1			1
St Margaret Clitherow academy		1				1
The Brakenhale academy		1		8	8	17
Wooden Hill Primary					9	9
Totals:	35	4	11	47	26	123

Denominational Education

- 3.19 There are ten Church of England and Roman Catholic primary schools within Bracknell Forest and one Church of England secondary Academy, which provide denominational education in the Borough. These are listed on Table Two below.

Table Two: Denominational Schools in Bracknell Forest

School	Type	Planning Area
Binfield	CE Primary Voluntary Aided	North Bracknell
St Joseph's	RC Primary Voluntary Aided	North Bracknell
Warfield	CE Primary Voluntary Controlled	North Bracknell
Winkfield St Marys	CE Primary Voluntary Controlled	North Bracknell
Jennett's Park	CE Primary Academy	South Bracknell
Ranelagh Academy	CE Secondary Academy	South Bracknell
St Margaret Clitherow	RC Primary Academy	South Bracknell
St Michael's Easthampstead	CE Primary Voluntary Aided	South Bracknell
Crowthorne	CE Primary Voluntary Controlled	Crowthorne & Sandhurst
St Michael's Sandhurst	CE Primary Voluntary Aided	Crowthorne & Sandhurst

- 3.20 Voluntary Aided schools are their own admissions authorities and the Governing Bodies set their admissions arrangements. For Voluntary Controlled Schools the Council is the admissions authority, and these schools follow the Council's co-ordinated scheme of admissions.
- 3.21 There is no Catholic secondary school in Bracknell Forest so parents preferring a Catholic education for their children may choose to schools outside of the Borough.
- 3.22 Ranelagh CE academy, St Michael's Easthampstead CE primary and St Joseph's RC primary schools do not have Bracknell Forest designated areas and these schools accept pupils drawn from wider geographical areas.
- 3.23 All the above denominational schools have been included in the SPP forecasts.

Free Schools and Academies

- 3.24 Are state-funded schools but are independent of Local Authority control, and are established through the DfE academies programme as either sponsored or converter academies.
- 3.25 There are currently ten academy schools in Bracknell Forest listed on Table Three below:

Table Three: Academy Schools in Bracknell Forest

School	Type	Academy Trust	Planning Area
Kings Academy Binfield	All Through School	Kings Group Trust	North Bracknell
Kings Academy Oakwood	Primary	Kings Group Trust	North Bracknell
Great Hollands	Primary	Maiden Erlegh Trust	South Bracknell
Jennett's Park	CE Primary	Bonitas Trust	South Bracknell
Ranelagh Academy	CE Secondary	Bonitas Trust	South Bracknell
St Margaret Clitherow	RC Primary	Frassati Trust	South Bracknell
The Brakenhale	Secondary	Greenshaw Trust	South Bracknell
Crown Wood	Primary	Greenshaw Trust	South Bracknell
Edgbarrow	Secondary	Corvus Trust	Crowthorne & Sandhurst
Wildmoor Heath	Primary	Greenshaw Trust	Crowthorne & Sandhurst

- 3.26 Academies and Free Schools are their own Admission Authorities, and their admissions arrangements are determined by their governing bodies in agreement with the Education Funding Agency. The Council would reasonably expect to be consulted on changes to academies' admissions arrangements, but cannot determine them, and this may impact on the Authority's ability to manage the supply of school places.

Independent schools

- 3.27 Some parents send their children to independent schools, and there are five such schools in Bracknell Forest as set out on Table Four Below.

Table Four: Independent Schools in Bracknell Forest

School	Type	Planning Area
Licensed Victuallers' School	Co-educational primary and secondary	North Bracknell
Heathfield	Secondary girls' school	North Bracknell
Wellington College	Co-educational for pupils aged 13 to 18	Crowthorne & Sandhurst
Eagle House	Co-educational preparatory school	Crowthorne & Sandhurst
Lambrook-Haileybury	Co-educational preparatory school	North Bracknell

Selective Education

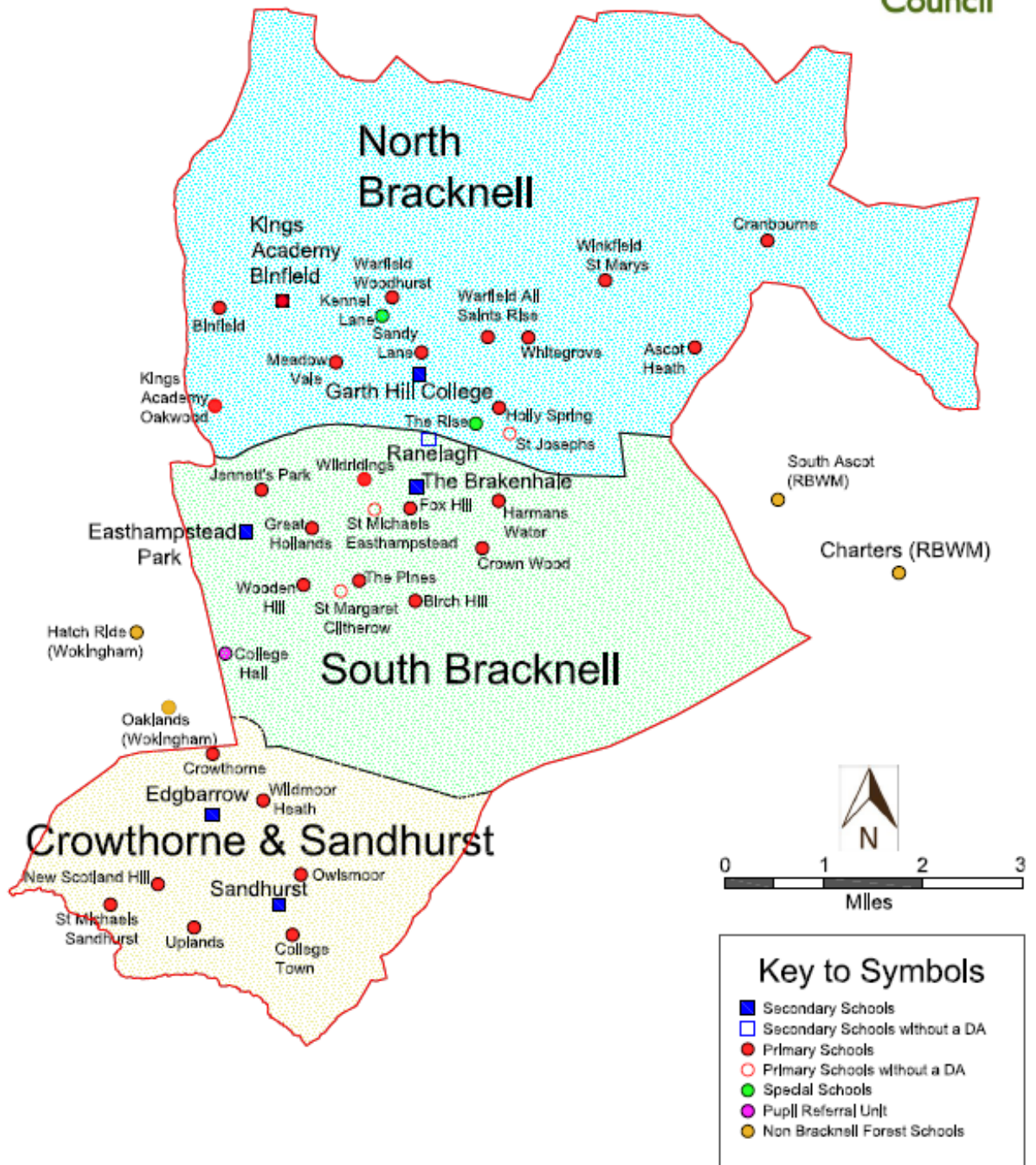
- 3.28 All secondary schools in the Borough are co-educational comprehensive (11-19). Parents seeking single gender or selective secondary education for their children may choose to seek school places in other local authority areas.

4. Planning Areas

4.1 There are three Planning Areas for school organisation as shown on Map One below:

- North Bracknell
- South Bracknell
- Crowthorne & Sandhurst

Map One: School Organisation Planning Areas



5. Schools

5.1 There are 38 schools in this SPP which are set out on Table Four below:

Table Four: Schools in Bracknell Forest

Planning Area	School	Type	Status	Designated Area
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North Bracknell

Binfield CE Primary	Primary	Voluntary Aided	Yes
Kings Academy Oakwood	Primary	Academy	Yes
Meadow Vale Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
Warfield CE Primary	Primary	Voluntary Controlled	Yes
King's Academy Binfield	All Through	Academy	Yes
Cranbourne Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
Holly Spring Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
Sandy Lane Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
Ascot Heath Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
St Josephs RC Primary	Primary	Voluntary Aided	No
Whitegrove Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
Winkfield St Marys CE Primary	Primary	Voluntary Controlled	Yes
Garth Hill College	Secondary	Maintained	Yes

South Bracknell

Crown Wood Primary	Primary	Academy	Yes
Fox Hill Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
Harmans Water Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
St Michaels Easthampstead CE Primary	Primary	Voluntary Aided	No
Wildridings Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
The Brakenhale	Secondary	Academy	Yes
Birch Hill Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
Great Hollands Primary	Primary	Academy	Yes
Jennetts Park CE Primary	Primary	Academy	Yes
St Margaret Clitherow RC Primary	Primary	Academy	No
The Pines Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
Wooden Hill Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
Easthampstead Park Secondary	Secondary	Maintained	Yes
Ranelagh CE Secondary	Secondary	Academy	No

