

Oxfordshire County Council

Pupil Place Plan

2023/24 – 2027/28

DRAFT DATA SECTIONS FOR COMMENT

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For school planning purposes, Oxfordshire is divided into 23 learning communities, which are defined by secondary schools and their feeder primary schools; towns which have more than one secondary school are treated as a single learning community – e.g. Witney. The data and strategy sections of this Pupil Place Plan are organised by learning community, and pupil forecasts have been provided at this level.

Some learning communities are then divided into smaller planning sub-areas, based on criteria set out by the Department for Education including the geographic characteristics of the area, distances between schools and parental preference patterns. For example, Witney is divided into Witney North and Witney South sub-areas based on the designated areas of the two secondary schools. Within each area strategy section, comments are provided at planning sub-area level.

Pupil forecasts by area: 2022/23 - 2027/28

	ACTUAL	FORECASTS				
Year	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Abingdon						
R	651	709	696	608	688	701
1	690	668	724	711	625	702
2	666	691	671	725	713	629
3	682	669	689	671	723	710
4	675	694	680	700	684	736
5	668	683	701	686	707	691
6	662	674	691	707	696	712
7	576	554	563	572	583	577
8	499	579	558	566	575	587
9	489	511	589	567	575	584
10	526	470	492	564	546	554
11	477	524	471	494	563	546
12	258	251	273	248	259	294
13	216	225	220	237	216	226
Banbury						
R	727	660	694	690	682	697
1	714	741	673	707	707	700
2	683	726	750	690	721	719
3	705	691	728	751	693	730
4	666	713	697	731	755	704
5	665	674	719	704	739	761
6	688	677	682	723	713	746
7	539	556	543	541	573	563
8	534	543	561	549	546	579
9	481	541	551	567	556	555
10	528	487	543	552	568	559
11	533	530	490	543	552	570
12	200	223	225	213	229	233
13	159	176	197	198	186	203
Bicester						
R	616	670	694	639	668	667
1	667	637	683	710	652	681
2	661	678	652	695	717	662
3	649	675	689	662	703	725
4	605	651	678	688	663	703
5	608	613	660	682	692	671
6	643	616	620	660	682	691
7	592	587	568	573	608	629
8	562	612	605	585	591	624
9	612	579	627	621	602	606
10	566	620	591	636	628	609
11	533	568	621	592	637	630
12	202	207	219	248	236	256
13	163	176	181	223	250	238

	ACTUAL	FORECASTS				
Year	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Bloxham						
R	222	193	200	188	181	184
1	212	222	195	202	192	185
2	210	213	228	201	206	197
3	235	214	220	231	205	210
4	203	236	215	222	231	207
5	207	205	234	213	221	230
6	197	208	204	235	213	221
7	280	252	258	264	290	282
8	281	282	255	261	266	291
9	278	282	282	257	262	268
10	277	279	283	284	259	265
11	253	277	279	283	283	260
12	101	87	95	95	96	96
13	76	95	81	88	88	90
Burford						
R	176	186	186	174	185	189
1	156	186	194	192	182	193
2	195	164	191	200	198	187
3	191	204	170	196	207	203
4	199	201	212	180	205	214
5	197	202	205	213	183	206
6	196	206	210	212	221	190
7	243	249	255	255	257	268
8	242	245	251	255	255	256
9	249	247	248	253	257	257
10	249	245	242	243	248	252
11	246	244	239	236	236	242
12	143	140	138	136	134	134
13	123	138	134	132	131	129
Carterton						
R	180	188	200	185	194	197
1	168	190	197	207	194	205
2	207	175	197	202	214	202
3	189	202	175	192	198	209
4	183	184	196	171	188	194
5	193	179	180	192	170	184
6	185	177	167	165	178	157
7	123	139	136	126	128	137
8	132	119	134	130	122	124
9	117	128	116	130	127	120
10	104	114	123	113	126	124
11	107	103	112	121	112	125
12	34	41	39	42	46	43
13	22	28	34	33	36	39

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Year	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Chipping Norton						
R	237	219	227	186	197	205
1	199	237	217	230	189	201
2	217	201	235	220	231	191
3	230	219	203	239	222	235
4	215	228	217	204	235	225
5	213	218	230	219	205	237
6	233	215	217	229	220	206
7	177	182	162	165	181	170
8	174	180	183	165	169	186
9	174	175	180	184	167	171
10	153	171	171	177	181	166
11	155	150	166	167	174	178
12	67	92	91	98	100	103
13	83	63	86	85	93	94
Cumnor						
R	190	181	171	180	178	184
1	186	200	192	182	189	190
2	205	194	207	199	189	198
3	212	209	197	209	203	192
4	214	216	210	199	212	206
5	208	218	218	215	204	217
6	232	212	221	223	221	208
7	210	229	210	217	219	218
8	210	211	229	211	217	220
9	209	216	217	234	217	223
10	210	206	213	215	231	214
11	209	214	210	217	219	235
12	146	145	149	146	151	154
13	120	138	137	141	139	143
Didcot						
R	602	577	573	585	575	587
1	607	615	592	591	603	594
2	595	611	617	594	597	611
3	585	596	609	614	599	600
4	573	596	606	619	625	616
5	593	580	604	614	630	636
6	575	592	583	604	618	630
7	635	666	691	666	696	714
8	568	649	678	701	678	709
9	556	575	658	682	707	686
10	684	613	639	724	747	773
11	653	680	611	636	722	746
12	258	273	287	267	276	313
13	233	232	244	255	238	246

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Year	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Eynsham						
R	135	148	138	135	126	138
1	141	142	153	144	142	136
2	129	146	145	158	150	149
3	121	138	153	153	167	160
4	131	131	145	162	162	176
5	171	140	140	153	171	171
6	161	176	145	145	160	176
7	217	227	237	206	208	225
8	216	225	234	245	216	218
9	214	218	227	236	247	220
10	208	215	219	228	237	250
11	208	208	214	219	230	239
12	154	149	151	153	158	164
13	146	146	141	143	146	151
Faringdon						
R	226	221	263	227	223	233
1	233	236	232	267	234	234
2	232	244	248	246	277	247
3	221	249	221	224	232	257
4	283	232	259	233	235	244
5	263	274	225	251	229	229
6	264	267	278	229	252	232
7	258	279	285	292	291	302
8	263	257	275	281	286	286
9	249	269	262	278	283	289
10	251	243	261	255	269	273
11	232	252	243	260	254	267
12	74	95	103	99	105	103
13	95	70	90	97	93	98
Henley						
R	105	105	114	121	117	118
1	131	112	112	120	126	121
2	114	132	115	117	123	127
3	133	118	136	121	120	127
4	115	136	125	141	125	123
5	130	117	138	126	141	126
6	129	133	122	143	131	144
7	200	186	181	171	183	176
8	200	204	191	186	174	186
9	176	198	203	189	183	173
10	197	179	202	206	191	185
11	181	197	180	201	205	190

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Year	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Kidlington						
R	146	154	150	150	145	143
1	155	148	155	150	150	147
2	155	151	144	149	146	146
3	180	156	153	146	152	149
4	153	175	153	151	145	150
5	172	154	175	154	151	147
6	182	171	155	173	154	152
7	135	134	123	112	126	113
8	132	136	135	125	114	128
9	120	139	144	142	133	123
10	172	122	140	144	143	134
11	145	176	128	145	150	148
12	70	60	73	54	61	63
13	64	64	56	67	50	56
Oxford						
R	1225	1223	1202	1124	1225	1209
1	1278	1253	1248	1231	1165	1258
2	1312	1291	1265	1259	1248	1188
3	1264	1307	1285	1266	1268	1253
4	1304	1275	1314	1297	1278	1282
5	1309	1310	1283	1323	1307	1288
6	1358	1329	1327	1299	1342	1328
7	1335	1270	1237	1240	1214	1253
8	1249	1346	1285	1255	1259	1234
9	1173	1263	1356	1297	1269	1275
10	1283	1163	1246	1338	1284	1257
11	1064	1292	1174	1257	1349	1299
12	762	698	837	774	830	887
13	656	594	552	671	616	660
Sonning Common						
R	72	69	71	63	54	56
1	81	80	77	79	70	61
2	98	83	82	79	80	73
3	82	101	88	86	81	84
4	96	86	104	93	90	86
5	103	100	91	107	94	94
6	97	107	105	94	110	99
7	108	90	62	61	59	63
8	87	97	82	58	57	56
9	75	81	90	76	55	55
10	75	62	66	73	62	46
11	50	73	61	65	71	61

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Year	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Thame						
R	295	257	267	230	245	246
1	285	300	264	275	239	253
2	263	288	305	270	278	243
3	266	268	294	311	275	284
4	273	269	272	296	313	279
5	253	276	275	278	301	319
6	261	258	283	282	283	306
7	351	342	340	363	362	362
8	349	355	347	345	368	367
9	346	349	357	349	346	368
10	319	345	349	357	348	346
11	323	316	342	347	355	346
12	292	281	279	293	299	309
13	249	261	252	251	263	268
Wallingford						
R	239	240	213	264	233	236
1	234	247	251	223	273	240
2	244	240	254	256	230	275
3	250	250	247	259	264	235
4	221	251	253	249	261	263
5	224	223	254	255	252	261
6	210	230	230	258	262	257
7	221	230	248	244	258	259
8	221	231	241	249	245	259
9	222	227	238	242	251	245
10	239	224	230	236	241	248
11	199	243	230	231	237	241
12	145	136	162	151	154	159
13	101	131	122	146	136	138
Wantage						
R	360	383	425	398	400	417
1	393	381	402	447	423	421
2	391	416	404	425	467	443
3	393	407	429	417	442	482
4	388	407	420	445	436	456
5	389	397	413	429	451	440
6	347	397	404	419	438	459
7	334	292	331	367	382	395
8	292	333	294	332	368	383
9	242	296	335	301	337	372
10	240	225	273	310	280	312
11	236	241	226	273	310	282
12	174	164	168	158	187	210
13	187	152	144	147	139	164

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Year	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Watlington						
R	124	135	111	144	121	127
1	100	126	137	114	142	121
2	124	109	133	144	120	147
3	112	122	109	131	140	119
4	116	111	120	109	128	137
5	102	115	110	118	109	126
6	108	100	115	112	117	110
7	169	159	155	167	178	180
8	152	169	161	165	175	185
9	131	150	167	164	167	177
10	152	134	153	174	170	173
11	139	151	135	157	176	173

	ACTUAL	FORECASTS				
Year	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Woodcote						
R	95	97	103	94	88	90
1	111	101	99	109	97	91
2	102	111	102	101	108	97
3	117	101	111	102	99	107
4	101	120	104	112	105	101
5	112	102	119	105	112	105
6	112	113	103	119	108	114
7	121	118	120	113	123	115
8	119	125	121	122	115	125
9	120	121	127	123	123	116
10	142	121	122	128	124	123
11	121	144	122	123	129	125

Wheatley						
R	194	170	150	151	162	168
1	175	197	175	155	159	169
2	185	175	196	175	160	165
3	169	182	175	195	178	165
4	176	166	180	174	196	181
5	182	177	168	178	178	198
6	178	180	177	166	180	182
7	213	194	192	191	187	197
8	179	216	196	196	196	193
9	176	176	211	193	194	196
10	184	175	174	209	194	196
11	183	184	175	175	211	198
12	103	102	102	98	99	119
13	95	89	88	88	84	86
Witney						
R	379	362	334	364	339	349
1	384	398	381	350	382	354
2	415	395	404	387	361	391
3	407	426	403	411	398	372
4	406	418	436	415	426	412
5	440	418	428	443	424	435
6	477	453	432	437	453	437
7	398	445	424	403	407	423
8	386	412	456	434	413	418
9	390	393	417	458	439	420
10	410	398	400	421	461	444
11	392	412	398	399	421	462
12	143	188	197	190	192	200
13	166	133	175	183	177	178

Woodstock						
R	161	173	173	176	170	170
1	161	164	177	175	180	174
2	174	166	169	181	181	185
3	161	175	169	170	184	183
4	174	163	179	173	174	186
5	169	173	164	180	175	176
6	143	170	174	166	181	176
7	210	176	198	201	198	207
8	179	211	179	201	204	200
9	180	180	212	182	203	205
10	179	182	183	214	186	205
11	175	182	185	186	217	189
12	77	74	77	79	80	92
13	72	68	65	68	70	70

Area context, issues and strategy: ABINGDON

Planning context

This area is affected by the planning policies of both the Vale of White Horse (VOWH) and South Oxfordshire (SODC) District Councils.

The main proposed housing developments affecting this area are:

- 1,150 homes across two sites at North and North West Abingdon
- Dalton Barracks, to the west of the town, where the adopted VOWH Local Plan includes 1,200 new homes, but further growth may be expected beyond the time period of the current Local Plan.
- Culham Science Centre, where the adopted SODC Local Plan includes 3,500 new homes.
- Berinsfield, where 1,700 new homes are planned as part of a regeneration-led Garden Village.

There are also some housing developments within the surrounding villages which, while smaller-scale, will have a significant impact on the local primary schools.

Abingdon has an MoD base, and therefore numbers are subject to volatility related to personnel redeployments.

Abingdon North Primary

Demand for primary school places in North Abingdon has fluctuated significantly in recent years, but the last of previous "bulge" classes left in 2019.

Pupil forecasts indicate a temporary dip in Reception intakes in this area after 2023, before numbers rise again after 2025. The large-scale housing growth located in North and North West Abingdon is on the border of the Abingdon West and Abingdon North planning areas, creating some uncertainty which schools are most likely to be affected.

Radley Primary School [3238] expanded from 0.5 form entry to 1 form entry in 2021 in response to the permitted housing growth. This is forecast to provide sufficient capacity for the Abingdon North area.

Abingdon East Primary

Abingdon East comprises mostly village schools, which have significant spare capacity, the exception being the Europa School, a bilingual all-through free school, which is oversubscribed. Although shown in the Abingdon East planning area, the Europa School draws pupils from a wider area due to the bilingual education it provides. It could particularly affect the other Abingdon planning areas, as well as the Oxford, Didcot, Faringdon and Wantage areas.

The Culham and Berinsfield strategic developments lie within this area.

Reception numbers are forecast to increase gradually over the next few years, albeit with some fluctuation (a dip in intakes across the planning area is forecast in 2025, which is supported by GP registration data), before the large-scale housing growth at Berinsfield and Culham generate rapid population growth later in the decade.

Recent changes in school capacity in this area:

- Europa [4002] increased its admission number from 84 to 90 in 2019.
- Culham Parochial CE Primary School closed in March 2020, and was merged with Clifton Hampden CE Primary School [3183]. This resulted in

a net decrease in admission numbers across the two schools of 5 places, and a net decrease in capacity of 30.

- Abbey Woods Academy [2007] has reduced its PAN from 45 to 30 for 2022 onwards. The academy is rationalising its use of accommodation.

In the longer term (beyond 2025) new schools will be required for the Culham development; this is likely to comprise two 2-form entry primary schools, and one secondary school with sixth form. Further investigation will be required into how this provision relates to the current Europa School.

A new primary school and/or a significant expansion of Abbey Woods Academy will also be needed at Berinsfield.

Abingdon South Primary

Following previous sustained increases in demand, most schools in this area have now expanded or taken bulge classes. Allocations for the September 2021 intake were higher than expected, as the expansion of St Blaise Primary School is changing patterns of movement, making it difficult to forecast the next few years. Allocations for September 2022 and 2023 were a return to a more normal level, and forecasts currently show gradual increases in intakes.

The area has generally seen small-medium scale housing growth, having a significant impact where this occurs in village locations, some of which have not had a history of growth previously.

Schools in this planning area (particularly Sutton Courtenay, St Blaise, and St Michael's) are close to the Didcot area, and could be affected by housing development there; they could also be affected by new schools opening in Didcot. In particular, the expansion of St Blaise ahead of village housing growth has attracted pupils from the Didcot area, given that parts of west Didcot are experiencing a shortage of places due to rapid housing development.

Recent expansions in the area:

- St Blaise [3260] - from 0.5fe to 1fe, from 2021
- Sutton Courtenay [3243]; Drayton [2560] – both expanded in 2017 to 1fe.

No further changes in school capacity are currently planned for this area.

Abingdon West Primary

Abingdon West comprises small village schools. Pupil forecasts indicate a temporary dip in Reception intakes in this area after 2023, before numbers rise again after 2025 due to housing growth, both within the village of Marcham, and the strategic housing growth underway on the north western edge of Abingdon. A further large strategic housing development is planned at Dalton Barracks. Both sets of developments are located on the border of the Abingdon West and Abingdon North planning areas, and it is expected that the impact of this will be relatively evenly distributed between the two.

Recent/ongoing expansions in the area:

- Marcham [3235] has expanded to 1 form entry to provide capacity for local housing growth.

A site for a primary school has been secured within the large housing development on the north western edge of Abingdon; sites for new schools will also be secured within the Dalton Barracks development, proportionate to the scale of the development permitted.

