

School Places Bulletin: September 2021

Welcome back, everybody. We hope you had a good break and were able to take the opportunity to relax and re-charge.

Following the circulation of the School Places Bulletin last year, we thought it would be helpful to share some of the latest available information and data on school place planning in Derby, to help support schools and Academy Trusts with future planning.

Some options for consideration, and contact details, are included at the end of this bulletin.

Strategic School Place Planning

Assess, Plan, Do, Review

- The Council has a legal duty to ensure sufficient school places.
- Our role is to plan, organise and commission places across the schools' sector.
- Strategic place planning proposals are developed in response to population changes, as well as housing growth.
- Ongoing careful monitoring and reviewing of pupil numbers and trends.

Partnership

The Council works in close partnership with a wide range of education providers, including the schools' sector and neighbouring LAs, to commission sufficient places to meet the needs of Derby's residents and is committed to continuing this approach into the future.

Commissioning of School Places

City-wide primary pupil numbers increased significantly over previous years. In 2009/10, there were around 19,500 primary pupils on roll in Derby schools. By 2019/20, this had increased to around 23,700, an increase of 4,200 pupils (22%), over a ten-year period. This level of increase in primary pupil numbers required very careful consideration and planning, with 18 primary school expansions implemented to accommodate the growth.

Derby has, generally, followed the national trend in relation to changes in its pupil population. Many LAs faced challenges in accommodating the scale and pace of growth in primary pupil numbers during this period. Derby was able to continue to meet its legal duty in respect of school places as a result of close partnership working with Schools and Academy Trusts to create the additional capacity required.

Following this period of high growth, City-wide pupil numbers moving into reception are now beginning to gradually decline.

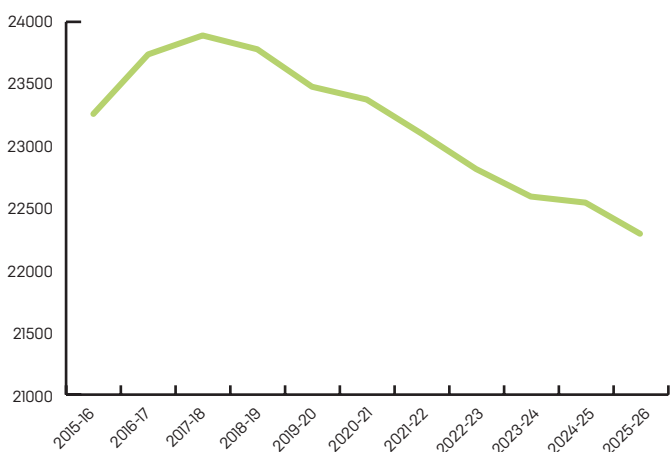


As background information, the higher pupil numbers are now moving from the primary phase to the secondary phase. As a result of increasing pupil numbers, secondary school expansions were implemented in September 2018 and September 2019, to meet the increasing demand for places.

City-wide Pupil Projections

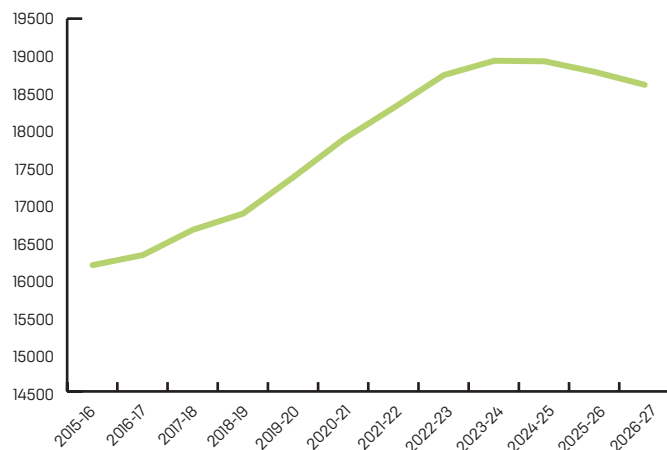
Line graphs showing primary and secondary pupil numbers and projections are set out below. Further supporting data and information on school places and trends is set out at the end of this bulletin.