Crowthorne & Sandhurst

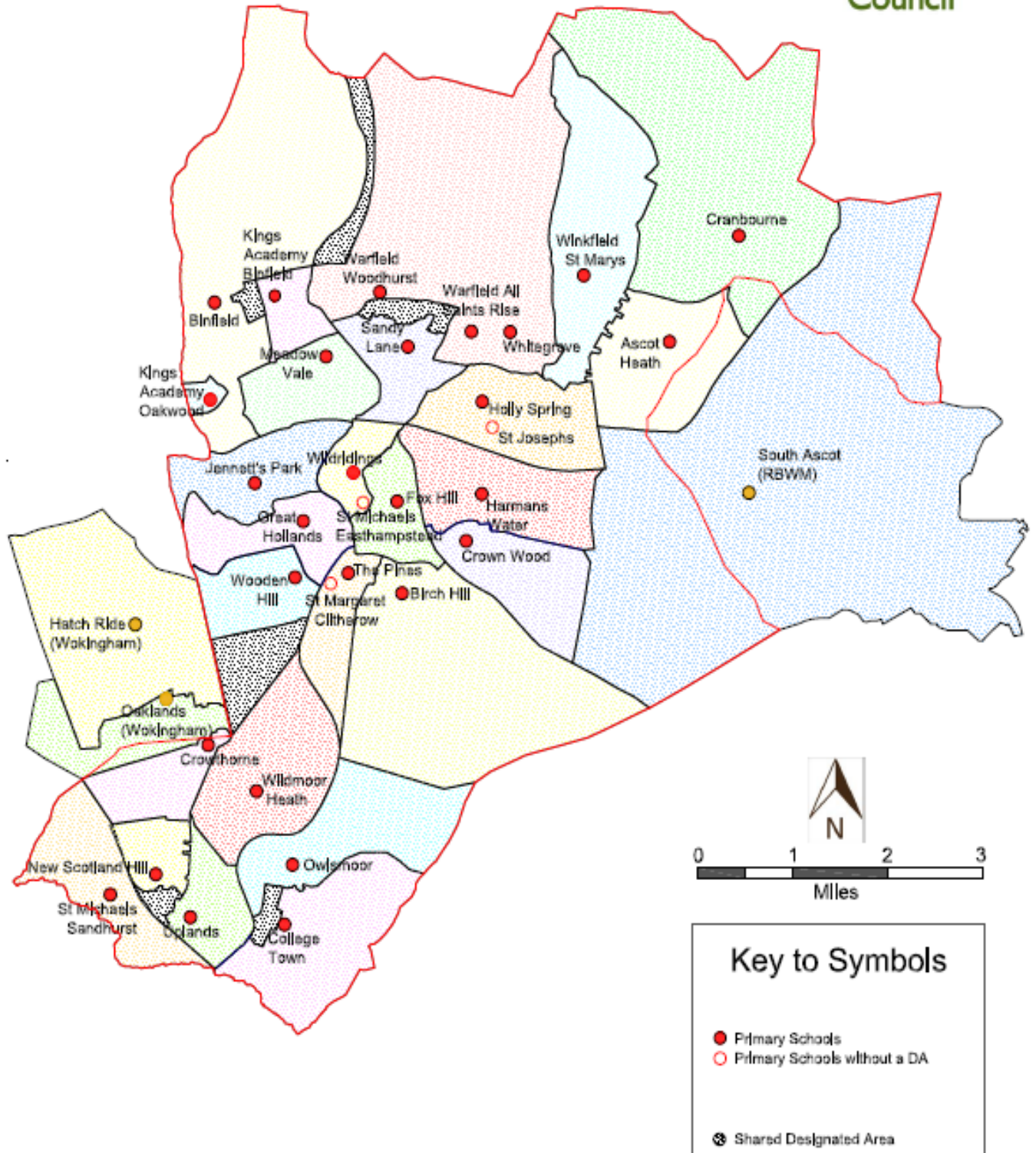
Crowthorne CE Primary	Primary	Voluntary Controlled	Yes
New Scotland Hill Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
Wildmoor Heath Primary	Primary	Academy	Yes
Edgbarrow Secondary	Secondary	Academy	Yes
College Town Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
Owlsmoor Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
St Michaels Sandhurst CE Primary	Primary	Voluntary Aided	Yes
Uplands Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
Sandhurst Secondary	Secondary	Maintained	Yes

Others

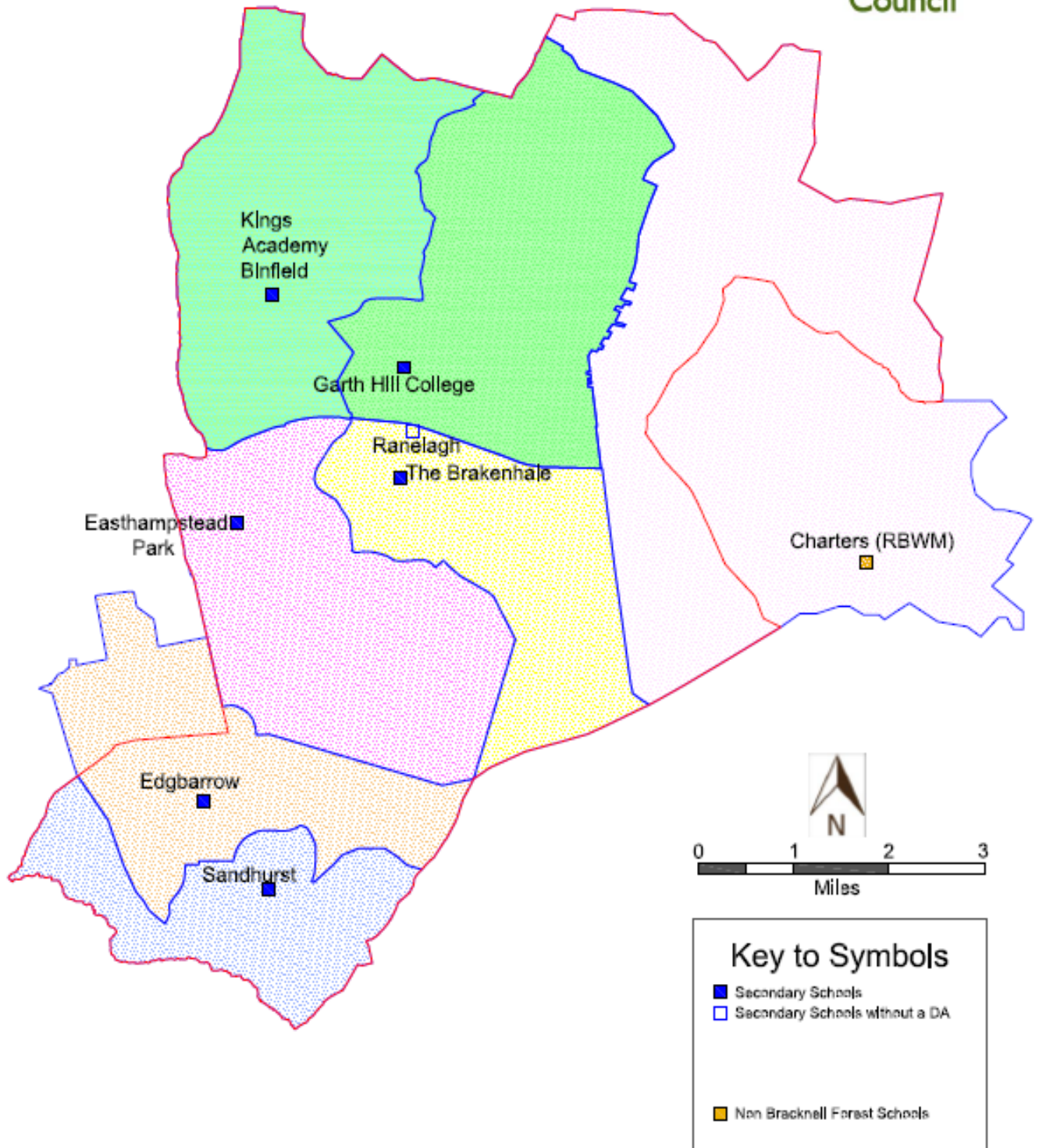
College Hall	PRU	Maintained	No
Kennel Lane	Special	Maintained	No

6. Designated Area Maps

Map Two: Primary School Designated Areas



Map Three: Secondary School Designated Areas.



7. Early Years

Early Years Providers

- 7.1 Calculating the exact number of places available across the authority is challenging as providers continually adapt their capacity dependent on demand. Capacity data is therefore only correct at the point it is gathered from providers. Table Five below shows the approximate number of childcare places available in Bracknell Forest by ward in the summer term 2020 and covers all early years childcare for 0 to 5 year olds, funded and fee paying children and places offered by childminders open to school age children.

Table Five: Early Years Providers in Bracknell Forest

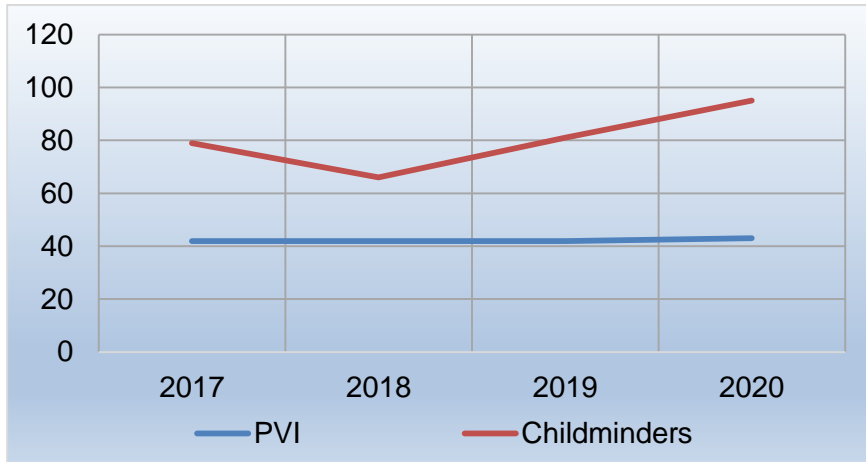
Ward	Capacity
Ascot	212
Binfield with Warfield	416
Bullbrook	203
Central Sandhurst	82
College Town	578
Crown Wood	201
Crowthorne	182
Great Hollands North	212
Great Hollands South	190
Hanworth	407
Harmans Water	272
Little Sandhurst and Wellington	155
Old Bracknell	180
Owlsmoor	175
Priestwood and Garth	373
Warfield Harvest Ride	261
Wildridings and Central	359
Winkfield and Cranbourne	262
Total capacity	4,720

- 7.2 Providers are responsible for ensuring that space requirements are met when making decisions on cohort numbers. Space requirements are dependent on the age of the children attending. (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>).
- 7.3 In the autumn term 2020 a total of 164 providers are registered to claim free entitlement funding, 45 Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) providers, 101 childminders and 18 maintained school and academy nursery classes (nursery classes).
- 7.3.1 Funded places for 2-year-old are offered by 43 PVI providers and 95 childminders. No Nursery classes offer 2-year-old places.
- 7.3.2 Universal 15-hour free entitlement places for 3- and 4-year olds are offered by 45 PVI providers, 101 childminders and 18 nursery classes

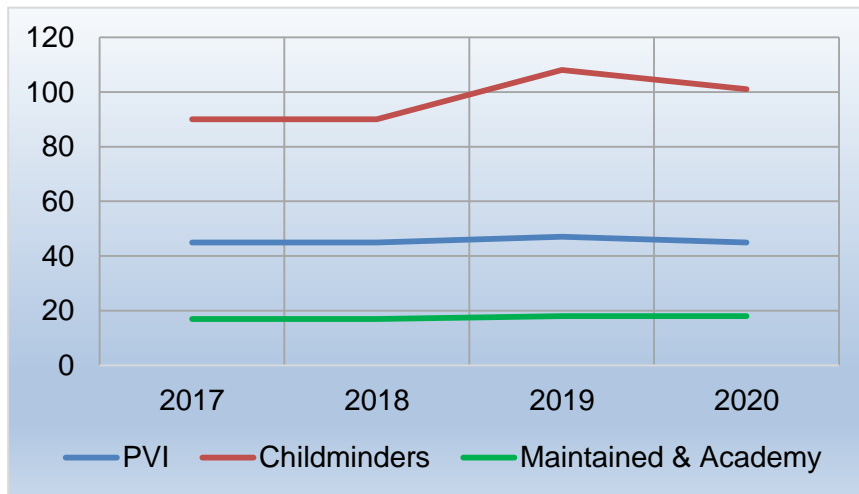
7.3.3 Extended 30-hour free entitlement places for 3- and 4-year olds are offered by 43 PVI providers, 101 childminders and 17 nursery classes.