Abingdon Secondary

Across the three secondary schools within the town there has previously been some surplus capacity. The cohorts transferring from primary to secondary schools from 2022 onwards are significantly larger than previous cohorts, which will gradually reduce surplus capacity. There have been significant fluctuations in popularity between schools in this and surrounding areas, and it is therefore possible that the forecast is slightly under-estimating demand for places in this area.

There is a history of significant movement out of this planning area into other secondary schools, including in the private sector: changes in the relative popularity of the Abingdon and adjoining schools could quickly lead to over-subscription. Currently, the main direction of movement has been into Didcot; however this will change as the Didcot population grows.

Although shown in the Abingdon planning area, the Europa School [4002] draws pupils from a wider area due to the bilingual education it provides. It could particularly affect the other Abingdon planning areas, as well as the Oxford, Didcot, Faringdon and Wantage areas.

The Europa School [4002] (an all-through free school) completed its takeover of the former European School just outside Abingdon in September 2017 and now teaches the whole primary and secondary age range. They have increased their Reception admission number to 90, and this is now feeding through to the secondary age range.

The large-scale housing growth due at Dalton Barracks and Culham is expected to eventually require at least one new secondary school in this area, but this is not currently expected to be required before the end of the decade.

Abingdon

				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations
Europa School UK	Abingdon East Primary & Abingdon Secondary	4004	All-through	ACA	0	90	90	90	89	89	90	90	90	90	60	60	59	56	48	38	1039	1192	90	113	90
Abbey Woods Academy	Abingdon East Primary	2007	Primary	ACA	16	30	13	18	19	25	21	27	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	146	210	30	17	18
Caldecott Primary School	Abingdon South Primary	2605	Primary	COMM	110	60	44	60	52	55	60	56	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	383	420	60	30	31
Carswell Community Primary School	Abingdon South Primary	2595	Primary	COMM	40	30	28	30	26	29	26	28	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193	210	30	30	30
Clifton Hampden CoE Primary School	Abingdon East Primary	3183	Primary	VC	0	15	14	14	7	13	14	11	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	105	15	12	15
Dorchester St Birinus CoE School	Abingdon East Primary	3186	Primary	VC	0	15	9	7	14	8	8	14	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	105	15	11	11
Drayton Community Primary School	Abingdon South Primary	2560	Primary	COMM	0	30	30	30	30	30	31	29	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	210	210	30	31	30
Dry Sandford Primary School	Abingdon West Primary	2565	Primary	COMM	0	20	13	19	12	17	13	7	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	140	20	13	14
Dunmore Primary School	Abingdon North Primary	3912	Primary	ACA	60	60	49	49	57	58	57	59	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	383	420	60	41	46
Long Furlong Primary School	Abingdon North Primary	2602	Primary	COMM	26	30	30	30	30	27	31	32	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	208	210	30	27	30

Abingdon

Abingdon				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations
Marcham CoE (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School	Abingdon West Primary	3235	Primary	VC	0	30	28	26	22	29	30	24	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	182	207	30	30	30
Radley CoE Primary School	Abingdon North Primary	3238	Primary	VC	48	30	19	11	19	13	14	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	210	30	18	18
Rush Common School	Abingdon North Primary	2574	Primary	ACA	0	60	44	54	59	57	56	58	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	378	420	60	61	60
St Blaise CofE Primary School	Abingdon South Primary	3260	Primary	VC	0	30	17	30	16	16	16	16	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	210	30	25	30
St Edmund's Catholic Primary School	Abingdon North Primary	3858	Primary	VA	52	30	28	27	30	24	29	21	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	183	210	30	22	22
St Michaels CofE Primary School, Steventon Village	Abingdon South Primary	3241	Primary	VC	52	30	30	30	27	30	19	23	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	180	210	30	37	30
St Nicolas CoE Primary School, Abingdon	Abingdon North Primary	3247	Primary	VC	0	60	57	55	60	60	62	64	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	419	420	60	58	60
Sunningwell CoE Primary School	Abingdon West Primary	3242	Primary	VC	0	15	7	10	10	11	9	10	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	105	15	12	12
Sutton Courtenay CoE Primary School	Abingdon South Primary	3243	Primary	ACA	52	30	27	30	24	29	25	27	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	189	210	30	21	24
Thameside Primary School	Abingdon South Primary	2598	Primary	ACA	52	30	28	27	19	24	24	17	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	164	210	30	25	27
Thomas Reade Primary School	Abingdon North Primary	2587	Primary	COMM	15	30	29	28	30	28	30	28	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	202	210	30	33	30

Abingdon

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Wootton St Peter's CoE Primary School	Abingdon West Primary	3855	Primary	VA	0	16	17	15	14	10	10	14	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	112	16	9	9
Fitzharrys School	Abingdon Secondary	4129	Secondary	ACA	0	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	143	130	116	132	118	53	41	733	1066	180	118	157
John Mason School	Abingdon Secondary	4128	Secondary	ACA	0	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	179	176	172	168	157	93	86	1031	1040	180	168	180
Larkmead School	Abingdon Secondary	4127	Secondary	ACA	0	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	164	133	141	167	146	64	51	866	1060	180	169	180
Primary/ Nursery Total					523	771	651	690	666	682	675	668	662								4694	5360	771	676	667
Secondary Total						630								576	499	489	526	477	258	216	3041	3762	630	455	517

Area context, issues and strategy: BANBURY

Planning context

This area is affected by the planning policies of Cherwell District Council.

Banbury is a major focus for housing growth in the Cherwell Local Plan, with large developments planned or underway to the south, north and west of the town, as well as some redevelopment proposals within the town centre.

For several years, pupil intakes at primary schools in this area rose significantly faster than previously forecast, and some schools were required to create "bulge" classes at short notice. Population growth stabilised in recent years, but demand for primary school places has been growing again since 2019, and is forecast to increase further in future years, focussed on the large housing developments.

Births data (along with data obtained from GP registrations) indicates that young families are being attracted to the new developments, with births in some more established parts of the town falling sharply. As a result, spatial patterns of demand for school places are changing. Pupil census data shows a particular pattern of in-year growth in both primary and secondary pupil numbers in the last three years, indicative of families moving into the new housing from outside the area.

Banbury North East Primary

Demand for places in this area is forecast to grow as the housing development at Southam Road populates. At the same time, there has been a fall in births in the established community of Grimsbury.

The 1 form entry Cherry Fields Primary School [2036] opened in 2020. Opening a new school inevitably creates some short-term surplus capacity, until the population growth catches up with the expansion of capacity, but this will decline over the next few years.

In response to falling demand for school places in the Grimsbury area, St Leonard's CE Primary School [3262] reduced its admission number from 60 to 45 in 2022. Based on current forecasts, this admission number may need to rise again by 2026 to ensure sufficient places in the area.

Banbury South Primary

The south of Banbury is seeing the bulk of the town's housing growth. Longford Park in the south east is well underway, and will continue building out for the rest of the decade. Further large Local Plan allocations south of Salt Way have started. This will result in significant growth in pupil numbers over the coming years.

Longford Park Primary School [2017] opened in 2017, initially built as a 1.5 form entry school but expected to expand to 2 forms of entry as the local population grows.

A further new school is expected in the development south of Salt Way. The first of this or the expansion of Longford Park is currently forecast to be needed towards the end of the decade, and the order in which these two projects are implemented will depend on the relative progressive of their surrounding housing developments.

St John's Catholic School [2035] reduced its admission number in 2022 from 45 to 30 in response to a fall in demand for Catholic school places in this area.

**Banbury
West
Primary**

Several small-medium housing developments are underway or planned for the western edge of Banbury, which will increase demand for school places. At the same time, more established areas of Banbury such as Neithrop have seen falling births.

There has already been expansion of school capacity in this area, with Hanwell Fields Primary School [3837] and Hill View Primary School [2056] having been extended in the past. William Morris Primary School [2019] has also expanded slightly with a capital project which replaced aging temporary classrooms.

As young families appear to be migrating to the newer housing developments, some areas of surplus capacity are appearing in older parts of town, and reductions in admission numbers at some schools may be appropriate to provide greater stability until the local population grows again.

**Banbury
Secondary**

As well as three secondary schools in Banbury there is a studio school, Futures Institute [4006] which opened in 2014 to provide more specialist technology education for the 14-18 age range. This is accommodated in buildings previously used by Banbury School (now Wykham Park Academy [4000]), reducing the physical capacity of that school.

The increase in pupil numbers already evident in local primary schools will in due course increase secondary pupil numbers. The full impact of the local housing growth in secondary school numbers will not be felt until well beyond the current pupil forecast period.

Some of the demand for secondary school places in this area is absorbed by The Warriner School [4007] in the adjoining Bloxham area. This has previously been expanded, reducing pressure on places in Banbury.

Blessed George Napier RC School [4600] is expanding by 2 forms of entry, and will admit at a PAN of 180 in 2024.

Wykham Park Academy has reduced its admission number from 210 to 180 for 2022 onwards.

Given the scale of local housing growth, the need for a new school is expected in the longer term, and a site for this school is identified in the Local Plan. It is not currently expected that this school will be needed before the end of the decade.

Banbury

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Bishop Loveday CoE Primary School	Banbury South Primary	3351	Primary	ACA	0	60	60	54	60	60	53	44	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	391	420	60	51	60
Cherry Fields Primary School	Banbury North East Primary	2036	Primary	ACA	44	30	30	23	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	210	30	28	31
Cropredy CoE Primary School	Banbury North East Primary	3000	Primary	VC	0	30	24	27	26	25	24	24	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	170	210	30	18	19
Dashwood Banbury Academy	Banbury North East Primary	2003	Primary	ACA	84	60	60	60	53	57	60	46	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	392	420	60	48	48
Hanwell Fields Community School	Banbury West Primary	3838	Primary	VA	52	60	60	60	58	60	60	51	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	409	420	60	64	60
Hardwick Primary School	Banbury West Primary	2060	Primary	ACA	24	30	30	30	29	30	30	30	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	207	210	30	40	30
Harriers Banbury Academy	Banbury South Primary	2053	Primary	ACA	32	60	57	58	58	59	52	60	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	404	420	60	36	42
Hill View Primary School	Banbury West Primary	2056	Primary	ACA	40	90	72	57	60	76	61	75	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	467	630	90	50	55
Longford Park Primary School	Banbury South Primary	2017	Primary	ACA	78	30	29	49	30	30	30	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193	315	30	39	30
Orchard Fields Community School	Banbury West Primary	2055	Primary	COMM	60	60	59	58	45	45	53	60	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	371	420	60	52	52

Banbury

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Queensway School	Banbury South Primary	2057	Primary	COMM	0	60	60	59	57	52	54	57	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	398	420	60	52	58
St John's Catholic Primary School	Banbury South Primary	2035	Primary	ACA	0	30	17	23	26	23	25	30	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	315	30	8	9
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Banbury	Banbury West Primary	3826	Primary	ACA	60	30	24	27	23	30	23	29	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	184	210	30	18	18
St Leonard's CoE Primary School	Banbury North East Primary	3262	Primary	VC	120	45	46	50	42	53	43	43	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	334	420	45	32	33
St Mary's CoE Primary School, Banbury	Banbury North East Primary	3022	Primary	ACA	52	30	23	23	28	31	29	27	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	192	210	30	26	26
The Grange Community Primary School	Banbury South Primary	2058	Primary	COMM	0	45	46	32	45	49	43	39	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	306	315	45	60	45
William Morris Primary School	Banbury West Primary	2019	Primary	ACA	26	30	30	24	22	25	26	25	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	181	175	30	28	30
Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form	Banbury Secondary	5950	Secondary	ACA	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	149	146	147	144	67	66	869	847	150	151	150
Futures Institute Banbury	Banbury Secondary	4007	Secondary	ACA	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	50	15	16	141	300	60		

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North Oxfordshire Academy	Banbury Secondary	7000	Secondary	ACA	0	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	185	174	172	169	173	74	54	1001	1150	180	213	190
Wykham Park	Banbury Secondary	4002	Secondary	ACA	0	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	204	211	163	152	166	44	23	963	1300	180	91	184
Primary/ Nursery Total					672	780	727	714	683	705	666	665	688								4848	5740	780	650	646
Secondary Total						570								539	534	481	528	533	200	159	2974	3597	570	455	524

Area context, issues and strategy: BICESTER

Planning context

This area is affected by the planning policies of Cherwell District Council.

Bicester is the largest focus for housing growth in the Cherwell Local Plan, with major developments planned or underway, particularly to the south and west of the town, requiring significant expansion of school capacity through both school expansions and new schools.

Across Bicester there was a dip in births in 2017, resulting in a dip in demand for primary school places in 2022. In 2023 however, the demand for primary school places has more than recovered, and is now forecast to continue growing rapidly.

Births data indicates that young families are being attracted to the new developments, in particular the Kingsmere development in South West Bicester, with births in some more established parts of the town, especially to the north, falling sharply. As a result, spatial patterns of demand for school places are changing.

Bicester North Town Primary

Demand for places in this area is forecast to continuing growing after a temporary dip in 2022, but this growth is largely being driven by the North West Bicester development, which has made slower progress than previously planned. At the same time, there has been a fall in births in the more established part of town.

Gagle Brook Primary School [2614] opened in 2018 as the first phase of providing school capacity for the North West Bicester development; initially built as 1-form entry, in due course it will be expanded to 2 forms of entry. Pupil numbers have grown more slowly than expected due to delays with delivering the North West Bicester housing. As the development progresses there are expected to be two or three further new primary schools (as well as a secondary school). Current pupil forecasts suggest that additional capacity will be needed for North West Bicester in the late 2020s or early 2030s. Whether at this stage this is through expansion of Gagle Brook or the opening of the next new school will depend on how the wider development progresses, as the timing for expanding Gagle Brook is dependent on when the adjoining parcel of development, which includes additional site area for the school, comes forward.

Bure Park Primary School [2610] has reduced its admission number from 70 to 60 for 2021 onwards, to enable the removal of temporary classrooms previously provided to manage high demand for places in the local area.

Southwold Primary School [2607] has reduced its admission number from 60 to 45 from 2022 onwards in order to allow for the creation of a special education resource base which opened in January 2022. A further resource base opened at Gagle Brook in September 2022.

Bicester North Villages Primary

This rural area contains three small village primary schools, and an all-through school within the strategic growth area of Heyford Park. Nearly all housing growth in this area is centred on Heyford Park, resulting in very localised growth in population and births. The surrounding villages have experienced the volatility in local population common to small village schools, but in recent years there has been no consistent trend.

Heyford Park School opened in 2013 to serve the growing community as a former US airbase was redeveloped. In the first instance it provided more capacity than needed for the immediate local area, and attracted pupils from surrounding villages who would otherwise have attended one of the existing schools. This reduced pupil numbers in the surrounding schools, but numbers have stabilised in recent years.

Further planned growth at Heyford Park will require additional primary school capacity in due course.

**Bicester
South East
Primary**

The large-scale planned housing developments in this area are Graven Hill, which is underway, and the 1,500 home Wretchwick Green. These will in due course generate significant additional pupils in this area.

Pupil numbers at Five Acres Primary School [2200] in Ambrosden are affected by military personal movements at the local garrisons, with approximately a third of pupils being from Service families. This can result in a high degree of pupil movement into and out of the area.

Longfields Primary and Nursery School [2207] was previously expanded to 2 forms of entry to provide replacement town centre school capacity when St Edburg's CE Primary School [3505] relocated to the Kingsmere development.

A new school (Graven Hill Primary School [2041]) opened in 2023 (at 1 form of entry in the first instance, growing to 2 form entry) to serve the strategic development at Graven Hill, and an additional new school is planned for Wretchwick Green. As is always the case with new schools within housing developments, the opening date is dependent on the progress of the host development. Based on current forecasts the new Wretchwick Green school would not be expected to open until towards the end of the decade.

**Bicester
South West
Primary**

This area of Bicester has seen the most housing growth in recent years, and the Kingsmere housing development has attracted young families, rapidly increasing demand for places at St Edburg's CE Primary School [3505], which relocated here from central Bicester in 2016.

To meet the continued growth of population in the Kingsmere area, St Edburg's CE Primary School has been approved to expand from 2 form entry to 3 form entry. This will be achieved by expanding onto a satellite site, with early years and Key Stage 1 pupils moving to new accommodation, and the current site becoming the Key Stage 2 base. This is due to complete in 2023/24.

Chesterton CE Primary School [3082] expanded to 1 form entry in 2020.

At this stage, no further expansion of primary school capacity is expected in this area.

**Bicester
Secondary**

Within the town there are two established 11-18 schools, The Bicester School [4011] and The Cooper School [4032], and a new 11-16 school, Whitelands Academy [4017] which opened in 2020. Also in this area is the all-age Heyford Park School [4018] which opened in 2013. Since 2020 the delivery of courses for post-16 pupils at Heyford Park has transferred to Bartholomew School in Eynsham, which is in the same multi-academy trust.

In 2021 The Bicester School fully merged with the adjacent Bicester Technology Studio [4012] which had provided specialist education for the 14-18 age range since 2016.