Line Graph 1: City-wide Primary Pupil Projections



Primary pupil numbers and projections will continue to be closely monitored, including in relation to the changing trend, as city-wide primary pupil numbers now start to gradually decline following a period of high growth.

Line Graph 2: City-wide Secondary Pupil Projections



Pupil numbers and trends will continue to be closely assessed and any further proposals will be scoped and developed as necessary, working in partnership with schools and Academy Trusts.

Government School Rebuilding Programme

In June 2020, the Government announced a ten-year rebuilding programme for schools:

- A programme to replace or refurbish buildings at 500 schools over the next decade.
- Aim is to identify and carry out projects at the schools most in need of major rebuilding or refurbishment.
- The first 100 schools that will be part of the programme have been announced by the Government.
- The Government is consulting on the factors that should be considered to make the best assessment of rebuilding need for the next phase of the programme.
- The Government’s consultation document can be viewed by clicking on the following link: [Government School Rebuilding Programme - Consultation](#)
- The closing date for consultation responses is 8 October 2021.

Next steps and contact details

With regard to gradually declining primary pupil numbers, Academy Trusts and schools may wish to consider whether changes to their Published Admission Numbers (PANs) would help support their school(s) in reducing levels of surplus capacity and to help with future planning.

Admissions arrangements for September 2022 have now been determined and, therefore, the next opportunity will be to consult on any changes to existing admission arrangements for September 2023. The School Admissions Code advises that consultation on admissions arrangements must be for a minimum of 6 weeks and must take place between 1 October and 31 January of the school year before those arrangements are to apply. Consultation will, therefore, start around October this year for September 2023 admissions arrangements. Academy Trusts have the option to join the Council's co-ordinated annual consultation on school admissions arrangements, if they wish.

The School Admissions Code is published on the Gov.uk website and can be accessed via the following link: [School Admissions Code](#)

Please note that the new School Admissions Code 2021 came into force on 1 September 2021.

If you would like to consider a reduction in PAN, or have any queries regarding place planning or the admissions process, please contact the School Organisation & Provision Team using the following email addresses:

Place planning queries:
school.proposals@derby.gov.uk

Admissions queries: admissions@derby.gov.uk

Thank you once again for working in close partnership with the Council to accommodate changing trends in pupil numbers in the City.

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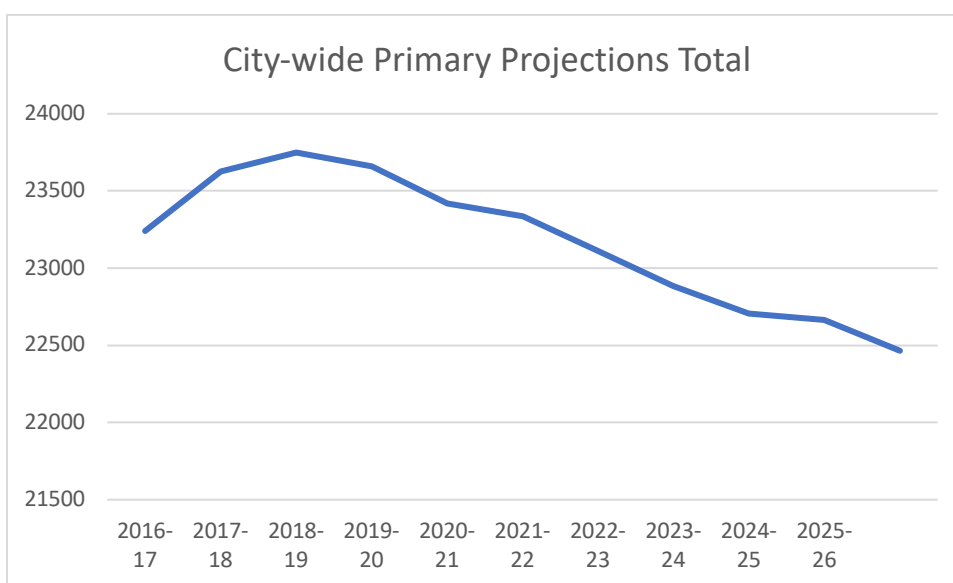
School Places Bulletin – September 2021: Supporting Data and Information