The graphs below show the number of providers offering the free entitlement for the period 2017 to 2020.

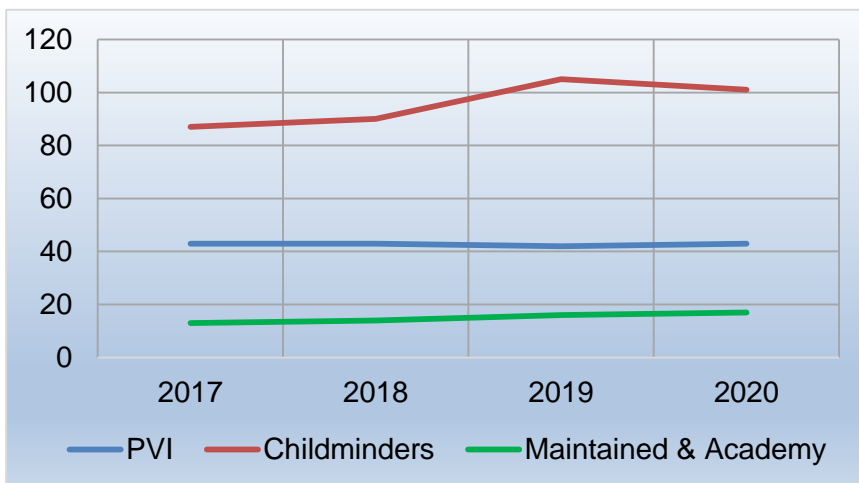
Graph Four: Providers Offering Places for 2 year olds



Graph Five: Providers Offering Universal Places for 3 & 4 year olds



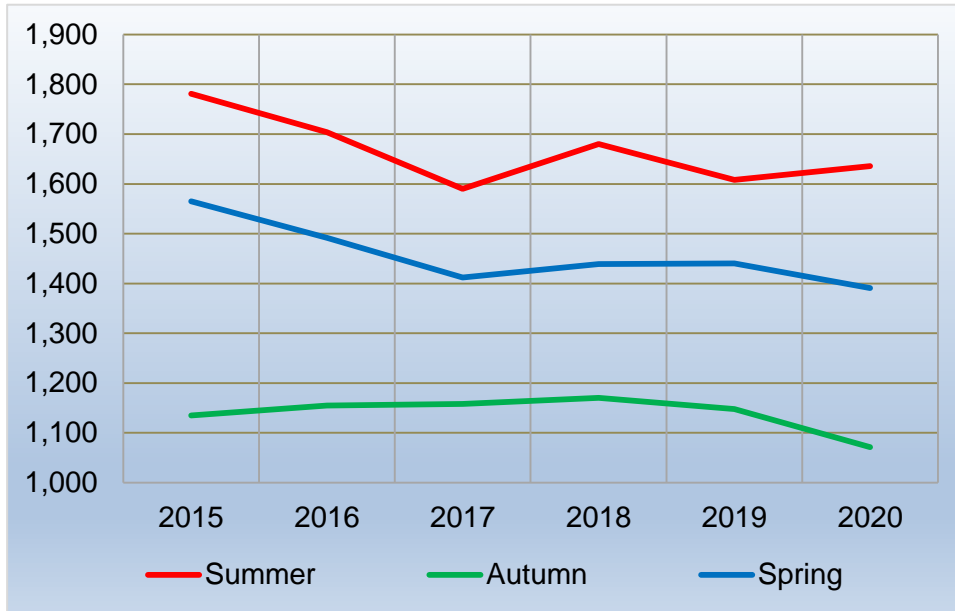
Graph Six: Providers Offering Extended Places for 3 & 4 year olds



Numbers of Children in Early Years Settings

7.4 Graph Seven below shows the take up for funded two, three- and four-year olds over the last five years accessing in Bracknell Forest for PVI and Childminders.

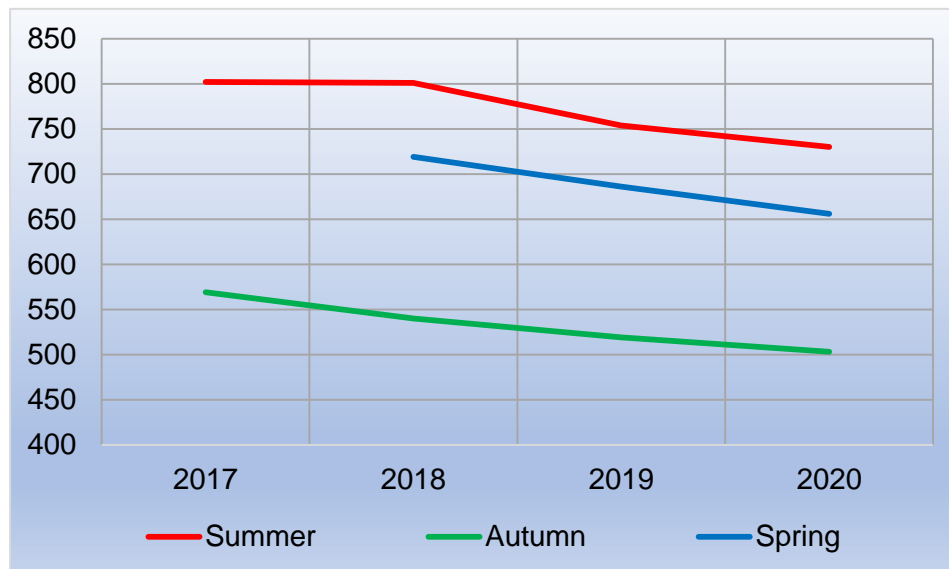
Graph Seven: Free Entitlement Headcount – PVI & Childminders



7.5 Generally, numbers in the PVI sector are lowest in the Autumn term following the school intake, increasing in the Spring term and reaching a peak in the Summer term.

7.6 Graph Seven above shows that over the last five years there has been an overall downward trend in numbers of children across all terms, and this does correspond to the known decrease in birth rates indicated by the NHS. This trend is repeated in the numbers of children attending nursery classes in maintained schools and academies which are shown on Graph Eight below.

Graph Eight: Free Entitlement Headcount – Maintained and Academies



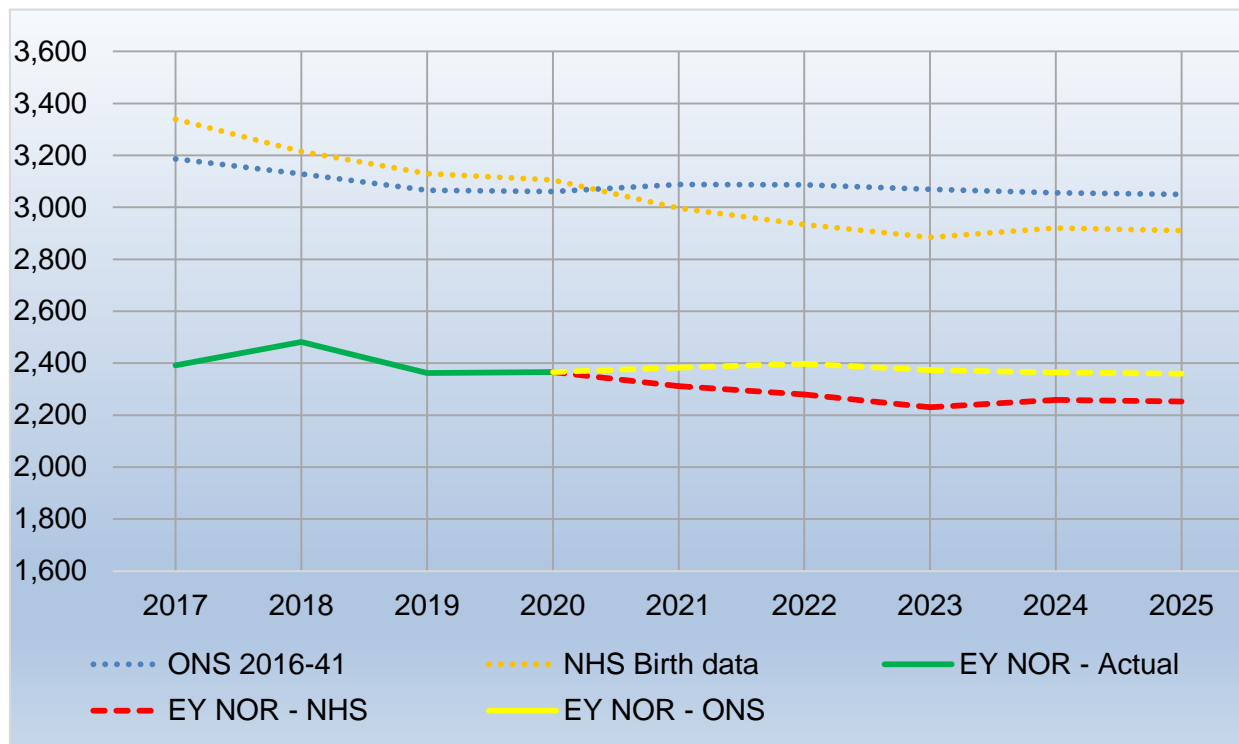
Current Demand for Childcare

7.7 BFC uses the Summer term numbers when predicting demand for free entitlement places for 3- and 4-year olds. In the 2020 Summer term the number of 3- and 4-year olds accessing free entitlements was 2,366 which is approximately 77% of the eligible population.