The increase in pupil numbers already evident in local primary schools will in due course increase secondary pupil numbers. The full impact of the local housing growth in secondary school numbers will not be felt until well beyond the current pupil forecast period.

Although two new schools have already opened in this area to serve housing growth, given the scale of local housing growth, the need for another new school is expected in the longer term, and a site for this school is identified within the North West Bicester development. Based on current forecasts, this school will be needed towards the end of this decade, but the delivery date of the school is dependent on when the site can be made available by the host housing development.

In addition, as planned housing numbers at Heyford Park have increased since the school initially opened, that school is expected to need to expand to meet local population growth.

Bicester

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Heyford Park School	Bicester North Villages Primary & Bicester Secondary	4032	All-through	ACA	0	60	32	47	35	47	34	31	36	47	56	59	67	61	0	0	552	840	60	39	41
Brookside Primary School	Bicester South West Primary	2202	Primary	COMM	52	45	40	42	46	42	44	41	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	315	45	35	43
Bure Park Primary School	Bicester North Town Primary	2610	Primary	COMM	60	60	52	48	68	68	43	58	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	398	420	60	47	52
Charlton-on-Otmoor CoE Primary School	Bicester South East Primary	3081	Primary	VC	20	15	14	14	12	8	14	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	105	15	10	10
Chesterton CoE Voluntary Aided Primary School	Bicester South West Primary	3082	Primary	VA	0	30	30	30	30	30	24	15	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	182	210	30	38	30
Finmere CoE Primary School	Bicester North Villages Primary	3090	Primary	ACA	0	10	2	6	2	4	8	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	70	10	8	8
Five Acres Primary School	Bicester South East Primary	2200	Primary	COMM	60	60	38	49	45	54	41	45	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	327	420	60	42	42
Fringford CoE Primary School	Bicester North Villages Primary	3083	Primary	VC	0	15	14	16	14	13	15	14	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	105	15	12	12
Fritwell CoE Primary School	Bicester North Villages Primary	3065	Primary	VC	15	30	17	19	20	17	12	23	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128	180	30	16	16

Bicester

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Gagle Brook Primary School	Bicester North Town Primary	2014	Primary	ACA	52	30	25	25	15	21	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	210	30	21	24
Glory Farm Primary School	Bicester North Town Primary	2211	Primary	ACA	52	60	27	51	38	38	44	42	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	298	420	60	45	48
Graven Hill Primary School	Bicester South East Primary	2041	Primary	Free schools	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	210	30	0	20
King's Meadow Primary School	Bicester South West Primary	2210	Primary	COMM	72	60	60	60	60	60	56	59	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	414	420	60	80	60
Langford Village Community Primary School	Bicester South East Primary	2608	Primary	COMM	52	60	57	52	60	55	54	58	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	387	420	60	67	60
Launton CoE Primary School	Bicester South East Primary	3085	Primary	VC	48	20	24	29	20	16	16	25	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	137	157	20	24	24
Longfields Primary and Nursery School	Bicester South East Primary	2207	Primary	COMM	52	60	47	48	60	49	53	45	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	360	420	60	41	47
Southwold Primary School	Bicester North Town Primary	2607	Primary	ACA	84	45	40	43	43	33	40	44	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283	315	45	41	44
St Edburg's CoE (VA) School	Bicester South West Primary	3505	Primary	VA	52	60	60	60	61	60	60	60	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	415	420	90	90	90
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Bicester	Bicester South West Primary	3825	Primary	ACA	0	45	37	28	32	34	30	34	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	248	315	45	23	29
The Bicester School	Bicester Secondary	4013	Secondary	ACA	0	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205	186	211	273	255	92	61	1283	1430	240	171	214

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The Cooper School	Bicester Secondary	4041	Secondary	COMM	0	220	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	219	201	221	226	217	110	102	1296	1333	220	170	191
Whitelands Academy	Bicester Secondary	4019	Secondary	ACA	0	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	121	119	121	0	0	0	0	361	600	120	171	120
Primary/ Nursery Total					671	795	616	667	661	649	605	608	643								4449	5552	825	679	700
Secondary Total						640								592	562	612	566	533	202	163	3230	3783	640	512	525

Area context, issues and strategy: Bloxham

Planning context	<p>This area is affected by the planning policies of Cherwell District Council. This is a very rural area comprising small and medium sized villages, but directly adjoins the large town of Banbury; there is a pattern of movement of pupils out of Banbury into primary and secondary schools in this area.</p>
Bloxham East Primary	<p>The east of the Bloxham area contains a number of larger villages which have been the main focus for local housing development in recent years. Schools in this area also attract pupils from Banbury or the Heyford direction.</p> <p>Christopher Rawlins [3453] expanded by 0.5 form entry from September 2017 to meet the needs of housing growth in Adderbury and the adjacent village of Deddington, not all of which is yet complete. The local pupil population has not yet grown as fast as previously forecast. The expansion of neighbouring Hook Norton Primary School (Chipping Norton planning area) has provided flexibility given persistent excess demand for places at Bloxham Primary School.</p> <p>These expansions have currently provided sufficient capacity for the local population.</p>
Bloxham West Primary	<p>In the absence of significant local housing development, schools in the western half of the planning area are very dependent on attracting Banbury children. If they continue to attract pupils from the housing developments around the western side of Banbury, the current level of spare capacity could fall quickly.</p> <p>2022 saw a spike in admissions, but this is not expected to be a sustained trend – indeed 2023 allocations already indicate a return to previous levels of demand.</p> <p>Sibford Gower Primary School revised its admission number from 20 to 15 from 2021 onwards.</p>
Bloxham Secondary	<p>The Warriner School [4007] has expanded by 2 forms of entry in two phases (2017 and 2019), largely to meet population growth in Banbury. It previously added a sixth form. The Warriner is explicitly part of the solution for Banbury growth. Despite its current expansion, the school is still regularly over-subscribed. Population growth in Banbury is likely to increase demand for places in the short-term, however expansion of capacity within Banbury should ultimately reduce the pressure on places at The Warriner.</p>

Bloxham

Bloxham				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations
Bishop Carpenter CoE Primary School	Bloxham West Primary	3302	Primary	ACA	0	16	12	15	16	11	13	9	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	112	16	7	7
Bloxham CoE Primary School	Bloxham East Primary	3064	Primary	VC	0	60	60	57	56	56	61	52	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	396	420	60	49	50
Christopher Rawlins CoE Voluntary Aided Primary School	Bloxham East Primary	3453	Primary	ACA	52	45	30	38	37	47	30	37	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	245	315	45	27	29
Deddington CoE Primary School	Bloxham East Primary	3452	Primary	ACA	0	30	30	30	30	30	27	30	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	198	210	30	29	29
Dr Radcliffe's CoE Primary School	Bloxham East Primary	3832	Primary	VA	0	30	30	29	22	31	23	27	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	192	210	30	31	30
Hornton Primary School	Bloxham West Primary	2001	Primary	ACA	40	15	16	8	8	17	14	9	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	105	15	14	14
Shenington CoE Primary School	Bloxham West Primary	6905	Primary	ACA	0	15	14	10	15	17	5	14	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	105	15	19	15
Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School	Bloxham West Primary	3005	Primary	ACA	0	15	15	13	12	12	15	18	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	140	15	6	6
Wroxton CoE Primary School	Bloxham West Primary	3004	Primary	ACA	0	15	15	12	14	14	15	11	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	105	15	11	15

Allocations	284	195	284
First preference applications	316	193	316
Published admission number	284	241	284
Total capacity	1580	1722	1580
Total pupil numbers	1546	1486	1546
Year 13 pupils	76		76
Year 12 pupils	101		101
Year 11 pupils	253		253
Year 10 pupils	277		277
Year 9 pupils	278		278
Year 8 pupils	281		281
Year 7 pupils	280		280
Year 6 pupils	0	197	
Year 5 pupils	0	207	
Year 4 pupils	0	203	
Year 3 pupils	0	235	
Year 2 pupils	0	210	
Year 1 pupils	0	212	
Reception pupils	0	222	
Published admission number	284	241	284
Nursery places (PTE)	0	92	
Type of school	UTC		
Sector	Secondary		
School code	4008		
Planning Sub-area	Bloxham Secondary		
Schools	The Warriner School	Primary/ Nursery Total	Secondary Total

Area context, issues and strategy: Burford

Planning context

This area is affected by the planning policies of West Oxfordshire District Council. The Burford planning area is very rural, with mostly small village primary schools, and a large secondary school that serves a wide area. There are no large areas of housing growth in the planning area, although even relatively small-scale housing can have a significant impact in the village context.

This area adjoins the town of Carterton, where there is currently spare capacity, but significant planned housing growth. There are established patterns of pupil movement from Carterton into Burford area schools, which therefore frequently have more pupils than would be expected purely on local population

This area is affected by MoD movements in Carterton, so numbers are volatile, and difficult to forecast.

Burford North Primary

Schools in this area are generally well-subscribed, resulting in recent increases in admission numbers at some. There was a dip in Reception intakes in 2021, but this largely recovered in 2022 and a spike was forecast for 2023 which is borne out by allocation data. Village housing developments are expected to result in rising intakes, and there are expected to be limited spare Reception places in some years, although numbers will fluctuate as is common to small village schools.

Following a development in Burford being approved on appeal, the county council worked with the Oxford Diocese to expand Burford Primary School from an admission number of 15 to one of 20 from September 2020. The school's site would not support further expansion. The site areas of the other schools in this area would also not support expansion.

Burford South Primary

Schools in this area generally have few spare places. There was a dip in Reception intakes in 2021, but this largely recovered in 2022, and 2023 allocations indicate continued limited capacity at Reception. This level of demand is broadly expected to continue, with a particular spike forecast for 2024. In this area Bampton has been the main focus of housing development, but the proximity to Carterton (where there is large-scale housing growth planned and underway) will affect other schools in this area, in particular Brize Norton Primary School, in whose catchment the largest housing development is located.

In response to housing growth in Bampton, the village primary school [3131] expanded to 1 form entry in 2017. There is the possibility to expand the school further to 1.5fe in the longer term, should the local population continue to grow.

Burford & Carterton Secondary

For the purposes of planning secondary school capacity, Burford and Carterton are considered jointly, given that Burford's catchment area surrounds Carterton.

Across the two schools, demand for places has risen in recent years, and there is now forecast to be a low level of spare Year 7 places over the coming years. Carterton Community College [4041] has a previous history of significant spare places, but intakes are showing a rising trend and allocations for 2023 are consistent with this. Burford School [4040] has proved consistently popular and has been operating at above its formal capacity as approved by the DfE in its academy funding agreement.

It is expected that Carterton Community College will need to expand to meet the significant housing growth in the town. The timescale for this depends on the progress of local housing development and how quickly this affects secondary school numbers, and expansion may be several years from being required.

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Burford

				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations
Bampton CofE Primary School	Burford South Primary	3131	Primary	ACA	30	30	27	24	30	24	23	30	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	184	210	30	21	23
Brize Norton Primary School	Burford South Primary	2250	Primary	ACA	0	20	20	19	19	20	19	18	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	140	20	19	20
Burford Primary School	Burford North Primary	2251	Primary	ACA	30	20	15	18	24	18	13	24	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	140	20	18	20
Clanfield CofE Primary School	Burford South Primary	3100	Primary	VC	0	15	13	10	14	15	16	14	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	105	15	18	15
Leaffield CoE Primary School	Burford North Primary	3124	Primary	ACA	0	15	12	8	15	15	15	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	105	15	10	11
St Christopher's CoE School	Burford South Primary	3555	Primary	ACA	0	22	16	10	20	17	28	20	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	150	22	27	29
St Kenelm's CoE (VC) School	Burford North Primary	3125	Primary	VC	0	20	16	15	28	23	26	14	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	141	140	20	18	20
St Peter's CoE School, Alvescot	Burford South Primary	3550	Primary	ACA	0	14	14	12	14	14	16	14	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	98	14	13	14
Wychwood CoE Primary School	Burford North Primary	3257	Primary	VC	0	45	43	40	31	45	43	48	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	293	315	45	45	45

Burford				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																	2023/24				
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations
																								256	235
																								201	197
																								240	235
																								201	197
																								240	235
																								201	197
																								240	235
																								201	197
																								240	235
Primary/ Nursery Total																							189	197	
Secondary Total																								256	235

Area context, issues and strategy: Carterton

Planning context

The Carterton planning area is confined to the town of Carterton, but is surrounded by the very rural planning area of Burford. There are established patterns of pupil movement from Carterton into Burford area schools, and Carterton schools therefore frequently have fewer pupils than would be expected purely on local population

This area is strongly affected by MoD movements at the Brize Norton RAF base, so numbers are volatile, and difficult to forecast – despite general levels of spare capacity, Carterton schools have needed to take one- off bulge years in the past. The regular turnover of personnel also distorts the usual patterns of cohorts moving up through the school years. This pattern of population change may change as more civilian housing development is built in the town.

This area is affected by the planning policies of West Oxfordshire District Council. The Local Plan allocates several large sites for housing development, including 700 homes at East Carterton (underway); 500 homes across the REEMA sites; and 270 across two other strategic sites. Much of the impact on pupil numbers of these developments will be beyond the time period covered by current pupil forecasts.

Carterton Primary

Following a period of growth in primary school intakes, they dipped in 2019, since when there has been considerable variability, with 2021 also being a year of especially low intakes. However, current forecasts indicate rising demand for Reception places over the next few years, and allocations for 2022 and 2023 were higher.

A site for a primary school has been secured within the East Carterton strategic housing development, which lies within the catchment areas of Brize Norton CE Primary School (in the Burford planning area). Options are being explored for how the needs of this development can best be met, Some of the existing schools in Carterton also have potential to expand. The timescale for expansion of primary school capacity is kept under review as the local population grows.

Burford & Carterton Secondary

For the purposes of planning secondary school capacity, Burford and Carterton are considered jointly, given that Burford's catchment area surrounds Carterton.

Across the two schools, demand for places has risen in recent years, and there is forecast to be a low level of spare Year 7 places over the coming years. Carterton Community College [4041] has a previous history of significant spare places, but intakes are showing a rising trend and allocations for 2023 support this supposition. Burford School [4040] has proved consistently popular and has been operating at above its formal capacity as approved by the DfE in its academy funding agreement.

It is expected that Carterton Community College will need to expand to meet the significant housing growth in the town. The timescale for this depends on the progress of local housing development and how quickly this affects secondary school numbers, and expansion may be several years from being required.

Carterton

Carterton				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations
Carterton Primary School	Carterton Primary	2252	Primary	COMM	78	45	29	30	44	37	27	48	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	248	315	45	17	28
Edith Moorhouse Primary School	Carterton Primary	2255	Primary	ACA	78	45	45	45	60	45	56	36	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	329	315	45	51	45
Gateway Primary School	Carterton Primary	2254	Primary	COMM	0	45	34	28	32	42	28	38	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	239	315	45	42	45
St John the Evangelist CofE VA Primary School	Carterton Primary	2613	Primary	VA	60	60	59	59	60	60	60	58	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	415	420	60	75	60
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Carterton	Carterton Primary	3556	Primary	ACA	20	30	13	6	11	5	12	13	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	210	30	17	17
Carterton Community College	Carterton Secondary	4052	Secondary	ACA	0	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	123	132	117	104	107	34	22	639	918	140	134	136
Primary/ Nursery Total					236	225	180	168	207	189	183	193	185								1305	1575	225	202	195
Secondary Total						140								123	132	117	104	107	34	22	639	918	140	134	136

Area context, issues and strategy: Chipping Norton

Planning context	<p>This area is affected by the planning policies of West Oxfordshire and Cherwell District Councils. The Chipping Norton planning area comprises the market town of Chipping Norton and its surrounding villages. Significant housing growth is planned for the town.</p> <p>In addition to primary and secondary schools, this area includes a maintained nursery school, The Ace Centre Nursery School [1019].</p>
Chipping Norton North Primary	<p>This area includes the town of Chipping Norton, as well as villages to the north. The town currently has surplus school places, but pupil numbers are forecast to grow towards the end of the decade as a result of significant planned housing development within Chipping Norton. Based on current forecasts, additional capacity is expected to be required by the early 2030s.</p> <p>Hook Norton Primary School [3044] expanded by 0.5 forms of entry to 1.5 form entry from 2015. This school has a catchment which overlaps that of Bloxham Primary School, and the expansion was partly to address housing development in Bloxham village, which could not be accommodated there.</p> <p>St Mary's CoE Primary School [3858] reduced its admission number from 60 to 45 from 2021 onwards to better reflect the constraints of its physical accommodation.</p> <p>Further expansion of capacity in the area will be required due to the district's housing plans, including a large strategic development in the town, which is expected to include a new primary school.</p>
Chipping Norton South Primary	<p>This area comprises mostly small villages, where the demand for school can fluctuate significantly. While in recent years there have been some shortages of places at individual schools, and schools are mostly quite full (at least in some year groups), pupil forecasts indicate some surpluses of capacity may emerge in the coming years. Trends visible in births data appear to support this picture.</p> <p>Based on current data there is no need for schools in this area to expand.</p>
Chipping Norton Secondary	<p>Intakes to Chipping Norton School are rising, but it will be some years before the recent and planned housing growth in the area have a significant impact on demand for school places. In the meantime, the school is reducing its published admission number to 180 for 2024 onwards to better reflect the local need for school places.</p>