This note sets out supporting information for Schools and Academy Trusts on pupil numbers and projections, as follows:

1. City-wide Primary Pupil Numbers and Projections
2. City-wide Secondary Pupil Numbers and Projections
3. Contact details

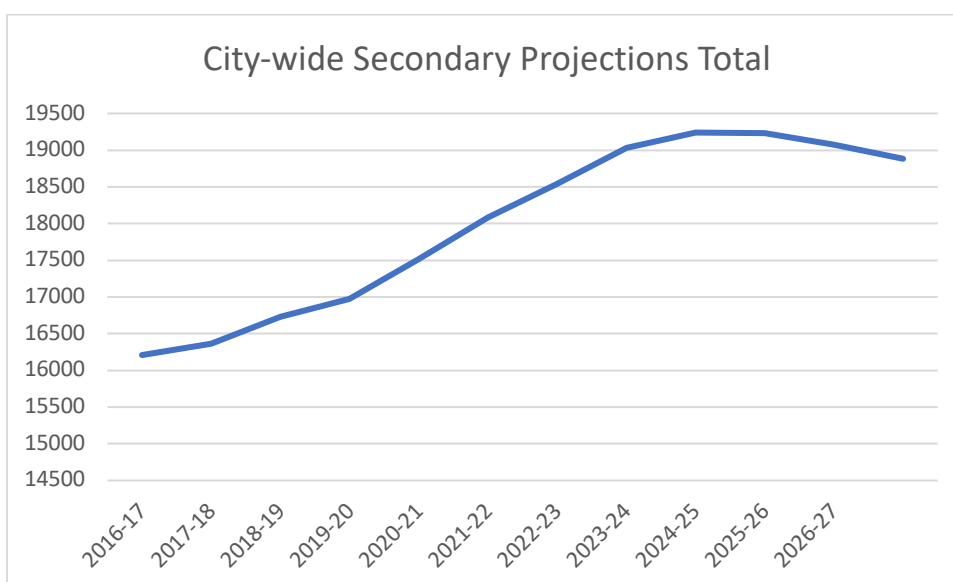
1. City-wide Primary Pupil Numbers and Projections

	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
2016-17	3467	3357	3398	3394	3360	3215	3049	23240
2017-18	3335	3506	3380	3397	3421	3354	3234	23627
2018-19	3229	3383	3549	3387	3415	3435	3351	23749
2019-20	3224	3262	3379	3508	3428	3431	3427	23659
2020-21	3182	3258	3249	3364	3517	3416	3431	23417
2021-22	3188	3241	3277	3252	3405	3540	3432	23335
2022-23	3035	3250	3265	3280	3295	3430	3559	23114
2023-24	3099	3102	3283	3280	3332	3330	3458	22884
2024-25	3089	3160	3127	3291	3327	3360	3352	22706
2025-26	3137	3146	3182	3134	3335	3354	3378	22666
2026-27	3137	3172	3146	3166	3155	3340	3349	22465



2. City-wide Secondary Pupil Numbers and Projections

Academic Year	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total
2016-17	3026	3026	2851	2743	2737	956	841	29	16209
2017-18	3076	3015	2985	2837	2700	1004	728	16	16361
2018-19	3245	3028	2969	2942	2784	897	854	13	16732
2019-20	3385	3246	2999	2896	2874	771	786	18	16975
2020-21	3416	3368	3213	2972	2910	882	740	13	17514
2021-22	3459	3419	3352	3184	2967	876	806	14	18077
2022-23	3464	3465	3405	3325	3180	887	800	15	18541
2023-24	3600	3480	3461	3387	3330	945	810	15	19028
2024-25	3492	3606	3467	3434	3383	980	863	15	19240
2025-26	3379	3497	3590	3438	3428	989	895	16	19232
2026-27	3387	3363	3460	3538	3410	996	904	16	19074
2027-28	3347	3371	3328	3410	3509	990	910	17	18882



3. Contact details

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