Forecast Demand for Childcare

7.8 The ONS population forecasts for 3- and 4-years olds in Bracknell Forest in 2025 is 3,049. However, a population forecast based on current NHS birth data indicates a population of 2,911. Using the current average rate of uptake for the free entitlements for 3- and 4- year old of 77%¹, the forecast demand in the summer term 2025 is calculated to be 2,360 using the ONS forecast and 2,252 using the NHS birth data. Graph Nine below illustrates both of these forecasts.

Graph Nine: Population and Free Entitlement Forecast

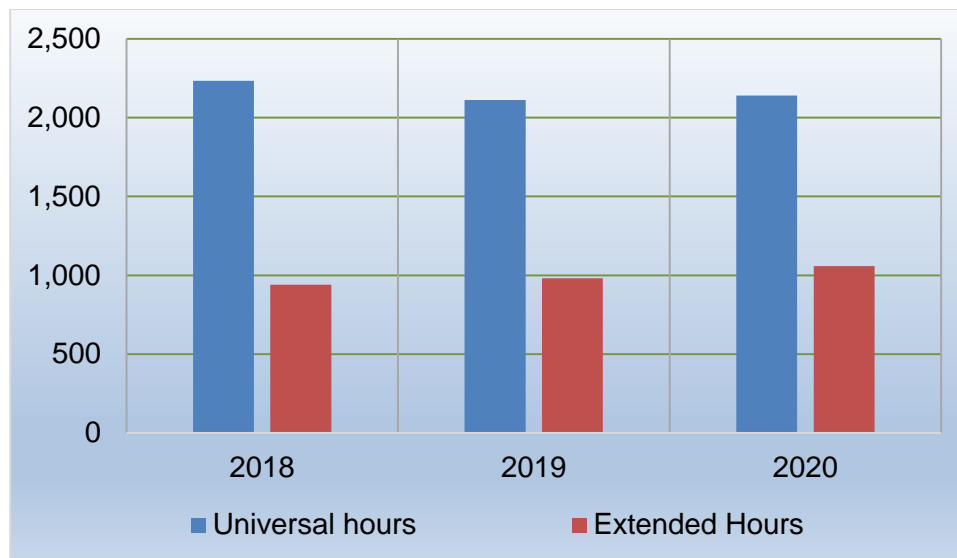


Universal and Extended Childcare

7.9 The total number of 3 & 4 year olds claiming Universal (570 hours p.a.) and Extended (1,170 hours p.a.) early years entitlements in the summer term is shown on Graph Ten below. In addition, approximately 200 2-year olds will be eligible for 570 hours per annum.

¹ Excludes 4 year olds attending school

Graph Ten: Total Claiming Free Entitlements



Early Years Capacity Strategy

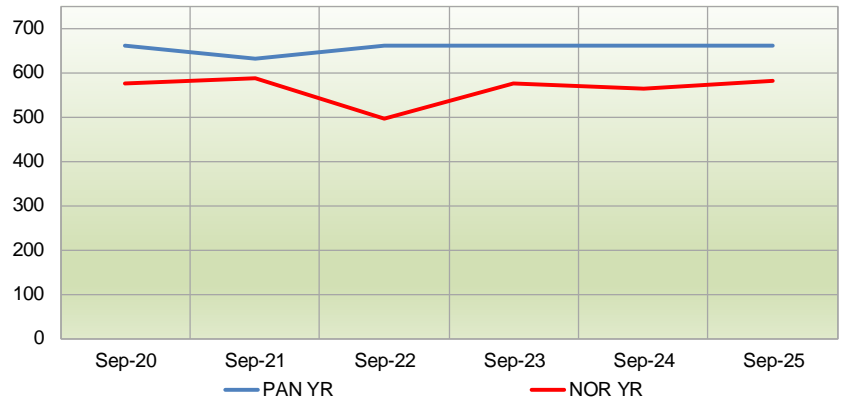
- 7.10 BFC is required by law to 'report annually to elected council members on how they are meeting their duty to secure sufficient childcare and make this report available and accessible to parents'. The 2019 Child Sufficiency Assessment is available at <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/strategies-plans-and-policies/strategy-and-policy-documents/children-and-family-services-strategies-and-policies>. The 2020 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment will be published in the Spring term 2021
- 7.11 The most recent assessment evidences that there is currently sufficient childcare capacity across the Borough to meet the forecast demand for places until 2022/2023.

8. Primary

8.1 The graphs below show the forecast Published Admission Numbers (PAN) and Numbers on Roll (NOR) in the intake year R for 2020-25.

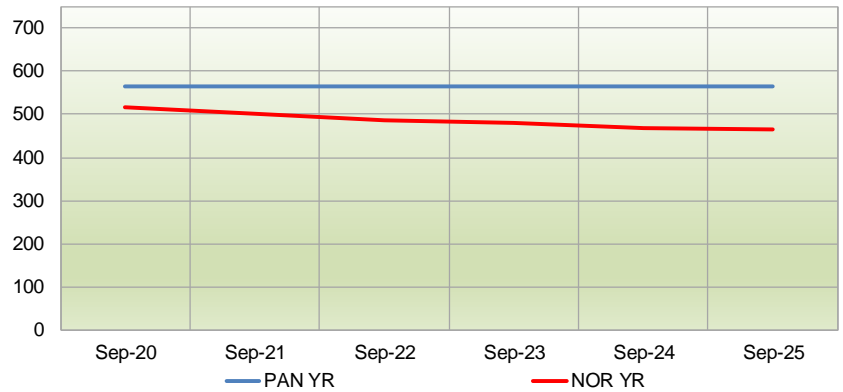
Graph Eleven: Primary Forecasts
North Bracknell Intake Year

YEAR	PAN YR	NOR YR	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	660	576	84	13%
Sep-21	630	586	44	7%
Sep-22	660	496	164	25%
Sep-23	660	574	86	13%
Sep-24	660	562	98	15%
Sep-25	660	582	78	12%



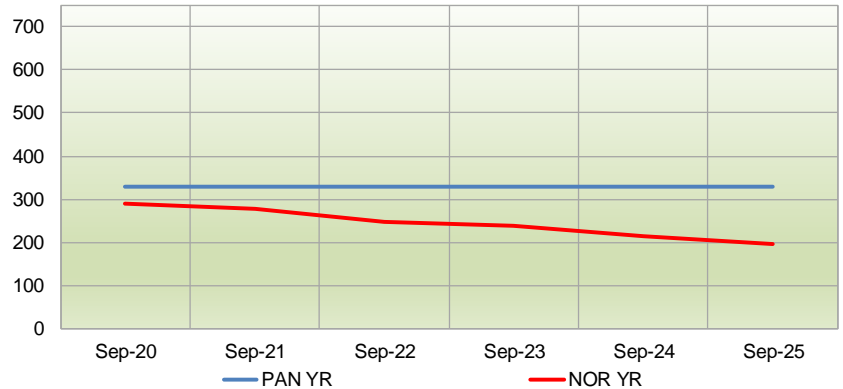
Graph Twelve: Primary Forecasts
South Bracknell Intake Year

YEAR	PAN YR	NOR YR	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	565	517	48	8%
Sep-21	565	501	64	11%
Sep-22	565	486	79	14%
Sep-23	565	479	86	15%
Sep-24	565	467	98	17%
Sep-25	565	464	101	18%



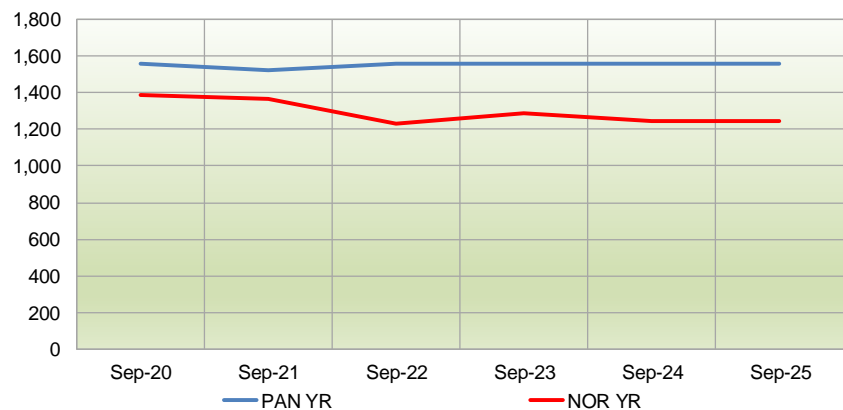
Graph Thirteen: Primary Forecasts
Crowthorne & Sandhurst Intake Year

YEAR	PAN YR	NOR YR	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	330	291	39	12%
Sep-21	330	276	54	16%
Sep-22	330	246	84	25%
Sep-23	330	238	92	28%
Sep-24	330	214	116	35%
Sep-25	330	197	133	40%



Graph Fourteen: Primary Forecasts
Borough Wide Intake Year

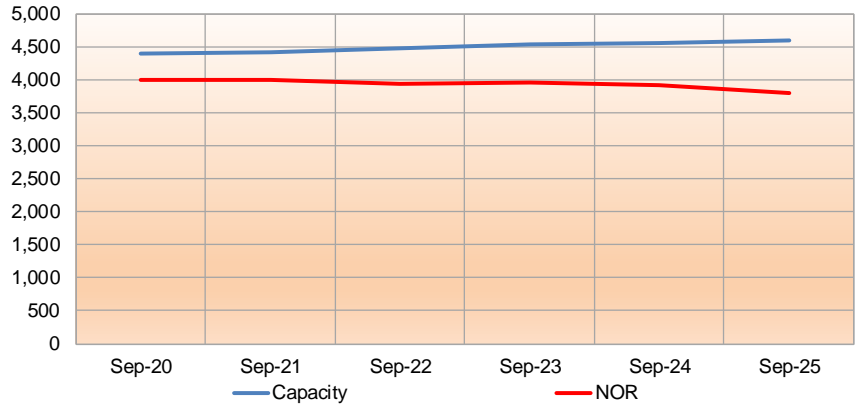
YEAR	PAN YR	NOR YR	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	1,555	1,384	171	11%
Sep-21	1,525	1,363	162	11%
Sep-22	1,555	1,228	327	21%
Sep-23	1,555	1,291	264	17%
Sep-24	1,555	1,243	312	20%
Sep-25	1,555	1,243	312	20%