**Chipping
Norton**

Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations
The ACE Centre Nursery School	Chipping Norton Nursery	1019	Nursery	LA Nursery School	78		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Chadlington CoE Primary School	Chipping Norton South Primary	3043	Primary	VC	0	15	15	15	18	15	16	15	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	105	15	12	13
Charlbury Primary School	Chipping Norton South Primary	2030	Primary	ACA	0	30	25	22	29	29	25	21	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	183	210	30	15	16
Enstone Primary School	Chipping Norton South Primary	2103	Primary	COMM	0	15	14	9	11	12	9	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	105	15	14	15
Great Rollright CoE (Aided) Primary School	Chipping Norton North Primary	3408	Primary	VA	0	15	20	12	15	20	11	14	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	105	15	19	15
Great Tew County Primary School	Chipping Norton South Primary	2104	Primary	COMM	0	15	15	15	15	11	15	15	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	102	15	14	14
Holy Trinity Catholic School, Chipping Norton	Chipping Norton North Primary	3420	Primary	ACA	0	30	30	17	26	30	30	27	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	189	210	30	29	30

**Chipping
Norton**

Allocations	37	30	11	23	188	204	188
First preference applications	35	49	11	19	160	217	160
Published admission number	45	30	25	45	240	265	240
Total capacity	315	208	175	315	1462	1850	1462
Total pupil numbers	267	203	115	195	983	1544	983
Year 13 pupils	0	0	0	0	83		83
Year 12 pupils	0	0	0	0	67		67
Year 11 pupils	0	0	0	0	155		155
Year 10 pupils	0	0	0	0	153		153
Year 9 pupils	0	0	0	0	174		174
Year 8 pupils	0	0	0	0	174		174
Year 7 pupils	0	0	0	0	177		177
Year 6 pupils	41	29	21	30	0	233	
Year 5 pupils	36	31	14	26	0	213	
Year 4 pupils	35	30	18	26	0	215	
Year 3 pupils	38	25	20	30	0	230	
Year 2 pupils	36	29	13	25	0	217	
Year 1 pupils	43	29	10	27	0	199	
Reception pupils	38	30	19	31	0	237	
Published admission number	45	30	25	45	240	265	240
Nursery places (PTE)	52	52	0	0	0	182	
Type of school	VC	COMM	ACA	VA	ACA		
Sector	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary	Secondary		
School code	3044	2106	2151	3859	4011		
Planning Sub-area	Chipping Norton North Primary	Chipping Norton North Primary	Chipping Norton South Primary	Chipping Norton North Primary	Chipping Norton Secondary		
Schools	Hook Norton CoE Primary School	Kingham Primary School	Middle Barton Primary School	St Mary's CoE (Aided) Primary School, Chipping Norton	Chipping Norton School	Primary/ Nursery Total	Secondary Total

Area context, issues and strategy: Cumnor

Planning context

This area is affected by the planning policies of both the Vale of White Horse District Council (VOWH) and Oxford City Council.

This area has a lower concentration of housing growth than many in the county, although there are locally significant developments in Botley, Kennington and also in Southmoor (on the border of this planning area with Faringdon). In addition, schools here will be affected by significant housing growth planned in adjoining areas, in particular:

- to the north of Abingdon;
- in Eynsham, where there has historically been some pupil movement between the catchments of Bartholomew School and Matthew Arnold School;
- Oxford City, given the proximity and easy access to schools in this area.

Cumnor Primary

A number of primary schools in this area have previously increased their capacity and/or admission numbers in response to shortages of places in this area, and permitted housing developments, and for a time spare capacity remained below the county council's target levels.

Additional pressure on places in this area has been caused by a previous shortage of places within Oxford; this is being alleviated as more school capacity is provided within the city, but a siblings legacy remains.

Forecasts now indicate the recent decline in demand is expected to broadly continue into the latter part of the decade. This may result in some surplus capacity. In response to changing local demographics, Botley Primary School has reduced its admission number to 30 children per year.

Cumnor Secondary

Demand has risen sharply in this area, resulting in the need for Matthew Arnold School to expand by 1 form of entry in September 2017, increasing its annual admission number to 210; the necessary building work completed in 2019. Despite this expansion, Matthew Arnold School is at capacity for the 2023 Year 7 intake, and is forecast to stay fully subscribed.

Further expansion of another 1 form of entry may be required in future, but this will be kept under review, in the light of complex interactions between local planning areas, where large scale housing developments and recent or planned new schools will have a changing impact on pupil movements over the coming years.

Cumnor

Cumnor				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																		2023/24			
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations
Appleton CoE (A) Primary School	Cumnor Primary	3851	Primary	ACA	0	30	26	27	30	29	24	26	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	189	196	30	17	19
Botley School	Cumnor Primary	2032	Primary	ACA	80	60	23	28	31	39	46	37	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	260	420	30	19	21
Cumnor CoE School (Voluntary Controlled)	Cumnor Primary	3223	Primary	VC	0	30	30	30	26	30	30	30	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	207	209	30	22	23
North Hinksey CoE Primary School	Cumnor Primary	3237	Primary	ACA	0	30	24	30	29	30	30	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	203	210	30	24	26
St Swithun's CofE Primary School	Cumnor Primary	3258	Primary	VC	52	60	59	41	60	55	58	57	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	387	420	60	45	48
West Oxford Community Primary School	Cumnor Primary	2533	Primary	COMM	52	30	28	30	29	29	26	28	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	201	205	30	39	30
Matthew Arnold School	Cumnor Secondary	4139	Secondary	ACA	0	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	210	210	209	210	209	146	120	1314	1250	210	215	210
Primary/ Nursery Total					184	240	190	186	205	212	214	208	232								1447	1660	210	166	167
Secondary Total						210								210	210	209	210	209	146	120	1314	1250	210	215	210

Area context, issues and strategy: DIDCOT

Planning context

This area is affected by the planning policies of both the Vale of White Horse (VOWH) and South Oxfordshire (SODC) District Councils.

Didcot has been a designated growth area since 1979 and has been the main focus for housing growth in South Oxfordshire (and also one of the foci in Vale of White Horse). The next 10 years are due to see over 7,000 new homes created in the area. Didcot was granted Garden Town status by the government in 2015 to help plan for this growth. Northern and western extensions to the town are included in the adopted SODC Local Plan, with a further western extension into Harwell parish included in the adopted VOWH Local Plan.

There are also some housing developments within the surrounding villages which, while smaller-scale, will have a significant impact on the local primary schools.

In addition to primary and secondary schools, this area includes a maintained nursery school, Lydalls Nursery [1017].

Didcot North Primary

Didcot is bisected by a major railway line, which hinders movement around the town, and pupils living north of the railway line nearly all choose to attend the primary schools in this area of the town, All Saints CoE Primary School [3859] and Ladygrove Park Primary School [2609], although in some recent years these schools have been full, resulting in some families having to travel further. These schools are now joined by a new school, Sires Hill Primary Academy, opened September 2023, run by the Omnia Learning Trust. In addition, this area includes the small village school of Long Wittenham [3223], which is currently working on a village-led project with local partners to relocate the school.

A large extension to Didcot is being built at NE Didcot, and some other housing developments are also planned or proposed for this area. Growth in pupil numbers generated by this new development extends beyond the forecast period. To meet the needs of the housing growth in this area, the NE Didcot development includes, as well as Sires Hill Primary Academy, sites for another primary school and a secondary school. The timing of the second primary school will depend on the speed of housing delivery and the consequent population growth.

Didcot South Town Primary

This part of Didcot has seen large-scale housing growth in recent years at the Great Western Park development, with further growth due at the permitted Valley Park development, planned to deliver over 4,000 homes. In addition, this area covers central Didcot where there are a number of redevelopment proposals.

Great Western Park has particularly attracted young families, and the child population profile is currently heavily weighted towards younger primary and pre-school children. As the population matures, there will be continued growth in demand for primary school places, and then secondary school places. Due to sustained over-subscription at some town schools, some families in this area choose schools in the surrounding villages, including St Blaise CE Primary School [3260] listed in the Abingdon area.

Two new primary schools have already opened in the Great Western Park development: Didcot Primary Academy [2012] in 2016 and Aureus Primary

School [2011] in 2018. At least two further schools are expected to be required in the developments planned as further western extensions to Didcot, but no timescale for this is yet confirmed. Based on current information about the delivery of the housing development, the first school would be expected to open towards the end of this decade.

Manor School [2597] reduced their admission number from 75 to 60 in 2019, and therefore has an operational capacity of 420 rather than the 525 places stated in its funding agreement.

**Didcot
South
Villages
Primary**

Some villages in this area have also seen locally significant scales of housing growth, especially Chilton and Harwell, and some schools in this area have been repeatedly oversubscribed, with particular pressure recently experienced at Harwell, where there has been an accumulation of small-medium developments. GP registration data indicates that pressure on school places here is now easing.

Chilton County Primary School [2555] has previously expanded from 1 form entry to 1.5 form entry. An assessment was made of the feasibility of expanding Harwell Primary School [3249], but this identified significant barriers to expansion. As such, no additional capacity is currently planned for this area, but new schools in the Valley Park development will in due course provide additional alternatives for this area.

**Didcot
Secondary**

Following on from the rapid population growth already seen in the local primary schools, demand for secondary places has risen rapidly in recent years in the Didcot area, and is forecast to continue to rise after a temporary lull in 2020 and 2021. Both on-roll data for 2022 and allocations data for September 2023 supports this analysis.

Until 2017 this area was served by two single sex schools, Didcot Girls' School [4139] and St Birinus School [4139], which effectively serve a wider area as the only single-sex options in the county. These did not have sufficient potential to expand to meet the very significant housing development which is planned and underway, although St Birinus School increased its admission number from 180 to 240 in 2022.

The opening of a co-educational school (Aureus School [4004]) in 2017 has provided more diversity of secondary education provision, and is changing patterns of pupil movement. As is typical with new schools, it has created additional capacity faster than the local population has grown, creating a temporary position of surplus places, which will gradually fill over the coming years.

In addition to Aureus Secondary School, a University Technical College, UTC Oxfordshire [4008] opened in 2015 providing specialist education to the 14-18 age range.

Another new secondary school is planned for the North East Didcot development, which will provide a more even distribution of school provision across the town; timescales are yet to be confirmed, but current forecasts indicate it may be required by the end of the decade.

Didcot

				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations
Lydalls Nursery School	Didcot South Town Nursery	1017	Nursery	LA Nursery School	130		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
All Saints CoE (Aided) Primary School	Didcot North Primary	3861	Primary	COMM	52	60	50	60	56	60	60	57	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	403	420	60	37	40
Aureus Primary School	Didcot South Town Primary	2011	Primary	ACA	60	60	59	60	60	60	60	30	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	358	420	60	69	60
Blewbury CoE Primary School	Didcot South Villages Primary	2031	Primary	ACA	0	25	13	16	17	12	18	24	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	175	25	14	15
Chilton County Primary School	Didcot South Villages Primary	2555	Primary	COMM	26	45	45	44	44	42	28	50	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	292	315	45	45	45
Didcot Primary Academy	Didcot South Town Primary	2012	Primary	ACA	52	60	61	61	60	60	60	60	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	421	420	60	72	60
Hagbourne CoE Primary School	Didcot South Villages Primary	3249	Primary	VC	0	30	29	30	29	30	30	31	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	209	204	30	32	30
Harwell Primary School	Didcot South Villages Primary	2563	Primary	COMM	0	30	30	30	28	29	29	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	206	210	30	27	30
Ladygrove Park Primary School	Didcot North Primary	2609	Primary	ACA	26	60	59	60	60	62	60	60	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	421	420	60	55	60
Long Wittenham (CoE) Primary School	Didcot North Primary	3233	Primary	VC	0	15	10	13	9	19	7	10	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	105	15	7	7
Manor Primary School	Didcot South Town Primary	2028	Primary	ACA	0	60	56	47	58	30	37	60	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	345	525	60	24	27

Didcot

Didcot				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24			
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations	
Northbourne CoE Primary School	Didcot South Town Primary	3853	Primary	VA	52	45	45	45	44	45	45	46	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	314	315	45	38	41
Sires Hill Primary Academy	0	4022	Primary	ACA	0								0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
South Moreton Primary School	Didcot South Villages Primary	2566	Primary	ACA	0	25	23	22	10	17	19	15	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	124	175	25	9	9
Stephen Freeman Community Primary School	Didcot South Town Primary	2594	Primary	COMM	52	60	60	59	60	60	60	60	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	417	420	60	51	54
Willowcroft Community School	Didcot South Town Primary	4000	Primary	ACA	78	60	62	60	60	59	60	60	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	421	420	60	58	59
Aureus School	Didcot Secondary	4006	Secondary	Academy sponsored	0	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	119	108	132	135	0	0	0	589	1200	240	n/a	n/a
Didcot Girls' School	Didcot Secondary	4141	Secondary	ACA	0	270	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	270	268	264	282	122	108	1614	1593	270	381	270	
St Birinus School	Didcot Secondary	4140	Secondary	ACA	0	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	240	179	180	168	135	86	52	1040	1428	240	246	263	
UTC Oxfordshire	Didcot Secondary	4010	Secondary	ACA	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	101	50	73	344	600	150			
Primary/ Nursery Total					528	635	602	607	595	585	573	593	575								4130	4544	635	538	537	
Secondary Total						900								635	568	556	684	653	258	233	3587	4821	900	627	533	

Area context, issues and strategy: Eynsham

Planning context	<p>This area is affected by the planning policies of West Oxfordshire District Council. Many villages in this area have seen housing growth in recent years, in some cases of a scale significant to the village. Longer term, there is planned large-scale growth at Eynsham, with a new Garden Village due to be built alongside the village, and a major extension of the village planned to the west.</p>
Eynsham Primary	<p>Births in this area have fluctuated in recent years, but there has been a downward trend in the Cassington area, and a distinct upward trend since 2018 in the Hanborough area, where there has been significant housing development. Eynsham town itself has also experienced significant fluctuations in local pupil population. Demand for primary school places in this area is forecast to grow strongly after 2026.</p> <p>Some village schools in the area have previously expanded due to pressure on places in rural areas: most recently, in 2021, Hanborough Manor Primary School [3147] expanded from 1 form entry to 1.5 form entry, and Stanton Harcourt [3130] expanded from an admission number of 15 to one of 20 in 2022.</p> <p>The scale of development in Eynsham town is expected to require two new primary schools, which current forecasts indicate may be needed from 2029 onwards, but this timescale will depend on the progress of the housing development.</p>
Eynsham Secondary	<p>Bartholomew School [4054] is consistently popular and oversubscribed. The school has already expanded by one form of entry as the first phase of meeting the need which will be generated by local population growth. As this is ahead of the bulk of the impact from housing growth, in the meantime it has had space to accommodate some non-catchment children. As the local population grows, non-catchment applicants would be displaced back into their local schools. The school is now accommodating post-16 students from Heyford Park School, following that school's movement into the same Trust (see Bicester area comments).</p> <p>Bartholomew has previously expanded to the limit the Trust considers compatible with their site area, which comprises a constrained main site and a detached sports pitch. The Garden Village development next to Eynsham will require significant additional capacity, and the Trust is developing a proposal to expand onto a satellite site within the Garden Village, the timing of which will depend on the delivery of the related housing.</p>

Eynsham

Eynsham				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations
Eynsham Community Primary School	Eynsham Primary	2013	Primary	ACA	96	60	52	53	39	37	35	56	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	334	420	60	41	41
Freeland CoE Primary School	Eynsham Primary	3208	Primary	ACA	0	22	15	13	22	14	21	27	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	134	157	22	17	17
Hanborough Manor CofE School	Eynsham Primary	3147	Primary	ACA	0	45	30	29	27	30	29	29	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	203	315	45	24	25
St Peter's CoE Primary School, Cassington	Eynsham Primary	3651	Primary	ACA	15	15	12	15	17	7	14	17	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	105	15	17	18
Standlake CoE Primary School	Eynsham Primary	3127	Primary	ACA	26	24	12	16	13	17	20	25	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	168	24	13	13
Stanton Harcourt CofE Primary School	Eynsham Primary	3130	Primary	ACA	20	20	14	15	11	16	12	17	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	140	20	8	8
Bartholomew School	Eynsham Secondary	4060	Secondary	ACA	0	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	217	216	214	208	208	154	146	1363	1300	210	228	217
Primary/ Nursery Total					157	186	135	141	129	121	131	171	161								989	1305	186	120	122
Secondary Total						210								217	216	214	208	208	154	146	1363	1300	210	228	217

Area context, issues and strategy: Faringdon

Planning context

This area is affected by the planning policies of the Vale of White Horse District Council (VOWH).