8.2 The graphs below set out the forecast primary school capacity and total numbers on roll (NOR) for 2020-25.

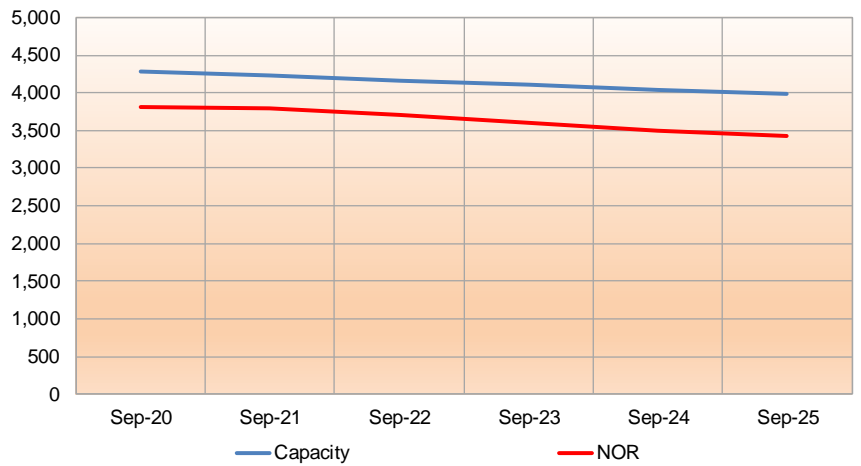
Graph Fifteen: Primary Forecasts
North Bracknell Total Number on Roll

YEAR	Capacity	NOR	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	4,390	4,010	380	9%
Sep-21	4,410	3,997	413	9%
Sep-22	4,470	3,938	532	12%
Sep-23	4,530	3,965	565	12%
Sep-24	4,560	3,928	632	14%
Sep-25	4,590	3,801	789	17%



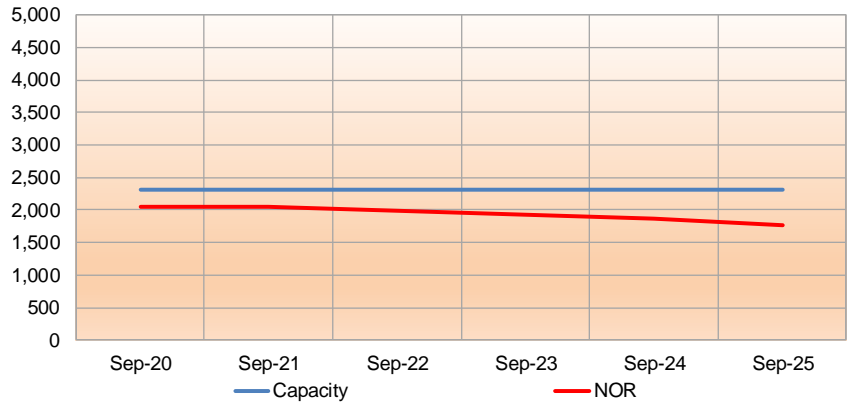
Graph Sixteen: Primary Forecasts
South Bracknell Total Number on Roll

YEAR	Capacity	NOR	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	4,286	3,810	476	11%
Sep-21	4,226	3,786	440	10%
Sep-22	4,166	3,702	464	11%
Sep-23	4,106	3,610	496	12%
Sep-24	4,046	3,505	541	13%
Sep-25	3,986	3,421	565	14%



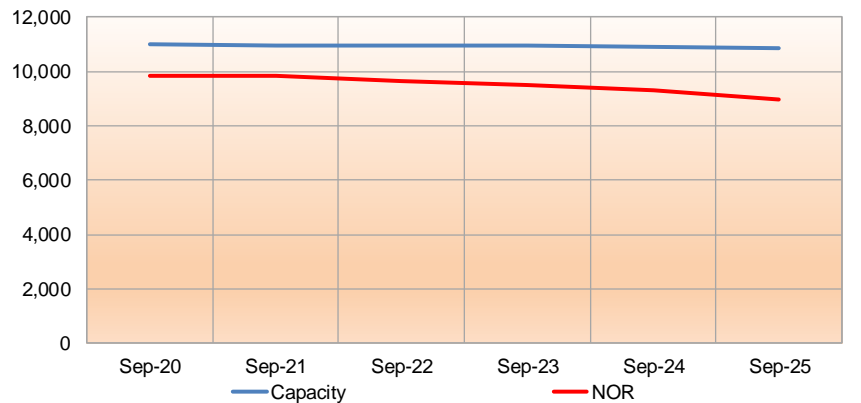
Graph Seventeen: Primary Forecasts
Crowthorne & Sandhurst Total NOR

YEAR	Capacity	NOR	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	2,308	2,045	263	11%
Sep-21	2,308	2,044	264	11%
Sep-22	2,308	1,997	311	13%
Sep-23	2,308	1,923	385	17%
Sep-24	2,308	1,866	442	19%
Sep-25	2,308	1,765	543	24%



Graph Eighteen: Primary Forecasts
Borough Wide Total Number on Roll

YEAR	Capacity	NOR	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	10,984	9,865	1,119	10%
Sep-21	10,944	9,827	1,117	10%
Sep-22	10,944	9,637	1,307	12%
Sep-23	10,944	9,498	1,446	13%
Sep-24	10,914	9,299	1,615	15%
Sep-25	10,884	8,987	1,897	17%



Primary School Forecasts

- 8.3 There are 30 primary schools in the Borough with a total of 10,984 places, and 9,885 pupils on roll in September 2020, leaving a surplus of 1,099 places or 10%.
- 8.4 By September 2025 forecasts indicate the numbers of primary school places in our 30 schools will decrease to 10,884, with 8,987 pupils on roll leaving a surplus of 1,897 places or 17%.

Primary School Capacity Strategy

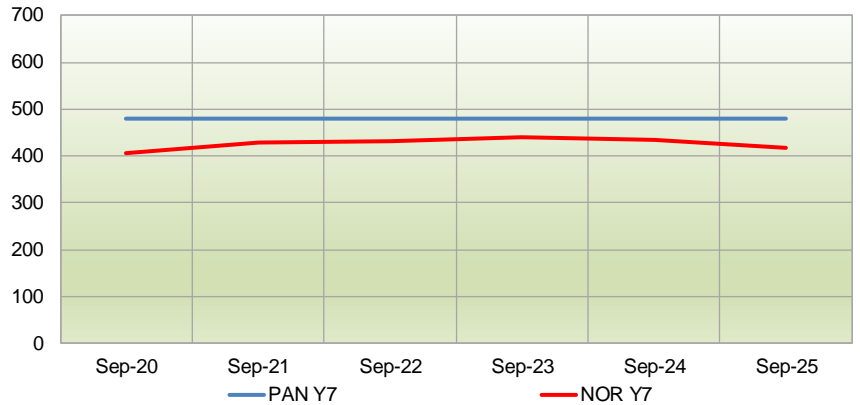
- 8.5 The approach taken is to meet the forecast demand for places across each planning area, acknowledging that pupils can travel to neighbouring schools if their catchment area school is full.
- 8.6 Forecasts indicate that there will be enough primary school places in each planning area to meet demand during the forecast period. There are no plans to add any additional primary school capacity in this forecast period.
- 8.7 Harmans Water Primary School is planned to reduce its PAN from 90 to 60 from September 2021.
- 8.8 Sandy Lane Primary School will also reduce its PAN from 90 to 60 from September 2021.
- 8.9 The programme for constructing the proposed new primary school at Bucklers Park (formerly TRL) has been slipped because the forecasts indicate no requirement for this new school within the forecast period. Demand for primary school places in Crowthorne will be kept under review and closely monitored going forward.
- 8.10 The proposed new schools at Amen Corner South and Warfield East have been put on hold, and these schools will only be built if there are enough pupils in North Bracknell to warrant this going forward.
- 8.11 As surplus places put pressure on school budgets, removal of further surplus places will be required during the forecast period.
- 8.12 The proposed reductions in mainstream primary school places will be accompanied by an expansion of primary SEN facilities to meet the rising demand which is set out in section 14. Special and Additional Educational Needs below.
- 8.13 This will see an increase in the numbers of specialist SEN school places including in mainstream schools, making use of the surplus accommodation arising from reducing mainstream numbers on roll.

9. Secondary Key Stage 3 & 4

9.1 The graphs below show the forecast secondary Published Admission Numbers (PAN) and Numbers on Roll (NOR) in the intake year 7 for 2020-25.

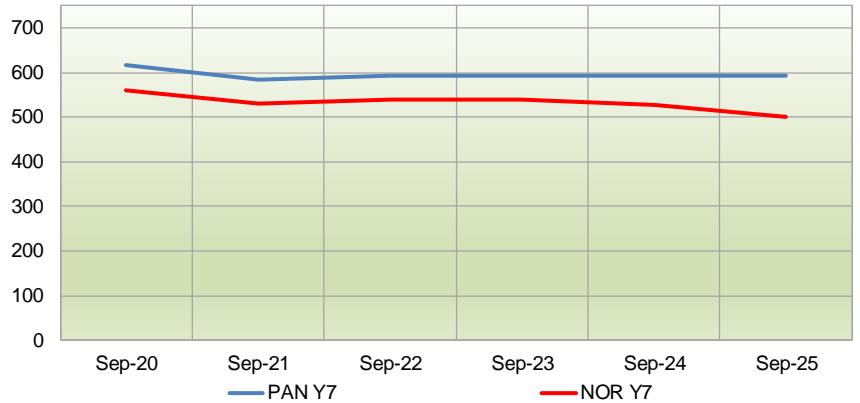
Graph Nineteen: Secondary Forecasts
North Bracknell Intake Year

YEAR	PAN Y7	NOR Y7	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	480	407	73	15%
Sep-21	480	430	50	10%
Sep-22	480	433	47	10%
Sep-23	480	439	41	9%
Sep-24	480	434	46	10%
Sep-25	480	418	62	13%