This area comprises Faringdon and surrounding villages, where in recent years there have been significant local concentrations of housing growth, which is still continuing.

In addition to housing growth, Shrivenham and Watchfield primary schools and Faringdon Community College have been affected by RAF personnel movements resulting from the closure of RAF Lyneham, with families being rehoused in this area until sufficient accommodation could be provided close to RAF Brize Norton (Carterton planning area). These schools are also subject to high pupil turnover as they serve overseas students at the Defence Academy, on 1-2 year courses, many of whom bring their families with them. As students arrive after initial allocations, it is vital that some spare capacity is maintained at these schools, but this has been increasingly challenging in years when the local population has grown. More recently, Watchfield has experienced lower intakes.

Faringdon Primary

Due to local concentrations of housing development, especially in Faringdon, Shrivenham and Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor, demand for school places is rising, but unevenly across the area.

Within Faringdon town itself, conversion of the Infant and Junior schools [2561, 2562] to primary schools was approved by the Regional Schools Commissioner in April 2021. The former Infant School, now Folly View Primary School, has moved into new accommodation to the south of the town, while the former Junior School is now The Elms Primary School. Between them, their accommodation can provide a combined capacity of 4 forms of entry, compared to 3 forms of entry previously.

John Blandy Primary School [3230] in the village of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor expanded from 1 form entry to 1.5 form entry in 2020. Despite this, forecasts indicate continued pressure on school places as a result of local housing development. Some of this pressure has been eased through the expansion to 0.5 form entry in 2020 of Longworth Primary School [3234] in an adjoining village. Further expansion of capacity in this area would not be possible without acquiring more school site area. A large planned housing development in the village includes a site for a new primary school, and options for the delivery of the necessary additional capacity will be explored.

The county council is working closely with the Faringdon Learning Trust (the multi-academy trust responsible for most schools in this area) to relocate Shrivenham CE Primary School [3239] onto a new site within a housing development, which would enable it to expand from 1 form entry to 1.5 form entry as required by local population growth. The school is due to move in spring 2024.

Previous expansion of capacity in this area includes:

- Longcot & Fernham [3232] increased in admission number from 17 to 20 in 2017 using space freed up when a preschool relocated off-site.
- Watchfield [2572] was expanded from 1.5 form entry to 2 form entry, and in addition a 'bulge' class was required in 2017 as demand for places fluctuates due to proximity to the Defence Academy.

Faringdon Secondary

Secondary pupil numbers in this area are rising, and demand is forecast to continue to grow. Despite the expansion of Faringdon Community College it is expected to be over-subscribed, but some of this demand is currently from outside the local area. As the local population grows as a result of housing development, pupils from outside the catchment area will be less able to secure a place at the school, and pressure will be displaced to other schools. Of particular relevance is the planned opening in 2025 of the secondary phase of the all-through St John's Academy [4022] in the Wantage planning area at Grove Airfield, which will become an alternative choice for some villages which have previously looked towards Faringdon for secondary education.

The school also currently attracts some pupils from Swindon, where there is major housing growth planned, but sufficient additional school capacity will need to be provided in Swindon as the school's capacity is only expected to be sufficient for its local area.

Faringdon Community College opened a new building in September 2018, which enabled the school to expand to 9 form entry in 2019. This capacity is currently partly dependent on temporary accommodation, for which funding is being sought to replace with permanent.

Faringdon

				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations
Ashbury With Compton Beauchamp CoE Primary School	Faringdon Primary	3852	Primary	ACA	0	15	4	8	16	9	15	15	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	90	15	10	10
Buckland CoE Primary School	Faringdon Primary	3222	Primary	ACA	11	15	14	15	15	14	15	18	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	105	15	15	15
Folly View Primary	Faringdon Primary	2561	Primary	ACA	52	60	53	53	27	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	181	420	60	46	52
John Blandy Primary School	Faringdon Primary	3230	Primary	ACA	0	45	42	40	45	45	32	24	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	261	315	45	55	45
Longcot and Fernham CoE Primary School	Faringdon Primary	3232	Primary	ACA	16	20	20	18	19	19	19	20	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	136	140	20	30	20
Longworth Primary School	Faringdon Primary	3234	Primary	VC	0	15	15	10	10	14	8	6	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	105	15	8	15
Shellingford CoE (Voluntary Aided) School	Faringdon Primary	3854	Primary	VA	0	15	9	15	15	13	15	16	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	105	15	5	8
Shrivenham CoE School	Faringdon Primary	3239	Primary	ACA	0	30	29	27	30	30	28	30	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	201	210	30	22	22
The Elms Primary School	Faringdon Primary	2562	Primary	ACA	0	30	28	28	49	29	91	89	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	404	420	60	30	31

Schools
Watchfield Primary School
Faringdon Community College
Primary/ Nursery Total
Secondary Total

2023/24		2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)															
Allocations	21	239	252														
First preference applications	21	247	247														
Published admission number	60	335	270														
Total capacity	420	2330	1550														
Total pupil numbers	339	1875	1422														
Year 13 pupils	0	95	95														
Year 12 pupils	0	74	74														
Year 11 pupils	0	232	232														
Year 10 pupils	0	251	251														
Year 9 pupils	0	249	249														
Year 8 pupils	0	263	263														
Year 7 pupils	0	258	258														
Year 6 pupils	44	264															
Year 5 pupils	45	263															
Year 4 pupils	60	283															
Year 3 pupils	48	269															
Year 2 pupils	55	281															
Year 1 pupils	47	261															
Reception pupils	40	254															
Published admission number	60	305	270														
Nursery places (PTE)	26	105															
Type of school	ACA																
Sector	Primary																
School code	2572																
Planning Sub-area	Faringdon Primary																
	Faringdon Secondary																

Area context, issues and strategy: Henley

Planning context

This planning area comprises the market town of Henley and the nearby village of Shiplake. While there is some housing development approved or planned in this area, delivery of house building has been slower than previously projected.

This area is affected by the planning policies of South Oxfordshire District Council, but also adjoins Buckinghamshire and Wokingham.

Henley Primary

Births in this area have been falling overall since 2016, and this, combined with slow housing delivery, has resulted in declining demand for primary school places, and a forecast of sustained surplus capacity in this area. However, pupil forecasting in this area has previously been complicated by a pattern of families moving out from London into the existing housing stock, which can increase pupil numbers living in the area faster than would be forecast based on housing growth and births data.

Following several years when there was a shortage of Reception places in Henley, Badgemore Primary School [2513] was expanded. Demand for places in Henley then fell, creating surplus capacity. If the local pupil population does not rise, action may be required to address the surplus places at some schools. Current forecasts indicate that the fall in Reception intakes will stabilise after 2026. Allocations for 2022 and 2023 were higher than forecasts indicated, but there is still significant spare capacity across the planning area.

Henley Secondary

The pupil numbers in the cohorts due to transfer over the next few years from local feeder primary schools are forecast to decline, but Gillotts School [4055] attracts from outside its catchment, and in some cases from outside the county, which makes future pupils numbers more unpredictable, as they will be affected by factors beyond the local area.

In particular, as some pupils currently travel from Reading, Gillotts School may be affected by the planned new secondary school in Reading. There is inevitably uncertainty over the scale of impact that the new school will have but the current forecast is that demand for places will fall slightly once the new school opens.

The school is not expected to expand, but the academy trust has an ambitious planned programme of building works to improve the condition and suitability of its accommodation.

Henley

Henley				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations
Badgemore Primary School	Henley Primary	2513	Primary	COMM	0	30	21	25	15	23	12	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	132	210	30	15	18
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Henley-on-Thames	Henley Primary	3822	Primary	ACA	0	30	9	15	16	20	18	23	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	210	30	10	13
Shiplake CoE School	Henley Primary	3820	Primary	VA	0	28	15	17	24	19	14	16	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	196	28	23	23
Trinity CoE Primary School	Henley Primary	3254	Primary	VC	0	45	45	45	42	44	39	44	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	299	315	45	58	45
Valley Road School	Henley Primary	2512	Primary	COMM	0	30	15	29	17	27	32	29	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	178	210	30	20	27
Gillotts School	Henley Secondary	4077	Secondary	ACA	0	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	200	176	197	181	0	0	954	900	180	200	180
Primary/ Nursery Total					0	163	105	131	114	133	115	130	129								857	1141	163	126	126
Secondary Total						180								200	200	176	197	181	0	0	954	900	180	200	180

Area context, issues and strategy: Kidlington

Planning context

This area is affected by the planning policies of Cherwell District Council.

This area has seen little housing growth in recent years, and at the same time births have been falling; as a result schools have been experiencing falling demand for places. In the Cherwell Local Plan Partial Review there is large-scale housing growth allocated for the edges of this area, between the south of Kidlington and north Oxford, and extending into Yarnton and Begbroke (Woodstock planning area). This will lead to rising pupil numbers, but the full effect will not be felt until beyond the time period covered by current pupil forecasts.

Kidlington Primary

There is currently some surplus capacity in schools in this area due to recent lower birth rates. Intakes at some schools have fluctuated significantly year-to-year, and forecasts suggest that this is a trend that will continue.

During an earlier period of high demand for school places, Edward Feild Primary School [2590] was approved to expand to 2 forms of entry. When the local population dipped, this school temporarily reduced its admission number back to 45. West Kidlington Primary and Nursery School [2021] reduced its PAN to 45 starting in 2023, also as a temporary measure to manage lower local pressures. Because of the reduced pupil numbers, the Local Plan allocated housing developments closest to Kidlington are not currently expected to require additional primary school capacity to be built in Kidlington. The larger allocation either side of Oxford Road is expected to include a new primary school.

Kidlington Secondary

This area has seen falling demand for secondary school places in recent years. Gosford Hill School [4060] has been well located to address past pressure on secondary school places in surrounding areas, but the opening in recent years of new secondary schools in Bicester and Oxford has resulted in those areas now having sufficient school places. As a result, the school currently has surplus capacity. The concentration of planned housing growth around Kidlington will in due course significantly increase demand for secondary school places, but this will inevitably take some time, and the impact will not be felt on pupil numbers until beyond the time period covered by current forecasts.

Gosford Hill School reduced its admission number from 180 to 150 from 2021 onwards. The Department for Education has included the school in the Priority School Building Programme to be rebuilt.

Longer term, the expected pupil generation from the large scale of housing planned across Kidlington, north of Oxford, Yarnton and Begbroke will be met through a combination of fully utilising capacity at Gosford Hill and new school accommodation, with a secondary school site included within the Begbroke development area. (Expansion of Marlborough School in Woodstock, which currently serves Begbroke, would also be required for Woodstock housing growth in the West Oxfordshire Local Plan). As this and the wider area has a complex pattern of housing growth and school capacity expansion, at this stage the timing and exact scale of necessary school capacity expansion cannot be confirmed, but any new school is unlikely to be required before the end of the decade.

Kidlington

Kidlington				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24			
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations	
Dr South's CoE Primary School	Kidlington Primary	3655	Primary	ACA	30	15	13	7	11	17	12	14	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	105	15	7	7
Edward Feild Primary School	Kidlington Primary	2590	Primary	COMM	0	45	36	40	41	36	33	41	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	280	375	45	39	39
North Kidlington Primary School	Kidlington Primary	2357	Primary	COMM	0	45	40	41	46	44	45	45	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	306	315	45	31	31
St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Kidlington	Kidlington Primary	3824	Primary	VA	60	30	25	28	25	27	24	25	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	178	210	30	15	15
West Kidlington Primary and Nursery School	Kidlington Primary	2021	Primary	ACA	60	60	32	39	32	56	39	47	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	295	420	45	36	36
Gosford Hill School	Kidlington Secondary	4082	Secondary	ACA	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	132	120	172	145	70	64	838	1221	150	114	142	
Primary/ Nursery Total					150	195	146	155	155	180	153	172	182								1143	1425	180	128	128	
Secondary Total						150								135	132	120	172	145	70	64	838	1221	150	114	142	

Area context, issues and strategy: OXFORD

Planning context

This area is affected by the planning policies of the Oxford City Council. The Local Plan 2016-2036 includes 11,000 new homes dispersed across the city, with the largest concentrations in Barton and Wolvercote. However, so far housing delivery has not been fast enough to outweigh a sustained fall in births across the city, and primary school pupil numbers have fallen.

The scale of housing growth which can be accommodated within the city boundaries does not meet all of Oxford's identified needs. The surrounding districts include further significant housing growth aimed at meeting Oxford's unmet housing need. In Cherwell district and South Oxfordshire, some of these sites adjoin the city boundary and will affect schools in this planning area, as well as delivering new schools close to the city where needed.

Schools on the edge of the city in surrounding planning areas accommodate some city children, and have been vital in helping to meet the demand for places in past years, in particular Botley Primary School [3223], West Oxford Primary School [2533] and St Swithun's Primary School [3258] (Cumnor area); and Sandhills Primary School [2401] and village schools in the Wheatley area. As primary school pupils numbers have fallen within the city, so there has been less need for pupils to travel out to surrounding schools, although they often remain a preference for Oxford families.

As well as primary, secondary and special schools, Oxford includes four maintained Nursery Schools: Comper Foundation Stage School [1005]; Grandpont Nursery School [1010]; Headington Quarry Nursery School [1006]; and Slade Nursery School [1011].

Oxford Central Primary

Demand for Reception places in this area has fallen in recent years. In addition, there has been a pattern of movement out of the area affecting older cohorts. These trends have combined to result in surplus school capacity. Pupil forecasts do not show growth in this part of Oxford, although due to the concentration of schools in Oxford, changing patterns of parental preference can lead to unforeseen changes in the rolls of individual schools.

In addition to several expansions in in the mid-2010s, further primary capacity was created by using redundant LA office accommodation adjoining St Gregory the Great (secondary) School [4014] to add a primary phase to the school in 2013. This primary school has now split from the secondary phase and become St Frideswide's CE Primary School [2037]. A free school, Tyndale Community School [2008] also opened 2013.

New Hinksey Primary School [3213] has revised its admission number from 28 to 25, and St Francis Church of England Primary School [3253] has revised its admission number from 40 to 30, in both cases for 2022 onwards to better reflect the constraints of their physical accommodation. St Ebbe's CoE Aided Primary School [3833] has revised its PAN from 60 to 30 starting from September 2023. Further reductions in admission numbers at some schools may be appropriate to provide greater stability until the local population grows again.

Oxford East Primary

Demand for school places has been falling in this area, despite this area being one of the main concentrations of housing growth in the city. The resulting surplus capacity is being managed by Bayards Hill School [2015] and New

Marston Primary School [2020] reducing their admission numbers from 60 to 30 for 2022 onwards. Current forecasts indicate that this will provide sufficient Reception places until the end of the decade, but the situation will be reviewed annually as the impact of local housing development unfolds.

Barton Park Primary School [2034] opened in 2020 to serve a large new housing development. Currently admitting up to 30 children per year, its accommodation will eventually accommodate 45 children per year. The site provides potential for the school to grow to an intake of 60 if required by local population growth.

St Andrew's School [3211] has previously run a 7-year cycle of taking a bulge class to make full use of its accommodation and to meet the high demand for places, but as the local population pressure has subsided, this is no longer necessary. From 2024, the school will return to a capacity of 210.

There is significant planned housing growth in South Oxfordshire adjoining this area, at Bayswater and Northfield, and planning for school capacity will take into account the potential for existing schools to support this growth.

**Oxford
North
Primary**

Demand for school places has been falling in this area but growth is forecast due to significant housing development to the north of Oxford, which will not have had its full impact on schools during the current forecast period.

Cotteslowe [2004] and Wolvercote [2534] Schools have both previously been expanded to meet the increase in demand for places in this area. Cotteslowe Primary has temporarily reduced their admission number to 45 from 2022 until the Oxford Gateway housing development starts to generate pupils. The school will then return to 2 forms of entry. Additionally, in order to provide further capacity for this housing development, the potential for further expansion of Wolvercote to 2fe in the longer term has been explored and, if required, may require a split site. Based on the current expected speed of delivery of housing in this area, this expansion would not be expected to be needed before the end of the decade, but the timing of this will be kept under review as further data becomes available.

There is significant planned housing growth in the Cherwell district adjoining this area, which is expected to require a new primary school just north of Oxford, as the existing schools are not expected to have any significant scope for meeting the resulting population growth.

**Oxford
South
Primary**

Demand for Reception places in this area has fallen in recent years, with this trend continuing in 2023/24. In addition, there has been a pattern of movement out of the area affecting older cohorts. These trends have combined to result in surplus school capacity. Pupil forecasts still show no sustained growth in this part of Oxford, although this area has experienced high levels of turnover of pupils in the past, and can therefore be difficult to forecast.

Several local schools were expanded in the early-mid 2010s. Since experiencing falling intakes, Windale Primary School [2025] has reduced their PAN from 60 to 30. Further reductions in admission numbers at some schools may be appropriate to provide greater stability until the local population grows again.

There is significant planned housing growth in South Oxfordshire adjoining this area, and planning for school capacity will take into account the potential for existing schools to support this growth.

Oxford Secondary

There has been rising demand for secondary school places in Oxford in recent years, as the population growth which previously created pressure in primary schools ages. Secondary transfers are now expected to stabilise following the peak of 2022/23, as the more recent fall in birth rates feeds through. In the longer term though, housing growth in and around Oxford will push secondary pupil numbers back up, but this will be beyond the time frame of the current pupil forecast.

Large gaps in popularity between the city's secondary schools have meant that pupils not getting their first preference school have often travelled out of the city, e.g. to Cumnor and Eynsham, but these patterns are changing due to increased availability of places within the city.

To meet the needs of the growing population, Cheney School [4120] has previously expanded by 1fe to an admission number of 270, with capital investment, and Oxford Spires Academy [6907] has increased its admission number from 210 to 220 in its existing accommodation.

The Swan School opened with a 4-form entry intake in temporary accommodation in September 2019, before moving to its permanent site and taking 6 forms of entry from 2021.

Greyfriars Catholic School (which was St Gregory the Great School) [4014] reduced its admission number from 210 to 150 from 2022 onwards, following its conversion from an all-through school to a secondary-only school.

Current school capacity is expected to be sufficient for the scale of housing growth within the city's boundaries, but the large-scale growth around the city is expected to require a new secondary school on the outskirts of Oxford.

Oxford				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
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Comper Foundation Stage School	Oxford Central Nursery	1005	Nursery	LA Nursery School	78		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Grandpont Nursery School	Oxford Central Nursery	1010	Nursery	LA Nursery School	104		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Headington Quarry Foundation Stage School	Oxford East Nursery	1006	Nursery	LA Nursery School	146		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Slade Nursery School	Oxford East Nursery	1011	Nursery	LA Nursery School	156		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Barton Park Primary School	Oxford East Primary	2034	Primary	ACA	44	30	28	15	14	9	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	315	30	23	27
Bayards Hill School	Oxford East Primary	2015	Primary	ACA	60	30	24	41	31	35	28	25	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	243	420	30	25	30
Church Cowley St James CoE Primary School	Oxford South Primary	3210	Primary	VC	100	60	59	57	60	57	53	58	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	404	420	60	49	53
Cuttleslowe Primary School	Oxford North Primary	2004	Primary	ACA	142	60	40	47	32	49	41	42	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	297	420	45	32	37
East Oxford Primary School	Oxford Central Primary	2525	Primary	COMM	52	45	31	32	43	39	43	33	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	252	315	45	32	38
John Henry Newman Academy	Oxford South Primary	2000	Primary	ACA	64	60	40	39	57	47	46	36	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	311	420	60	36	37

Oxford				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
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Larkrise Primary School	Oxford Central Primary	2027	Primary	ACA	52	60	53	56	48	54	52	53	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	363	420	60	51	53
New Hinksey CoE Primary School	Oxford Central Primary	3213	Primary	VC	20	25	17	24	14	17	25	16	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	175	25	10	11
New Marston Primary School	Oxford East Primary	2020	Primary	ACA	52	30	28	41	28	30	45	29	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	257	420	30	24	27
Orchard Meadow Primary School	Oxford South Primary	2024	Primary	ACA	52	60	22	27	29	20	40	43	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	218	420	60	16	17
Our Lady's Roman Catholic Primary School	Oxford Central Primary	3837	Primary	ACA	52	45	45	44	43	42	41	25	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	284	315	45	36	39
Pegasus School	Oxford South Primary	2593	Primary	ACA	94	60	48	50	55	59	59	58	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	386	420	60	54	55
Rose Hill Primary School	Oxford South Primary	2023	Primary	ACA	78	60	34	44	31	42	29	38	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	247	420	60	34	36
St Aloysius' Catholic Primary School	Oxford North Primary	3850	Primary	VA	52	30	22	21	28	25	30	24	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	181	210	30	19	20
St Andrew's CoE Primary School, Oxford	Oxford East Primary	3211	Primary	VC	0	30	31	30	30	30	30	60	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	242	240	30	51	30

Oxford				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
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St Barnabas' CoE Aided Primary School	Oxford North Primary	3833	Primary	VA	24	30	20	18	24	16	29	31	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	166	210	30	20	21
St Christopher's CoE School, Cowley	Oxford Central Primary	2010	Primary	ACA	66	60	46	42	63	40	40	55	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	331	420	60	29	30
St Ebbe's CoE Aided Primary School	Oxford Central Primary	3834	Primary	VA	0	60	43	37	56	50	38	51	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	318	419	30	32	30
St Francis CoE Primary School	Oxford Central Primary	3253	Primary	VC	52	30	26	40	34	21	35	29	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	222	280	30	37	30
St Frideswide CoE Primary School	Oxford Central Primary	2037	Primary	ACA	52	60	38	33	34	42	29	49	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	278	420	60	25	26
St John Fisher Catholic Primary School, Littlemore	Oxford South Primary	3842	Primary	VA	52	30	21	28	26	26	22	25	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	178	210	30	22	22
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Oxford	Oxford East Primary	3839	Primary	ACA	0	60	54	59	60	60	60	60	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	413	416	60	32	36
St Mary and John CoE Primary School	Oxford Central Primary	3835	Primary	VA	0	60	60	58	59	51	53	55	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	386	420	60	60	60

Oxford				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24			
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St Michael's CofE Primary School, Oxford City	Oxford East Primary	3216	Primary	VA	0	30	30	30	30	26	30	25	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	199	210	30	29	30
St Nicholas' Primary and Nursery School	Oxford East Primary	2352	Primary	COMM	72	60	50	48	54	55	60	60	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	385	420	60	42	44
St Philip and James' CoE Aided Primary School Oxford	Oxford North Primary	3836	Primary	ACA	0	60	50	57	59	56	62	58	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	401	420	60	55	57
Tyndale Community School	Oxford Central Primary	2008	Primary	ACA	0	60	46	47	58	53	52	57	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	366	420	60	33	41
Windale Primary School	Oxford South Primary	2025	Primary	ACA	78 + 8	30	25	20	20	26	28	23	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	166	420	30	18	18
Windmill Primary School	Oxford East Primary	2527	Primary	COMM	0	90	90	90	89	90	90	89	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	627	630	90	123	90
Wolvercote Primary School	Oxford North Primary	2534	Primary	ACA	39	45	45	45	44	45	44	45	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	313	315	45	52	45
Wood Farm Primary School	Oxford East Primary	2589	Primary	COMM	0	60	59	58	59	52	57	57	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	402	420	60	47	60
Cheney School	Oxford Secondary	4126	Secondary	ACA	0	270	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	303	285	281	288	276	136	125	1694	1738	270	259	270	

Oxford				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
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Greyfriars Catholic School	Oxford Secondary	4017	Secondary	ACA	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	83	81	158	84	68	64	655	1275	150	55	148
Oxford Spires Academy	Oxford Secondary	7002	Secondary	ACA	0	220	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	241	220	220	222	222	116	104	1345	1350	220	224	220
The Cherwell School	Oxford Secondary	4125	Secondary	ACA	0	270	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	267	273	271	286	283	323	304	2007	1850	270	403	270
The Oxford Academy	Oxford Secondary	4040	Secondary	ACA	0	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	215	205	200	209	199	77	49	1154	1322	210	144	210
The Swan School	Oxford Secondary	4018	Secondary	ACA	0	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	192	183	120	120	0	42	10	667	1260	180	188	180
Primary/ Nursery Total					1488	1510	1225	1278	1312	1264	1304	1309	1358								9050	11400	1465	1148	1150
Secondary Total						1300								1335	1249	1173	1283	1064	762	656	7522	8795	1300	1273	1298

Area context, issues and strategy: Sonning Common

Planning context

This rural area comprises a number of small-medium sized villages. Levels of housing growth in this area are generally low.

This area is affected by the planning policies of South Oxfordshire District Council, but also adjoins the border with Reading, across which there is significant cross-border pupil movement, especially in the secondary age range. Changes in school provision in Reading and Wokingham, for example new schools or housing growth, could affect demand for places in this area.

Sonning Common Primary

As is typical with small village schools, intakes can fluctuate significantly from year to year. The level of births has fluctuated in this area, but has steadily fallen in recent years, resulting in a growth of surplus primary school capacity in this area, which is forecast to continue. Both Kidmore End CoE Primary School [3807] and Sonning Common Primary School [2506] draw significant numbers of pupils from outside of Oxfordshire.

No additional capacity is currently required in this area. The current layout and suitability of Sonning Common Primary School's [2506] accommodation restricts its ability to provide the necessary curriculum spaces in line with its admission number.

Sonning Common Secondary

Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge [4013] plays a key role in providing secondary school places for families living within the Caversham and Emmer Green area in north Reading; the area of Reading which is north of the River Thames (Caversham) is in the designated area of Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge. There has been a sustained shortage of secondary school places in the north of Reading, which results in increased allocations of pupils to Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge. Despite this, Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge currently has significant surplus places.

A new secondary school, River Academy, also run by the Maiden Erlegh Trust, is due to open in Reading in 2024. The new school will, in part, serve the north Reading area, and is expected to reduce the need for Reading pupils to travel to Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge. There is inevitably uncertainty over the scale of impact that the new school will have, but it is expected that demand for places at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge from Reading families could fall significantly.

Sonning Common

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Kidmore End CoE Primary School	Sonning Common Primary	3810	Primary	VA	0	30	20	18	29	18	25	25	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	163	210	30	25	25
Peppard CoE Primary School	Sonning Common Primary	3205	Primary	VC	0	15	10	16	8	15	14	19	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	105	15	11	11
Sonning Common Primary School	Sonning Common Primary	2506	Primary	COMM	0	60	42	47	61	49	57	59	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	373	409	60	33	34
Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge	Sonning Common Secondary	4016	Secondary	ACA	0	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	87	75	75	50	0	0	0	395	980	120	107	150
Primary/ Nursery Total					0	105	72	81	98	82	96	103	97								629	724	105	69	70	
Secondary Total						120								108	87	75	75	50	0	0	395	980	120	107	150	

Area context, issues and strategy: Thame

Planning context	<p>This area is affected by the planning policies of South Oxfordshire District Council, and also adjoins Buckinghamshire, which has a particular impact on secondary school places. The South Oxfordshire Core Strategy allocates 775 homes to Thame by 2027, sites for which have been allocated in the Thame Neighbourhood Plan (TNP) which was adopted in 2013. The draft TNP2 sets out plans for a minimum of 339 further new homes to be accommodated in Thame, some of which are already permitted. In addition, the village of Chinnor has seen significant housing growth.</p>
Thame Town Primary	<p>The south of the town has seen the bulk of housing completions so far, and births here have been rising since 2016, although this is partly balanced by slightly falling births across the rest of the town. As a result, primary school pupil numbers have been rising in recent years. In 2022, there was no spare capacity in Reception across the town, although 2023 allocations were considerably lower.</p> <p>Births data from the Office for National Statistics for 2020 and 2021 indicates that births have now fallen in the town, which should reduce pressure on primary schools in time. GP registration data also confirms this trend.</p> <p>In recent years, to meet planned housing growth, John Hampden Primary School [2591] has been expanded to 2 forms of entry, with Barley Hill Primary School [2462] increasing its intake to 90 in previously built accommodation. It is not thought that the town's schools have potential for further expansion of capacity.</p>
Thame Villages Primary	<p>The largest village in this area, Chinnor, has seen significant housing growth which has attracted many young families to the village, resulting in a rapid rise in primary school numbers. Births data indicate a spike in births in 2019 which has put particular pressure on Reception places in 2023. Data obtained from GP registrations and confirmed by births data from the Office for National Statistics indicates that 2020 and 2021 saw births in this area return to pre-2019 levels, which is forecast to result in some reduction in pressure on school places after 2024. However, only low levels of spare places are forecast, which could quickly be depleted as families move into the village.</p> <p>In 2019, St Andrew's Chinnor [3182] expanded from 1.5 form entry to 2 form entry, since when nearly all spaces have been filled. Initial assessment has been made of the feasibility of expanding Mill Lane Community Primary School [2465] from 1 form entry to 1.5 form entry, as part of a project already planned to replace their temporary accommodation with permanent, and a decision on whether to go ahead with expansion is expected during 2024.</p> <p>The small village school of Tetsworth [2456] is exploring options to grow slightly despite a very cramped site.</p>
Thame Secondary	<p>Lord Williams's School operates across a split site, with Key Stage 3 on the lower school site, and Key Stage 4 and the Sixth Form on the upper school site. The school's catchment extends into Buckinghamshire and two Buckinghamshire primary schools are designated as feeders. The catchment also overlaps that of Icknield Community College (Watlington) at Chinnor. In addition, the school attracts non-catchment applicants, especially from Buckinghamshire as an alternative to selective education.</p>

Demand for secondary school places in Thame is forecast to continue growing, but some of this will be driven by non-catchment demand.

The Academy has expanded to a permanent annual intake of 350 pupils, and a total capacity of 2,250, approved by the Regional Schools Commissioner in October 2021. It is not expected that Lord Williams's would expand further than already planned; given the growth in the catchment population, this is expected to limit the ability of future non-catchment pupils to secure places at the school.

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Thame

				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
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Aston Rowant CoE Primary School	Thame Villages Primary	3180	Primary	VC	0	15	15	14	12	10	6	14	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	105	15	11	15
Barley Hill Primary School	Thame Town Primary	2463	Primary	COMM	0	90	91	82	61	77	78	64	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	518	630	90	52	67
John Hampden Primary School	Thame Town Primary	2591	Primary	COMM	52	60	61	60	60	59	59	59	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	419	418	60	72	60
Mill Lane Community Primary School	Thame Villages Primary	2465	Primary	COMM	52	30	30	30	29	27	30	31	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	206	210	30	33	30
St Andrew's CoE Primary School, Chinnor	Thame Villages Primary	3182	Primary	VC	0	60	60	60	59	59	60	57	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	415	420	60	73	60
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Thame	Thame Town Primary	3828	Primary	ACA	0	30	30	30	30	28	27	21	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	196	210	30	15	20

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					15	9	8	9	12	6	13	7	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	56	9	12
Tetsworth Primary School	Thame Villages Primary	2456	Primary	COMM	15	9	8	9	12	6	13	7	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	56	9	12	12
Lord Williams's School	Thame Secondary	5200	Secondary	VA	0	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	351	349	346	319	323	292	249	2229	2290	350	325	350
Primary/ Nursery Total					119	294	295	285	263	266	273	253	261								1896	2049	294	268	264
Secondary Total						350								351	349	346	319	323	292	249	2229	2290	350	325	350

Area context, issues and strategy: Wallingford

Planning context

This planning area comprises the market town of Wallingford and surrounding villages. It is affected by the planning policies of South Oxfordshire District Council.

As well as a concentration of housing growth in Wallingford town, there is a locally significant scale of housing underway or planned in Benson, Cholsey and Crowmarsh Gifford.

Wallingford Primary

Primary school capacity has been under pressure in this area for several years, requiring a number of school expansions. Demand for places dipped in 2021 but is forecast to grow after 2024 due to recent and proposed housing developments.

Within Wallingford town, the county council is working with the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust to relocate St Nicholas CE Infant School [3244] as part of a major housing development, and extend the age ranges of both this and Fir Tree Junior School [2578] to become full primary schools, expanding overall capacity in the town. The current target completion date for the new school building is 2026.

In the surrounding villages, in 2020 Cholsey Primary School [2596] expanded from 1.5 form entry to 2 form entry. Benson CE Primary School [3181] expanded in 2019 from 1 form entry to 1.5 form entry, for which an additional playing field has been secured from an adjoining housing development. Given the scale of housing growth in the village, further expansion may be required. Brightwell-Cum-Sotwell CoE Primary School [3221] took the decision to accept 30 pupils per year group in both 2021/22 and 2022/23, but does not have physical capacity to accommodate 30 children in all year groups. The academy trust responsible for this school is reviewing accommodation options.

Wallingford Secondary

Recent rapid growth in local primary pupil numbers, along with significant planned/permitted housing growth, has required secondary school expansion. Wallingford School's catchment overlaps that of Icknield Community College in Watlington, which is particularly affected by growth on the Benson side of this area.

Wallingford School [4140] has expanded by 2 forms of entry since 2018, to an admission number of 242 for the 2023/24 school year onwards. The school is not expected to be able to expand further, and current forecasts indicate that demand will continue to exceed the number of places available. In the first instance this will affect pupils living outside of the catchment area, but the scale of planned local housing growth may result in the school's admission number being too low to meet demand from within the catchment area in some years. The planned new secondary school in north east Didcot may help to relieve pressure on places in this area, but is not expected to be built before the end of this decade. Further housing growth (in addition to that already planned and permitted) may therefore result in the local population exceeding the ability of Wallingford School to offer places to its catchment applicants.