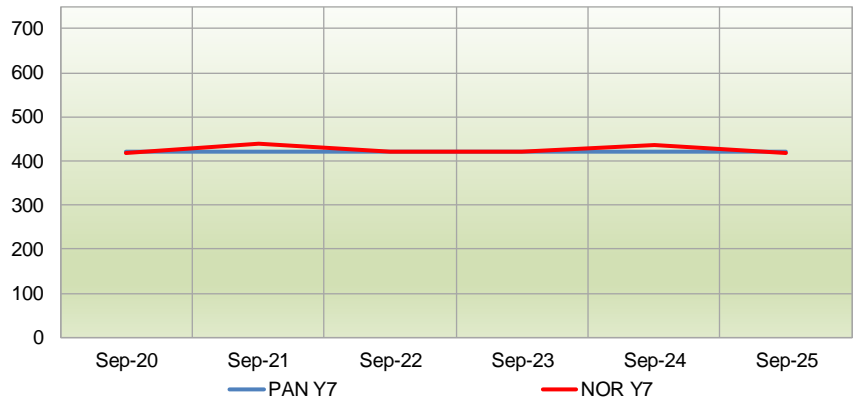
Graph Twenty: Secondary Forecasts
South Bracknell Intake Year

YEAR	PAN Y7	NOR Y7	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	615	559	56	9%
Sep-21	585	530	55	9%
Sep-22	594	539	55	9%
Sep-23	594	540	54	9%
Sep-24	594	528	66	11%
Sep-25	594	501	93	16%



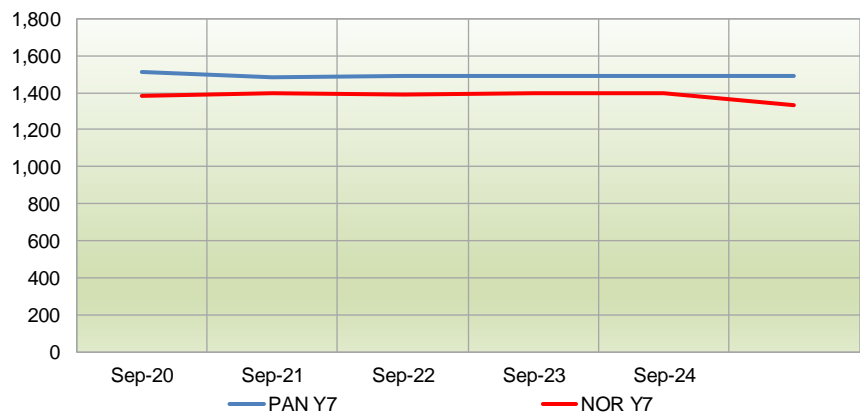
Graph Twenty One: Secondary Forecasts
Crowthorne & Sandhurst Intake Year

YEAR	PAN Y7	NOR Y7	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	420	417	3	1%
Sep-21	420	440	-20	-5%
Sep-22	420	420	0	0%
Sep-23	420	420	0	0%
Sep-24	420	437	-17	-4%
Sep-25	420	417	3	1%



Graph Twenty Two: Secondary Forecasts
Borough Wide Intake Year

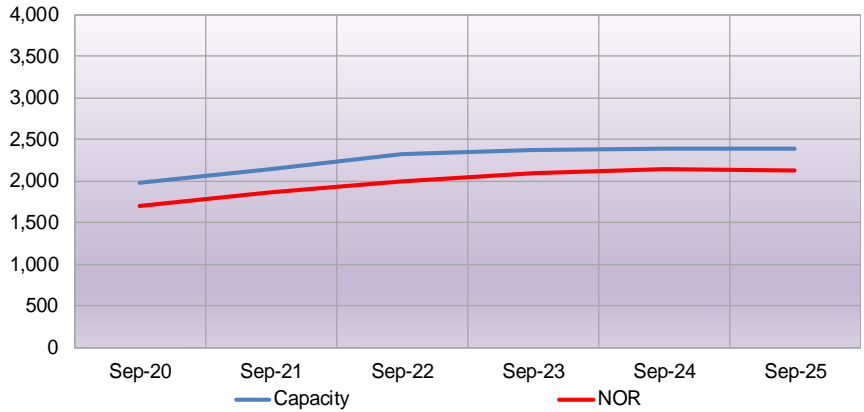
YEAR	PAN Y7	NOR Y7	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	1,515	1,383	132	9%
Sep-21	1,485	1,400	85	6%
Sep-22	1,494	1,392	102	7%
Sep-23	1,494	1,399	95	6%
Sep-24	1,494	1,399	95	6%
Sep-25	1,494	1,336	158	11%



9.2 The graphs below set out the forecast secondary school capacity and total numbers on roll (NOR) in Key Stages 3 & 4 for 2020-25.

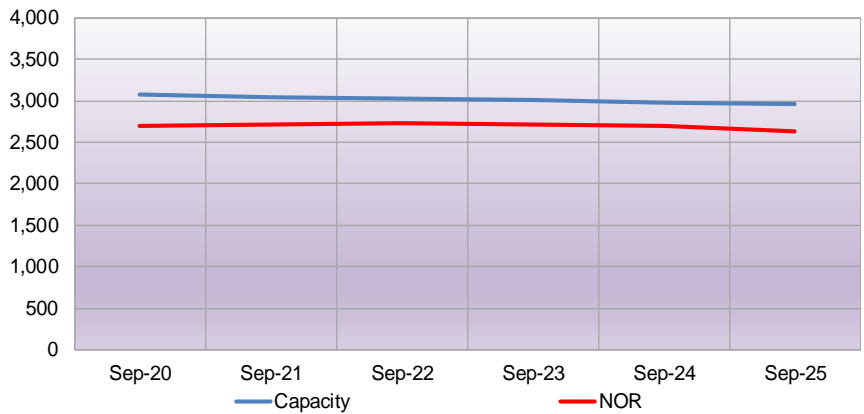
Graph Twenty Three: Secondary Forecasts
North Bracknell KS 3 & 4 Total NOR

YEAR	Capacity	NOR	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	1,986	1,710	276	14%
Sep-21	2,154	1,861	294	14%
Sep-22	2,322	2,007	315	14%
Sep-23	2,370	2,091	279	12%
Sep-24	2,400	2,143	257	11%
Sep-25	2,400	2,124	276	12%



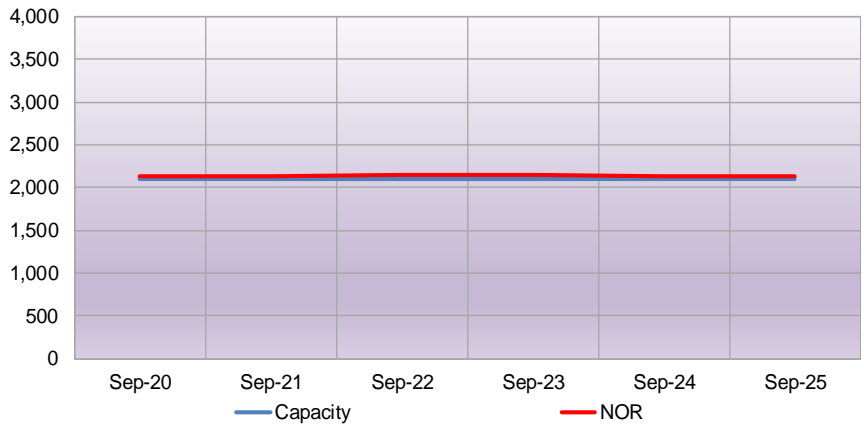
Graph Twenty Four: Secondary Forecasts
South Bracknell KS 3 & 4 Total NOR

YEAR	Capacity	NOR	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	3,075	2,700	375	12%
Sep-21	3,045	2,715	330	11%
Sep-22	3,024	2,737	287	9%
Sep-23	3,003	2,718	285	10%
Sep-24	2,982	2,696	286	10%
Sep-25	2,961	2,638	323	11%



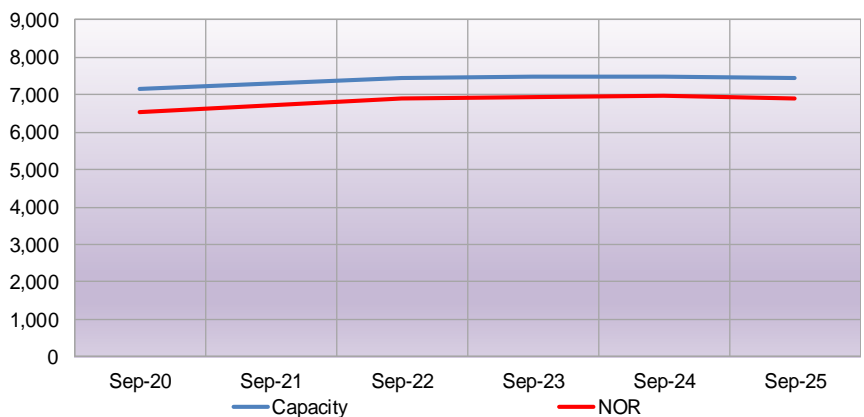
Graph Twenty Five: Secondary Forecasts
Crowthorne & Sandhurst KS3&4 Total NOR

YEAR	Capacity	NOR	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	2,100	2,132	-32	-2%
Sep-21	2,100	2,136	-36	-2%
Sep-22	2,100	2,145	-45	-2%
Sep-23	2,100	2,144	-44	-2%
Sep-24	2,100	2,134	-34	-2%
Sep-25	2,100	2,134	-34	-2%



Graph Twenty Six: Secondary Forecasts
Borough Wide Key Stage 3 & 4 Total NOR

YEAR	Capacity	NOR	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	7,161	6,542	619	9%
Sep-21	7,299	6,711	588	8%
Sep-22	7,446	6,889	557	7%
Sep-23	7,473	6,952	521	7%
Sep-24	7,482	6,973	509	7%
Sep-25	7,461	6,896	565	8%



Secondary School Forecasts

- 9.3 There are 7 secondary schools in the Borough with a total of 7,161 Key Stage 3 & 4 Places, and 6,542 pupils on roll in September 2020, leaving a surplus of 619 places or 9%.
- 9.4 By September 2025 forecasts indicate the numbers of secondary Key Stage 3 & 4 places in our 7 schools will increase to 7,461, with 6,896 pupils on roll leaving a surplus of 565 places or 8%.

Secondary School Capacity Strategy

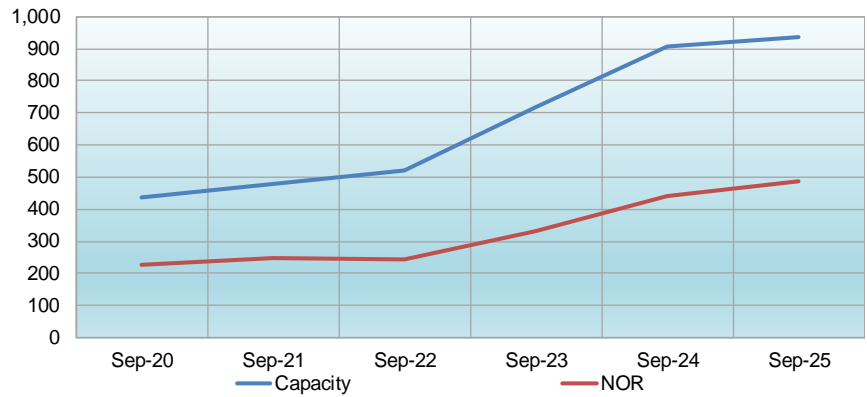
- 9.5 The approach taken is to meet the forecast demand across the whole Borough, allowing for the fact that some schools will have deficits and some surpluses of places. This acknowledges that secondary aged pupils can travel between planning areas to secure a school place if their catchment area school is full.
- 9.6 Forecasts indicate that there will be enough secondary school places across the whole Borough to meet demand throughout the forecast period.
- 9.7 Under a previous commitment Kings Academy Binfield will expand from a PAN of 150 in September 2019 to a PAN of 210 from September 2021.
- 9.8 Garth Hill College will reduce its PAN from 300 to 270 from September 2021.
- 9.9 Easthampstead Park will reduce its PAN from 240 to 210 from September 2021.
- 9.10 Ranelagh is planning to increase its PAN from 165 to 174 from September 2022.

10. Post 16

10.1 The graphs below set out the forecast Post 16 capacity and total numbers on roll (NOR) for 2020-25.

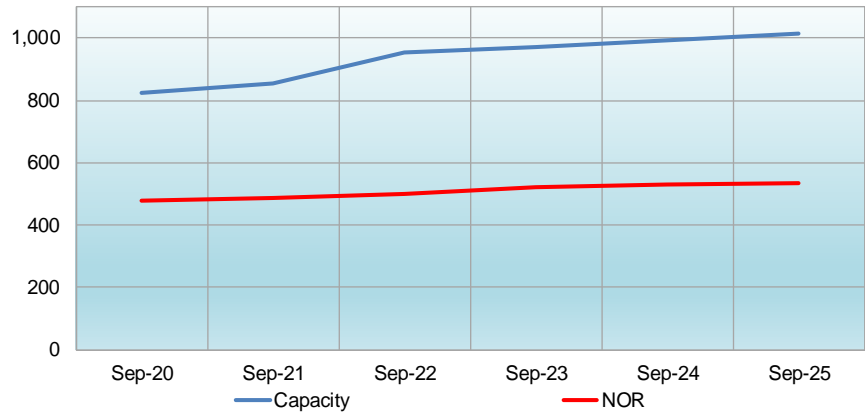
**Graph Twenty Seven: Post 16 Forecasts
North Bracknell Total Number on Roll**

YEAR	Capacity	NOR	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	436	228	208	48%
Sep-21	478	248	230	48%
Sep-22	520	242	278	54%
Sep-23	720	331	389	54%
Sep-24	907	442	465	51%
Sep-25	937	485	452	48%



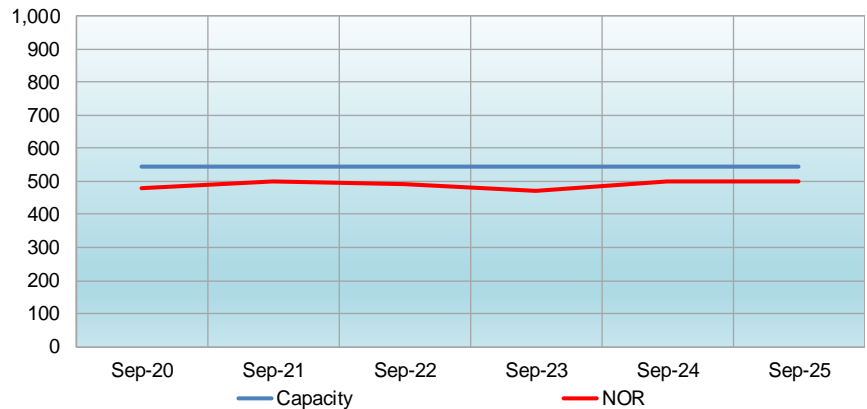
**Graph Twenty Eight: Post 16 Forecasts
South Bracknell Total Number on Roll**

YEAR	Capacity	NOR	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	826	477	349	42%
Sep-21	856	487	369	43%
Sep-22	952	498	454	48%
Sep-23	973	522	451	46%
Sep-24	994	532	462	47%
Sep-25	1,015	534	481	47%



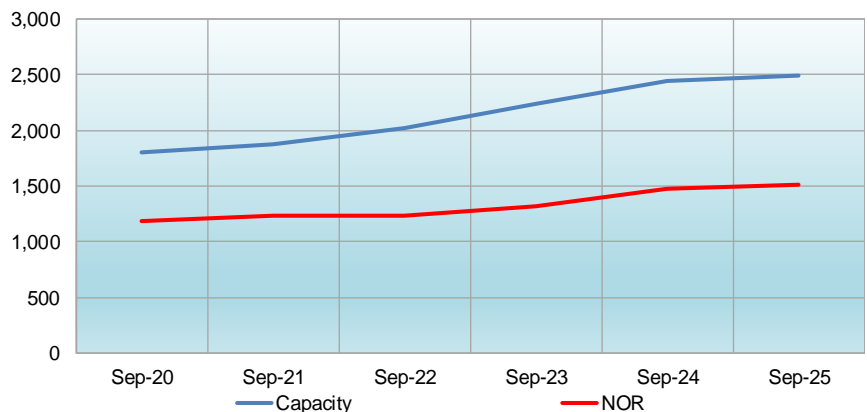
**Graph Twenty Nine: Post 16 Forecasts
Crowthorne & Sandhurst Total NOR**

YEAR	Capacity	NOR	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	546	481	65	12%
Sep-21	546	498	48	9%
Sep-22	546	490	56	10%
Sep-23	546	473	73	13%
Sep-24	546	500	46	8%
Sep-25	546	498	48	9%



**Graph Thirty: Post 16 Forecasts
Borough Wide Total Number on Roll**

YEAR	Capacity	NOR	SURPLUS	%
Sep-20	1,808	1,186	622	34%
Sep-21	1,880	1,233	647	34%
Sep-22	2,018	1,230	788	39%
Sep-23	2,239	1,325	913	41%
Sep-24	2,447	1,474	973	40%
Sep-25	2,498	1,517	981	39%



Post 16 Forecasts

10.2 There are six secondary schools in the Borough which offer post 16 education as set out on Table Six below:

Table Six: Schools Offering Post 16 Places

School	Type	Planning Area
Garth Hill College	Maintained	North Bracknell
The Brakenhale	Academy	South Bracknell
Ranelagh	CE Academy	South Bracknell
Easthampstead Park	Maintained	South Bracknell
Edgbarrow	Academy	Crowthorne & Sandhurst
Sandhurst	Maintained	Crowthorne & Sandhurst

10.3 Each individual school sets its own admissions numbers and manages admissions into Years 12 and 13.

10.4 The capacity of post 16 in secondary schools has been calculated in one of the two following ways:

- For academy schools this is set out in their funding agreements with the EFA.
- For maintained schools Post 16 capacity is the total net capacity of the school minus the sum of the admission numbers in year groups 7 to 11. This means that where schools reduce their admission numbers in their lower year groups this results in an increase in the surplus of Post 16 places until such time as the accommodation in the school is reduced as set out at 2.6 above.

10.5 Numbers on roll for Post 16 have been drawn from the October School census.

10.6 Across the 6 secondary schools with Post 16 in the Borough there is currently capacity for up to 1,808 Post 16 pupils. In September 2020 there were 1,186 pupils on roll, leaving a surplus of up to 622 places or 34%.

10.7 By September 2025 it is expected that there will be 7 secondary schools with Post 16 in the Borough and overall Post 16 capacity is forecast to increase to 2,498 with 1,517 pupils on roll leaving a surplus of up to 981 places or 39%

Post 16 Capacity Strategy

10.8 The approach taken is to meet the forecast and plan for demand across the whole Borough which acknowledges that Post 16 aged pupils can travel between planning areas to secure a Post 16 school place if required.

10.9 Bracknell & Wokingham College and Farnborough Sixth Form College are non-school Post 16 providers within easy access, and both of these establishments take significant numbers of Bracknell Forest Post 16 pupils each year.

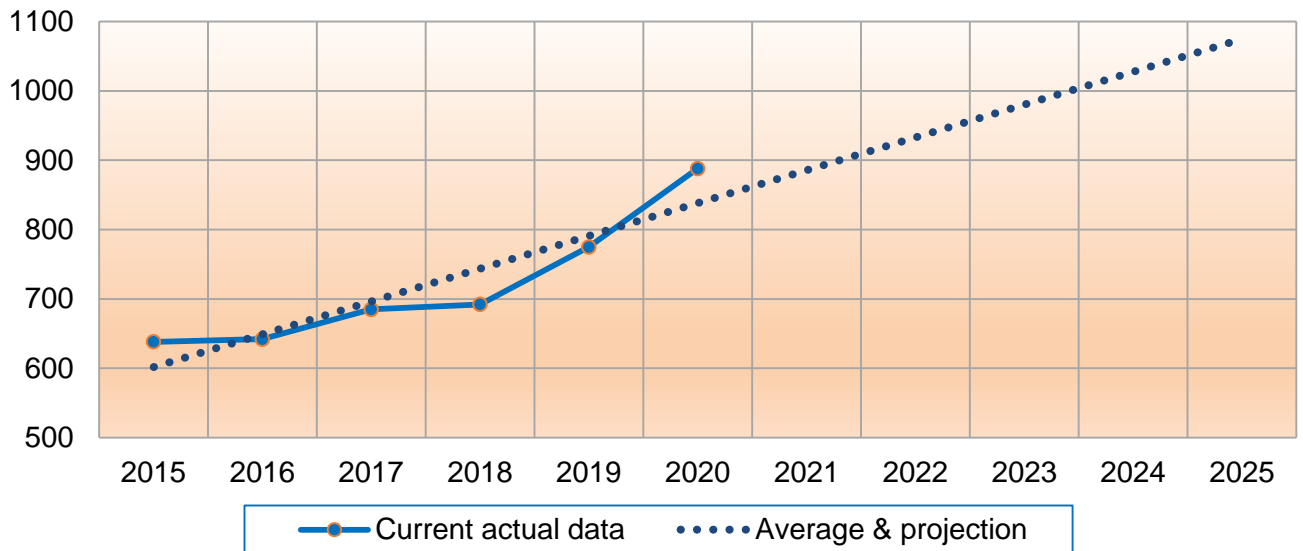
10.10 Kings Academy Binfield is expected to open to Post 16 from September 2023, and a high staying on rate is anticipated, which is expected to result in an increase in the numbers of Post 16 pupils on roll across the Borough.