Wallingford

Wallingford				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations
Benson CoE Primary School	Wallingford Primary	3181	Primary	ACA	32	45	45	37	33	46	32	31	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	253	315	45	31	31
Brightwell-Cum-Sotwell CoE Primary School	Wallingford Primary	3221	Primary	ACA	0	30	29	24	26	29	23	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	157	140	30	16	17
Cholsey Primary School	Wallingford Primary	2596	Primary	ACA	0	60	44	43	49	42	39	50	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	304	420	60	50	53
Crowmarsh Gifford CoE School	Wallingford Primary	3200	Primary	VC	0	30	30	31	30	29	28	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	208	210	30	32	30
Fir Tree Junior School	Wallingford Primary	2578	Primary	ACA	0	60	0	0	0	60	56	59	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	232	240	60	n/a	n/a
St John's Primary School	Wallingford Primary	2567	Primary	ACA	0	30	30	30	31	30	29	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	210	210	30	38	30
St Laurence CoE School	Wallingford Primary	2039	Primary	ACA	0	15	13	12	16	14	14	12	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	105	15	11	13

Wallingford

Wallingford				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations
St Nicholas' CoE Infants' School and Nursery Class, Wallingford	Wallingford Primary	3244	Primary	ACA	21	60	48	57	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	164	180	60	34	38
Wallingford School	Wallingford Secondary	4142	Secondary	ACA	0	216	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	221	221	222	239	199	145	101	1348	1515	242	253	242
Primary/ Nursery Total					53	330	239	234	244	250	221	224	210								1622	1820	330	212	
Secondary Total						216								221	221	222	239	199	145	101	1348	1515	242	253	242

Area context, issues and strategy: Wantage

Planning context

This area is affected by the planning policies of Vale of White Horse District Council. The Wantage planning area comprises the market town of Wantage in the south, the large and rapidly growing village of Grove in the north, and the smaller villages surrounding both. It has been, and continues to be, a major focus for housing growth in the area, with large developments at Grove Airfield, north of Grove, and NE of Wantage, as well as smaller developments which collectively are having a significant impact on schools.

Wantage North Primary

Demand for primary school places is forecast to grow significantly in this area due to large scale housing growth around Grove, as well as smaller but locally significant developments at East and West Hanney to the north and Stanford in the Vale to the east. To meet this growth a mixture of new and expanded primary schools are required.

The Grove Airfield development is intended to total 2,500 homes; an all-through primary and secondary “free school”, St John’s Academy [4022], was approved for this development. The primary phase of this new school opened in 2023, with the secondary phase due to open in 2025. The primary phase will have 2 forms of entry; a second primary school is also planned within the development, but current forecasts indicate this will not be needed until the end of the decade, although this may change based on the speed of delivery of new housing and will be kept under review.

Grove CE Primary School [3228] has previously expanded from 0.5 form entry to 1 form entry; to expand further additional site area was required, and this has now been secured via a Section 106 legal agreement relating to the adjacent Monks Farm housing development. This provides sufficient site area for the school to expand up to 2 forms of entry as required by local population growth.

Stanford in the Vale Primary School [3240] has a constrained site which would rule out expansion; acquisition of additional land is required and is currently being pursued.

St James, East Hanney [3225] has previously expanded from 0.5 form entry to 1 form entry, and is not expected to expand further.

Wantage South Primary

Demand for primary school places is forecast to grow rapidly in this area due to large scale housing growth centred on Wantage.

A new 2 form entry school opened in 2020 in NE Wantage - Wantage Primary Academy [2033] within the Kingsgrove housing development.

The county council has worked with the Vale Academy Trust on a capital project to provide additional nursery accommodation at St Nicholas CE Primary School in East Challow.

Other schools in this area have constrained sites which would make them difficult to expand if there were to be local population growth.

Wantage Secondary

There is currently one large secondary school in this area, King Alfred’s Academy [4142]. This was previously split across three sites but following a major ESFA/S106-funded site development programme it now operates across two sites.

As a result of the large-scale housing growth in this area, demand for secondary school places is forecast to grow over the coming years. In the short term this has been moderated by a new secondary school in Didcot, to the east, and expansion of Faringdon Community College, to the west, as these provide alternative options for villages in between these towns. As both Faringdon and Didcot are also major areas of growth, over time they will be less able to absorb pressure from the wantage area.

To give local residents confidence that they would be able to secure a place at King Alfred's, in recent years the academy has been operating with an artificially high admission number of 390. In the longer term the new all-through school at Grove Airfield will provide the necessary additional capacity. In the first instance, the new school's secondary phase will be 4 forms of entry, allowing King Alfred's to reduce its admission number back to 290. The new school is expected to need to expand to meet the full scale of local housing growth, but this is not currently expected to be required before the end of the decade.

The new school and King Alfred's will both be operated by the same multi-academy trust. The new school is not currently expected to include a sixth form, with post-16 provision instead being provided at King Alfred's.

Wantage

Wantage				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24			
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations	
St John's CofE Academy	Wantage North Primary	4022	All-through	Free schools	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	420	60	0	41	
Charlton Primary School	Wantage South Primary	2573	Primary	ACA	0	60	59	60	60	60	60	62	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	421	420	60	64	60
Grove CoE School	Wantage North Primary	3228	Primary	ACA	0	30	22	29	29	29	25	30	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	191	210	30	30	30
Millbrook Primary School	Wantage North Primary	2016	Primary	ACA	126	60	58	59	57	60	60	60	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	402	420	60	65	60
St Amand's Catholic Primary School	Wantage South Primary	3856	Primary	VA	0	28	11	13	16	17	13	27	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	150	28	4	4
St James CoE Primary School, Hanney	Wantage North Primary	3225	Primary	ACA	18	30	22	27	24	31	26	30	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	177	210	30	32	30
St Nicholas CofE Primary School	Wantage South Primary	3224	Primary	ACA	13	15	15	14	15	14	14	16	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	105	15	17	15
Stanford In the Vale CofE Primary School	Wantage North Primary	3240	Primary	VC	0	30	24	29	30	30	30	30	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	201	210	30	23	24
Stockham Primary School	Wantage South Primary	2583	Primary	COMM	0	30	30	30	30	31	30	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	211	210	30	46	30
The Hendreds CoE School	Wantage South Primary	3250	Primary	ACA	0	18	20	19	22	18	19	18	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	139	126	18	16	17

Wantage

Wantage				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																		2023/24			
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations
The Ridgeway CoE (C) Primary School	Wantage South Primary	3231	Primary	VC	0	14	15	13	14	14	14	16	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	98	14	10	11
Uffington CoE Primary School	Wantage North Primary	3251	Primary	VC	15	15	10	13	14	14	16	11	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	105	15	11	11
Wantage CoE Primary School	Wantage South Primary	3246	Primary	ACA	60	60	39	57	58	59	61	59	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	392	420	60	40	54
Wantage Primary Academy	Wantage South Primary	2033	Primary	ACA	60	60	35	30	22	16	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	123	420	60	33	47
King Alfred's	Wantage Secondary	4580	Secondary	ACA	0	390	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	334	292	242	240	236	174	187	1705	2205	390	248	283
Primary/ Nursery Total					292	510	360	393	391	393	388	389	347								2661	3314	510	391	434
Secondary Total						450								334	292	242	240	236	174	187	1705	2415	450	248	283

Area context, issues and strategy: Watlington

Planning context

This rural planning area comprises the small town of Watlington and a number of small-medium villages. There have been some locally-significant housing developments approved or planned in this area, especially at Watlington (sites for 238 homes identified in the Neighbourhood Plan) and Chalgrove (sites for 320 homes identified in the Neighbourhood Plan).

The large village of Chinnor lies between Watlington and Thame. For school planning purposes Chinnor is included in the Thame planning area, but the village lies in the overlapping catchment areas of Icknield Community College in Watlington and Lord Williams's School in Thame. Chinnor has seen significant housing growth, not all of which is yet complete, which has put significant pressure on primary school places.

The area also includes the RAF base at Benson, which means there can be high turnover and unpredictability of pupil numbers. Although this can mean there are sometimes space places at RAF Benson School, these cannot be considered available to meet growth pressures from outside the base, as the school needs to retain the ability to respond to short-notice influxes of families. As the school is within the secure boundary of the RAF base, this makes it more difficult for non-military families to attend the school.

This area is affected by the planning policies of South Oxfordshire District Council, whose Local Plan includes a strategic development site for 3,000 homes at Chalgrove Airfield.

Watlington Primary

As is common in small village schools, intakes can vary significantly from year to year, although schools in this area have generally been more stable than many villages.

Births in this area have been variable since 2015, and although there was a sharp increase in 2018, 2019 represented a significant dip. Births data for 2020 and 2021 (the most recent available) suggests something of a recovery. This churn has created some surplus capacity, but pupil numbers are forecast to grow steadily after the low point in 2021 as a result of the locally significant scale of housing growth.

Watlington Primary School reduced its admission number for 45 to 30 in 2021 to manage the dip in local population. The housing growth in the village is expected to result in a need for this admission number to soon go back up again, but the timing of this will depend on the speed of delivery of new housing.

An initial options appraisal of the potential for Chalgrove Primary School to expand indicated that it would be challenging to do so, due to the school's site constraints. A local dip in births has reduced the urgency of expansion, which forecasts now indicate may not be required, but the local school sufficiency data will be kept under careful review, as permitted housing developments are built out.

The SODC Local Plan 2034 proposed strategic redevelopment of Chalgrove Airfield would be expected to require two new primary schools. The timing and size of these would depend on whether Chalgrove Primary School expands in the meantime, as well as on the progress of the Airfield development.

**Watlington
Secondary**

Icknield Community College in Watlington serves not only the schools in this planning area, but also those in Chinnor, which lies in an overlap of catchment areas with Lord Williams's School in Thame. Icknield has experienced rapid growth in pupil numbers in recent years, exceeding its previous capacity in 2019. The intake dipped in 2023, but numbers are forecast to continue to grow after 2024, although the speed and scale of growth will depend on the progress of local housing growth, including the SODC Local Plan 2034 allocation at Chalgrove Airfield.

To meet the needs of local housing growth, Icknield Community College was approved by the Regional Schools Commissioner in 2021 to expand from its previous capacity of 700 places to 850 places. In the first instance this has been achieved using temporary accommodation, until there is further clarity over the Chalgrove Airfield development. This has enabled the school to increase its admission number from 140 to 170 for 2021 onwards.

The school's current site area is under the recommended size for an 850-place school, and an additional playing field area has been secured as part of legal agreements with an adjoining housing development.

In the longer term, if the Chalgrove Airfield development progresses, the intention is to relocate Icknield Community College to the Chalgrove Airfield site, which would enable it to expand further, including adding a sixth form, and also resolve condition and suitability issues relating to its current accommodation. The expected size of the school in that case would be 1,500 places. The "in principle" approval of the Regional Schools Commissioner, on behalf of the Secretary of State, has already been granted for this, subject to the relocation being fully funded.

If the Chalgrove Airfield development is not implemented, a permanent accommodation solution for Icknield Community College on its current site would be required.

Watlington

Watlington				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
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Chalgrove Community Primary School	Watlington Primary	2452	Primary	ACA	26	30	28	28	20	29	30	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	185	210	30	25	25
Ewelme CofE Primary School	Watlington Primary	3755	Primary	VA	0	13	14	11	10	12	9	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	90	13	11	12
Lewknor CoE Primary School	Watlington Primary	3184	Primary	VC	0	15	11	8	16	10	12	9	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	90	15	13	15
RAF Benson Community Primary School	Watlington Primary	2450	Primary	COMM	0	45	26	20	31	22	24	30	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	240	45	26	26
Stadhampton Primary School	Watlington Primary	2455	Primary	ACA	0	15	17	9	19	8	15	13	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	105	15	12	12
Watlington Primary School	Watlington Primary	2459	Primary	ACA	32	30	28	24	28	31	26	17	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	184	315	30	28	29
Icknield Community College	Watlington Secondary	4116	Secondary	ACA	0	170	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	169	152	131	152	139	0	0	743	850	170	121	143
Primary/ Nursery Total					58	148	124	100	124	112	116	102	108								786	1050	148	115	119
Secondary Total						170								169	152	131	152	139	0	0	743	850	170	121	143

Area context, issues and strategy: Wheatley

Planning context

This rural planning area comprises a number of small-medium villages, and also extends to the outskirts of Oxford at Sandhills. As such, the area is affected by not only the planning policies of South Oxfordshire District Council, but also some pupil movement into or out of Oxford.

Significant housing growth is expected in Wheatley, largely through the redevelopment of the former Oxford Brookes University campus, but there is no significant housing growth in other parts of this area.

In addition, this area has experienced falling births in recent years, although the rate of decline does appear to have slowed since 2018.

In addition to primary and secondary schools, this area includes a maintained nursery school, Wheatley Nursery School [1031].

Wheatley Primary

As is common in small village schools, intakes can vary significantly from year to year. The combination of falling births and lack of housing growth has resulted in falling primary school intakes in recent years, and there is currently surplus primary school capacity in this area. This is forecast to be sustained, even after pupil numbers start to grow again, which is currently expected to be after a low point in 2025.

Wheatley CE Primary School [2009] shares a site with Wheatley Nursery School and the primary phase of John Watson (special) School.

Wheatley CE Primary School was previously expanded to 2 forms of entry, and as a result is expected to have sufficient capacity to meet the needs of the currently planned scale of housing growth in Wheatley.

Sandhills Community Primary School [2022] has previously varied its admission number between 30 and 60 in order to respond to pressure on school places, in particular emerging from Oxford. Now that Oxford city has sufficient primary school places, the need for Sandhills to admit higher intakes has been removed, and it has stabilised at an admission number of 30.

Given the expectation of sustained surplus capacity, reductions in admission numbers at some schools may be appropriate to provide greater stability until the local population grows again.

Wheatley Secondary

Wheatley Park School [4077] has a funding agreement capacity of 1,350, which is greater than required for its current admission number of 180. It has previously operated with an admission number of 210. The school was in oversubscribed in 2022, with 210 pupils allocated, which corresponded to the peak cohort in primary schools. Current forecasts indicate the demand for places is expected to be mostly in the 190-200 range.

Wheatley

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Wheatley Nursery School	Wheatley Nursery	1031	Nursery	LA Nursery School	80		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
Beckley CoE Primary School	Wheatley Primary	3256	Primary	ACA	0	20	16	12	15	9	17	18	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	157	20	8	9
Garsington CoE Primary School	Wheatley Primary	3167	Primary	ACA	0	30	30	30	30	30	31	29	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	211	210	30	22	22
Great Milton CoE Primary School	Wheatley Primary	3187	Primary	VC	0	30	19	26	30	19	27	24	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	169	210	30	24	26
Horspath CoE Primary School	Wheatley Primary	3161	Primary	ACA	0	20	22	23	14	22	19	19	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	142	140	20	19	20
Little Milton CoE Primary School	Wheatley Primary	3801	Primary	VA	12	14	6	5	9	8	2	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	91	14	11	11
Marsh Baldon CofE Primary School	Wheatley Primary	3188	Primary	VC	0	12	14	10	12	14	6	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	84	12	7	7

Wheatley

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Sandhills Community Primary School	Wheatley Primary	2022	Primary	ACA	0	30	29	29	29	30	48	38	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	254	330	30	27	30
Wheatley CoE Primary School	Wheatley Primary	2009	Primary	ACA	0	60	58	40	46	37	26	40	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	272	420	60	39	39
Wheatley Park School	Wheatley Secondary	4094	Secondary	ACA	0	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	213	179	176	184	183	103	100	1138	1350	180	225	180
Primary/ Nursery Total					92	216	195	175	185	169	176	182	178								1260	1642	216	157	164
Secondary Total						180								213	179	176	184	183	103	100	1138	1350	180	225	180

Area context, issues and strategy: Witney

Planning context	<p>This area comprises the large market town of Witney and schools in surrounding villages. It is affected by the planning policies of West Oxfordshire District Council, and has long been the main focus for housing growth in the district. One large housing development (1,000 homes at West Witney) is well advanced, along with a number of smaller developments. The Local Plan allocates two further strategic development sites at East Witney (450 homes) and North Witney (1,400 homes). The delivery of these sites will extend well beyond the time period covered by current pupil forecasts.</p>
Witney North Primary	<p>Previous pressure on school places in the North Witney area has eased, and forecasts indicate that demand is expected to continue to fall until planned large-scale housing development in the area starts generating additional pupils in the second half of this decade.</p> <p>This area includes the planned 1,400 home development in NE Witney, which is expected to include a new primary school site. The timescale for this is not yet known. Options will be explored for how the school capacity needs of this development can best be met.</p> <p>In the meantime, Madley Brook Primary School [2002] reduced its annual intake in 2021 from 45 to 30 to better reflect the changing local population profile, and the use of the school's accommodation is under review.</p>
Witney South Primary	<p>This area has seen the bulk of Witney housing growth in recent years, and pupil numbers are forecast to grow over the coming years.</p> <p>Schools in this area include St Mary's Church of England Controlled Infant School [3207] which only covers the younger ages; at Year 3 pupils transfer to a primary school, in most cases going to The Batt Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School [3605] which is therefore 1 form entry at Reception and Key Stage 1, and 2 form entry at Key Stage 2.</p> <p>West Witney Primary School [2601] was previously expanded from 1.5 form entry to 2 form entry to meet the need for places ahead of a new school opening in the large housing development on the west of Witney. That school, Windrush CE Primary School [2038], opened September 2021, built to accommodate 1.5 form entry in the first instance (accepting 1fe initially) but with site area sufficient for 2 form entry should this be required to meet local population growth. Due to slower than expected population growth, this area has some short-term surplus capacity, but this will reduce as the new housing is fully occupied.</p> <p>Due to pupils generated by local housing development, Aston and Cote Church of England Primary School [3120] is expanding to 1 form of entry for September 2024.</p>
Witney Secondary	<p>Secondary pupil numbers in Witney are on a rising trend, and this will continue as the population moving into new housing matures. In the short term, demand for Year 7 places is forecast to peak in 2023, with allocations supporting this. After that there is expected to be a temporary dip in local population before it stabilises and then grows again. However, the adjoining secondary school planning areas of Burford and Eynsham are forecast to be over-subscribed, which may result in greater pressure on places in Witney being sustained.</p>

The scale of local population growth can be met through expansion of the existing schools' capacity, rather than requiring a new school.