10.11 The forecast surplus of Post 16 places is rising because two secondary schools are reducing their Admission numbers in their lower year groups resulting in more places being available for Post 16 pupils.

11. Special and Additional Educational Needs

11.1 The numbers of children and young people with special or additional needs are increasing across the Borough as set out on Graphs Thirty One and Thirty Two below.

Graph Thirty One: Education Health Care Plan Population



Graph Thirty Two: SEN Support Growth Population



11.2 The number of children and young people on the school roll and number of children and young people with SEN Support was based on the school census. The number of EHCPs was informed by the SEN2 return data. Information from the last 5 years informed the projections to calculate the average increase in the proportion of the school population with an EHCP or SEN support. This average was then used to predict the equivalent increase over the projection period.

- 11.3 The full details of calculations for the potential population growth of the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) population is included in the Needs and Sufficiency Analysis which can be accessed through the Bracknell Forest Local Offer page.²
- 11.4 The growth in the number of children requiring additional support has been divided into two tiers of need. The rate of growth has been identified as significantly different for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and children without an EHCP but requiring support directly from schools.

EHCP Provisions

- 11.5 The special school in the borough is Kennel Lane school with the capacity for 196 pupils. There are three resource units supporting specific needs with the capacity for 82 pupils. One of these units, The Rise, opened in 2015 with an eight-student yearly intake until capacity is reached. A Pupil Referral Unit provides placements for up to 51 Pupils at any one time, rising to 56 from April 2021.
- 11.6 At January 2020, 888 pupils were recorded as having an EHCP. Due to limited provisions within the borough approximately a third of pupils with an EHCP attended schools outside of Bracknell Forest.
- 11.7 Bracknell Forest has seen a growth in the number and proportion of pupils with an EHCP over the last five years, in line with the pattern of statistical neighbours and across England. Over the last five years, there was an average increase in the number of EHCPs within the borough of 7.8% per year from January 2015 to January 2020 when the number of EHCPs increased by 249.
- 11.8 By 2025, the number of pupils with an EHCP is expected to increase by approximately 340 pupils.

SEN Support

- 11.9 Although the proportion of pupils with an EHCP is increasing, the percentage requiring SEN Support and without an EHCP has remained relatively stable. This has also been the case amongst the statistical neighbours. The total number of pupils needing SEN Support has been recorded to have decreased by 292 between 2015 and 2020. At January 2020, 2,038 pupils were recorded as requiring SEN Support.
- 11.10 By 2025, the number of pupils with SEN Support is expected to increase by approximately 181 pupils.

SEND Capacity Strategy

- 11.11 The pressure on education, health and care services to support the needs of pupils with EHCPs is increasing. A new SEND Strategy and SEND Commissioning Plan are being developed to outline how the demand for these places can be met.

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11.12 A number of priorities will be identified including developing more provisions within the borough to support increasing areas of need such as Autism Spectrum Disorder and Social, Emotional and Mental Health.

12. Forward Look to 2036

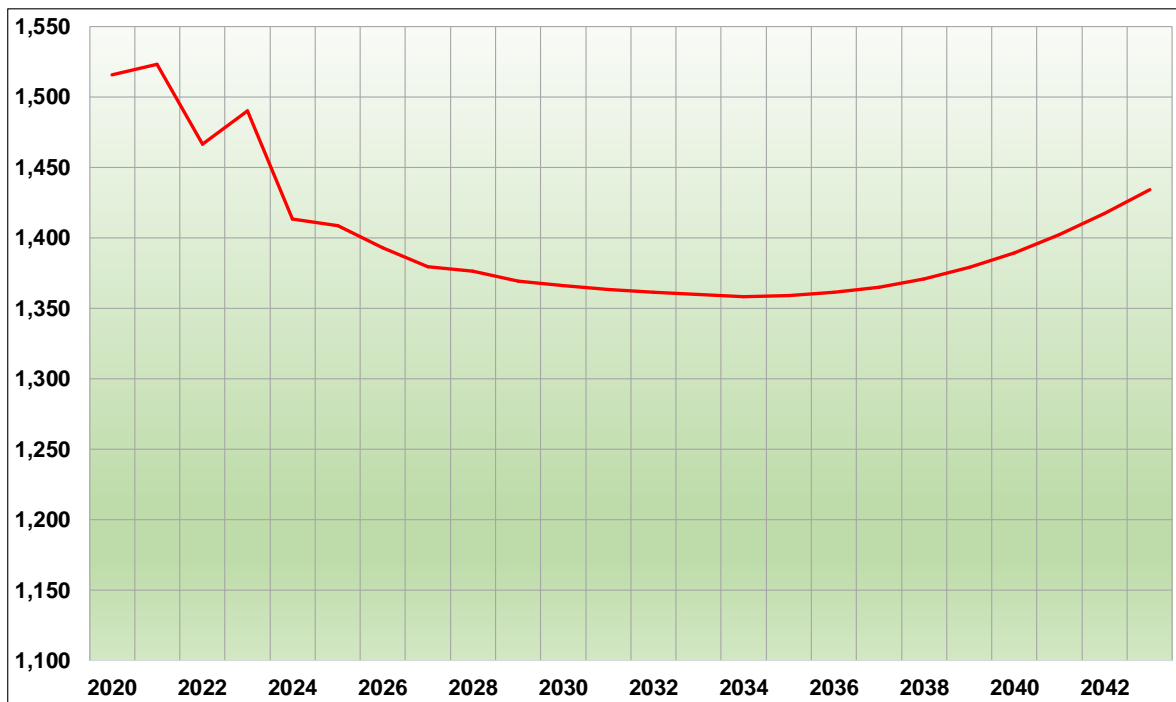
Work to create a new Local Plan is currently underway in the Council, including identification of future sites for new housing development across the Borough to 2036.

The new Local Plan is not expected to be adopted until 2022, but the main element of growth will be likely to be in the North of the Borough, including significant growth in the numbers of flats to be built in and around Bracknell town centre.

The current forecasts set out in Section 8. of this Plan suggest there will be a surplus of both primary and secondary school places for the for the next five years.

Looking further ahead the Office of National Statistics primary school age population forecast to 2041 suggests that school age population numbers will continue to fall to a low in approximately 2034 before they begin to rise again as set out on Graph Thirty-Three below:

Graph Thirty-Three – ONS Primary Year R Population Prediction for Bracknell Forest



This suggests that there will be sufficient overall school places across the Borough for this period. The need for primary aged pupils to be able to walk to school may however create local hot spots of demand for additional primary schools to be built, depending on the numbers of school aged children arising from new housing and the status of the potential new North Bracknell primary schools already referred to in the Primary Strategy at 8.9 to 8.10 above.

Analysis suggests however that there will be no need for any new secondary schools to be built in the foreseeable future.

The long-term position will continue to be closely monitored by the Council going forward.

Annex 1: Mainstream Pupil Forecasting Methodology

The Basis of the Forecasting System for Mainstream School Places

The new forecasting system is based on the principle of cohort survival and the guidance from the DfE published in June 2019 "School Capacity Survey 2019 Guide to Forecasting Pupil Numbers in School Place Planning".

Year groups

Primary forecasts include Year R (Reception) to Year 6. Secondary forecasts include Year 7 to Year 11 (plus Years 12 and 13 where schools have sixth forms).

Planning Areas

Forecasts are provided for each planning area. Bracknell Forest currently has three primary and three secondary planning areas as follows:

Primary North Bracknell (8670001)
 South Bracknell (8670002)
 Crowthorne & Sandhurst (8670003)

Secondary North Bracknell (8670004)
 South Bracknell (8670005)
 Crowthorne & Sandhurst (8670006)

Information About Existing Schools

Data is collated on the Borough's latest pattern of school organisation, including details of school types, school designated areas, entry and leaving ages, planning areas, net capacity assessments, and the capacity of academy schools from their Funding Agreements.

Forecasting Reception Pupil Numbers

Population data is drawn from the NHS GP registration of birth data each year by post code. The Borough's Business Intelligence unit applies school catchment areas to each post code to produce a summary of births within the designated area of each primary school in the Borough. Sub-national population projections from ONS published in 2018 are also considered to validate projected birth data.

NOR for the next intake year are derived from actual admissions numbers which become known by the April preceding the start of the next academic year.

A take up factor for the following four years is calculated by taking the average of the difference between the projected birth rate and the actual NOR over the previous three year, and this produces forecast NOR for the next four years ahead.

For VA schools that do not have a designated area, the forecast NOR are calculated using the take-up factor for the planning area in which the school is located.

Forecasting Year 7 Pupil Numbers

Year 7 numbers are calculated by calculating a cohort survival % from Y6 for each planning area and then apportioning this by school taking into account patterns of take up of places in previous years and the intake PAN of the secondary school.

Forecasting Pupil Numbers for Non-Intake Years

Numbers are calculated by using a cohort progression technique. Actual NOR for the last three years are taken from the January school census and the forecast NOR for future years is calculated as the average of the cohort survival of that year group in that school over the previous three years.

Forecasting Post 16 Pupil Numbers

Year 12 numbers are calculated by individual school by using the % historical staying on rate from Y11. Y13 numbers are calculated the same way based on the % historical staying on rate from Y12.

Forecasting Demand for School Places from New Housing

Because the amount of new house building has remained fairly constant in previous years no additional allowance has been made for demand for school places arising from new housing in the previous 2020-24 SPP. Because of the spike in new housing completions in 2019/20 shown on Graph Two at 3.3. in the 2021-25 SPP, forecasts for the North Bracknell planning area, where the majority of the new housing has been built, have been adjusted slightly upwards to reflect this, and this will be closely monitored in future years as the children and young people arising from new housing work their way into the school population.