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Witney

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Aston and Cote CoE Primary School	Witney South Primary	3120	Primary	VC	0	25	21	25	26	27	23	24	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	168	175	25	19	20
Ducklington Primary School	Witney South Primary	3122	Primary	VC	105	30	21	20	24	30	29	28	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	184	208	30	25	25
Finstock CoE Primary School	Witney North Primary	3040	Primary	ACA	20	15	2	2	2	5	4	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	105	15	3	3
Hailey CoE Primary School	Witney North Primary	3123	Primary	VC	30	15	12	15	10	13	16	15	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	105	15	13	13
Madley Brook Community Primary School	Witney North Primary	2002	Primary	ACA	48	30	27	30	30	30	42	45	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	252	315	30	26	27
North Leigh CoE School	Witney North Primary	3128	Primary	ACA	0	30	23	20	30	26	24	28	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	181	210	30	16	16
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, Witney	Witney South Primary	3823	Primary	ACA	0	30	17	24	29	29	23	29	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	181	210	30	23	24
Queen Emma's Primary School	Witney South Primary	2304	Primary	ACA	0	45	25	14	41	35	23	30	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	220	315	45	14	15
St Mary's CoE Infant School	Witney South Primary	3207	Primary	ACA	0	30	24	27	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	90	30	22	24
The Batt CoE Primary School	Witney South Primary	3605	Primary	ACA	0	30	30	29	32	58	57	60	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	326	316	30	25	29
The Blake CoE Primary School	Witney North Primary	3600	Primary	ACA	0	60	48	49	49	34	54	59	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	353	420	60	38	38

Witney

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Tower Hill Community Primary School	Witney South Primary	2303	Primary	ACA	84	30	21	25	28	30	20	30	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	185	210	30	17	17
West Witney Primary School & Nursery	Witney South Primary	2601	Primary	COMM	30	60	60	53	60	60	60	59	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	411	420	60	47	49
Windrush CoE Primary School	Witney South Primary	2038	Primary	ACA	0	30	29	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	315	30	41	30
Witney Community Primary School	Witney North Primary	2302	Primary	ACA	58	30	19	21	25	30	31	29	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	185	210	30	23	23
The Henry Box School	Witney Secondary	4054	Secondary	ACA	0	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	190	175	174	176	188	74	83	1060	1469	240	167	202
Wood Green School	Witney Secondary	4055	Secondary	ACA	0	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	208	211	216	234	204	69	83	1225	1335	240	264	240
Primary/ Nursery Total					375	490	379	384	415	407	406	440	477								2908	3624	490	352	353
Secondary Total						480								398	386	390	410	392	143	166	2285	2804	480	431	442

*Up to 30 additional children are admitted into Year 3 of The Batt CE (VA) Primary School each year to accommodate transfer from St Mary's CE Infants School

Area context, issues and strategy: Woodcote

Planning context

This rural planning area comprises a number of small-medium sized villages which in most cases have seen only low levels of housing growth. The village of Goring is the main focus of growth with the Neighbourhood Plan allocating sites for approximately 94 new homes.

This area is affected by the planning policies of South Oxfordshire District Council, but also adjoins West Berkshire and Reading.

Woodcote Primary

As is common in small village schools, intakes can vary significantly from year to year. Births in this area have been falling steadily since 2014, which has resulted in falling primary school intakes. As a result, there is currently surplus capacity. The fall in Reception intakes is forecast to now stabilise, but spare places in the area as a whole are forecast to be sustained.

However, this area in the past has grown faster than forecasts based on housebuilding and births alone, as it can attract families moving out from London. Careful monitoring of pupil numbers is therefore necessary.

Based on current pupil forecasts, there is no need for additional capacity in this area. Schools with very low pupil numbers could benefit from close partnership working to improve financial sustainability.

Woodcote Secondary

Langtree School is consistently oversubscribed and is operating above its funding agreement capacity of 591, with 623 pupils on roll in 2023.

The academy has identified the need for another classroom to ease strain on its accommodation, and is developing a capital project to address this.

Although the school is over-subscribed, there are spare places at schools in the wider area, and given the lack of forecast population growth, there is no current evidence that the school needs to expand further.

Woodcote

Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations
Checkendon CoE (A) Primary School	Woodcote Primary	3803	Primary	VA	0	15	3	14	5	10	4	9	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	105	15	8	8
Goring CoE Aided Primary School	Woodcote Primary	3807	Primary	ACA	0	30	24	15	24	22	22	27	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	162	210	30	15	15
Nettlebed Community School	Woodcote Primary	2504	Primary	COMM	0	20	22	21	12	23	16	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	124	140	20	26	26
South Stoke Primary School	Woodcote Primary	2507	Primary	COMM	0	7	1	4	9	3	4	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	52	7	5	5
Stoke Row CofE Primary School	Woodcote Primary	3206	Primary	VA	0	15	5	10	13	8	12	10	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	105	15	11	11
Whitchurch Primary School	Woodcote Primary	2208	Primary	COMM	0	20	19	21	20	22	20	20	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	140	20	23	20
Woodcote Primary School	Woodcote Primary	2510	Primary	COMM	0	30	21	26	19	29	23	26	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	174	210	30	18	19
Langtree School	Woodcote Secondary	4120	Secondary	ACA	0	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	121	119	120	142	121	0	0	623	591	120	148	120
Primary/ Nursery Total					0	137	95	111	102	117	101	112									750	962	137	106	104
Secondary Total						120								121	119	120	142	121	0	0	623	591	120	148	120

Area context, issues and strategy: Woodstock

Planning context

This area is affected by the planning policies of West Oxfordshire District Council and Cherwell District Council.

The area comprises the town of Woodstock, where there is housing growth planned in the West Oxfordshire Local Plan, some of which is already underway, and the surrounding villages, which have generally seen low levels of housing growth in recent years.

In the Cherwell Local Plan there is large-scale housing growth allocated for the south of this area, at Yarnton and Begbroke. Cherwell District Council is also consulting on a further development of 450 homes south of Woodstock for inclusion in the Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040.

Woodstock Primary

Primary school intakes in many village schools have fluctuated – across the area as a whole there has been some growth, but this has not been evenly distributed. There is currently surplus capacity in some schools in this area, while others are at or close to full capacity. The main areas of housing growth now planned are at Woodstock, Yarnton and Begbroke, which will require additional primary school capacity; schools in villages without housing growth may see falling demand for places.

Woodstock CE Primary School [3145] has previously been expanded to 1.5 form entry, and from 2024 will be further expanded to 2 forms of entry to meet the housing growth underway and planned for Woodstock town.

To meet the needs of an earlier housing development, William Fletcher Primary School [2354] in Yarnton was expanded to 1.5 form entry. Intakes at the school have since fluctuated as the housing development matured, and the published admission number has temporarily returned to 30 until the local demand for places grows again. The Cherwell Local Plan allocates a site for 540 new homes just north of the school site; this is expected to require the expansion of the school to 2 forms of entry.

The scale of growth planned at Begbroke is expected to require two new primary schools. The timing and order of delivery of the new school(s) and the expansion of William Fletcher will depend on how the associated housing developments progress, and current pupil forecasts indicate that additional capacity will start to be required towards the end of the decade.

Bladon CE Primary School [3146] has previously seen small-scale expansion to be able to accommodate housing growth in the village, but is on a very constrained site and is not thought able to expand further.

Bletchingdon Parochial CE Primary School [3141] relocated to a new site in order to expand to 0.5 forms of entry in 2015. Intakes have fluctuated, as is common in small village schools.

Stonesfield Primary School [2353] reduced its admission number from 30 to 20 from 2022 onwards, to better reflect the constraints of its accommodation and local levels of demand.

Wootton-by-Woodstock CE Primary School [3657] closed in September 2023, as a result of very low pupil numbers and significant surplus capacity, with only 25

pupils on roll for the whole school in January 2022. GP registration data showed no indication of an imminent increase in pupil numbers. For 2022/23, Wootton pupils were taught at Tackley Primary School [3144] (also run by Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust), to where they then permanently transferred.

**Woodstock
Secondary**

The Marlborough School [4560] has been consistently popular and has very little spare capacity. A particularly large pupil cohort in the local primary schools transferred to secondary school in 2022, and to accommodate this the school took a bulge year, temporarily increasing their admission number from 180 to 210. There is now expected to be a certain degree of fluctuation in local population, before the local housing development generates more sustained growth.

As well as the housing developments in Woodstock town, the school also serves the Begbroke and Yarnton areas where there is larger scale housing included in the Cherwell Local Plan.

Marlborough School is working with the county council to plan a permanent one-form expansion; the necessary accommodation will be funded from developer contributions.

This expansion is related to the housing growth in the town, as set out in the West Oxfordshire Local Plan. It will not be able to also meet the scale of growth in the Cherwell Local Plan at Yarnton and Begbroke (as well as between Kidlington and north Oxford). This will be met through new school accommodation, with a secondary school site included within the Begbroke development area. As this and the wider area has a complex pattern of housing growth and school capacity expansion, at this stage the timing and exact scale of the new provision at Begbroke cannot be confirmed, but current forecasts indicate it is unlikely to be required before the end of the decade.

Woodstock

Woodstock				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																			2023/24		
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations
Bladon CoE Primary School	Woodstock Primary	3146	Primary	VC	0	14	14	12	11	18	13	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	98	14	16	14
Bletchington Parochial CoE Primary School	Woodstock Primary	3141	Primary	VA	30	15	13	9	12	11	14	14	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	105	15	9	10
Combe CofE Primary School	Woodstock Primary	3142	Primary	VC	0	17	18	18	17	16	15	17	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	105	17	16	17
Kirtlington CoE Primary School	Woodstock Primary	3500	Primary	VA	0	15	14	13	12	13	7	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	105	15	15	15
Stonesfield Primary School	Woodstock Primary	2353	Primary	COMM	0	20	10	15	12	15	16	17	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	140	20	15	16
Tackley CoE Primary School	Woodstock Primary	3144	Primary	ACA	0	15	14	10	19	8	14	15	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	105	15	12	12
William Fletcher Primary School	Woodstock Primary	2354	Primary	COMM	0	30	28	42	44	34	53	35	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	266	315	30	27	27
Woodstock CoE Primary School	Woodstock Primary	3145	Primary	VC	52	45	45	37	44	44	40	45	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	297	315	60	38	39

Woodstock

Woodstock				2022/23 (data correct as of Jan 2023)																	2023/24					
Schools	Planning Sub-area	School code	Sector	Type of school	Nursery places (PTE)	Published admission number	Reception pupils	Year 1 pupils	Year 2 pupils	Year 3 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Year 5 pupils	Year 6 pupils	Year 7 pupils	Year 8 pupils	Year 9 pupils	Year 10 pupils	Year 11 pupils	Year 12 pupils	Year 13 pupils	Total pupil numbers	Total capacity	Published admission number	First preference applications	Allocations	
Wootton-By-Woodstock CoE Primary School	Woodstock Primary	3752	Primary	VA	0	10	5	5	3	2	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	70	0	0	0
The Marlborough CoE School	Woodstock Secondary	4600	Secondary	ACA	0	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	210	179	180	179	175	77	72	1072	1138	210	199	180	
Primary/ Nursery Total					82	181	161	161	174	161	174	169	143									1143	1358	186	148	150
Secondary Total						210								210	179	180	179	175	77	72	1072	1138	210	199	180	

6. SPECIAL EDUCATION PROVISION

Special Education & Disabilities Provision (SEND) is provided through a mixture of special schools and specialist resource provision units for children with a specific need, e.g. hearing impairment or autism, based on the sites of the mainstream schools. In addition to the maintained schools shown, a number of Further Education colleges and independent providers supply additional capacity.

Despite expansions of SEND capacity in recent years, demand for special school places has grown faster than supply, resulting in increasing dependence on the independent and non-maintained special school sector. Oxfordshire has embarked upon a programme of work to significantly expand the county's maintained provision for SEND, to not only keep up with population growth, but also ensure the High Needs budget is used more effectively to better meet the needs of children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities.

Oxfordshire's SEND Sufficiency Delivery Strategy (available at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolplanning) provides detailed information on Oxfordshire's SEND context, as well as recent and planned changes in SEND provision in the county. This strategy will be updated annually.

The following pages provide a summary of current and confirmed future special education provision in Oxfordshire's maintained school sector.

SEND types of need - glossary

ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
C&I	Communication & Interaction (includes ASD and SLCN)
C&L	Cognition & Learning (includes SpLD, MLD, SLD, PMLD)
HI	Hearing Impairment
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulty
MSI	Multi-Sensory Impairment
PD	Physical Disability
PMLD	Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulty
SEMH	Social, Emotional and Mental Health. This category replaced Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulty (BESD) in 2015.
SLCN	Speech, language and Communication Needs
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulty
SpLD	Specific Learning Difficulty (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia, attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder, dyscalculia and dysgraphia)
VI	Visual Impairment

Special schools

Code	Name	Location	Type of school	Age range	Funded places 2023/24	Capacity by 2027 including confirmed expansions	Details
7029	Bardwell School	Bicester	ACA	All age	110	118	Community special school - primarily for pupils with SLD / PMLD needs. Expansion project recently completed.
7030	Bishopswood School	Sonning Common & Henley	ACA	All age	77	77	Community special school - primarily for pupils with SLD / PMLD needs. Operates across two sites in Sonning Common, colocated with mainstream schools. Academy conversion January 2023, joining the Propellor Trust. Expansion project has been initiated, timeline to be confirmed.
NEW	Bloxham Grove Academy	Bloxham	ACA	KS2-KS5	55	118	SEMH / ASD needs. New school being delivered through the DfE Free School programme, opening January 2024 - it will take a few years for all places to become available, capacity shown is the maximum eventual capacity.
7033	Endeavour Academy, Oxford	Oxford	ACA	KS2-KS5	32	32	ASD / SLD needs. Opened in 2014. Site includes residential provision.
NEW	Faringdon New School	Faringdon	ACA	KS2-KS5	0	118	SEMH / ASD needs. New school being delivered through the DfE Free School programme. Due to open in 2026 - it will take a few years for all places to become available, capacity shown is the maximum eventual capacity.
7027	Fitzwaryn School	Wantage	ACA	KS2-KS5	119	119	Community special school - primarily for pupils with SLD / PMLD needs.
7010	Frank Wise School	Banbury	COM	All age	120.4	120.4	Community special school - primarily for pupils with SLD / PMLD needs.
7011	John Watson School	Wheatley	COM	All age	106.25	111	Community special school - primarily for pupils with SLD / PMLD needs. Split across two sites, colocated with mainstream schools. Expansion project recently completed.
7000	Kingfisher School	Abingdon	ACA	All age	110	112	Community special school - primarily for pupils with SLD / PMLD needs. Expansion project recently completed.
7020	Mabel Prichard School	Oxford	ACA	All age	110	110	Community special school - primarily for pupils with SLD / PMLD needs. Split across two sites, colocated with mainstream schools. Feasibility of expansion being assessed.
5950	Northern House Academy	Oxford	ACA	Primary	86	86	SEMH needs.
7004	Orion Academy	Oxford	ACA	Secondary	102	108	SEMH needs. Completely rebuilt and expanded in 2021.
7012	Springfield School	Witney	ACA	All age (no 6th form)	110	110	Community special school - primarily for pupils with SLD / PMLD needs. Split across two sites, colocated with mainstream schools. Feasibility of expansion being assessed.
7018	The Iffley Academy	Oxford	ACA	KS3-KS5	180	180	SEMH / ASD / complex MLD needs. Mostly rebuilt in 2020.
7002	Woodeaton Manor School	Woodeaton, nr Oxford	COM	KS2-KS5	84	84	SEMH needs.
TOTAL PLACES					1401.65	1603.4	

Resource bases

Code	Name	Location	Type of school	Age range	Funded places 2023/24	Capacity by 2027 including confirmed expansions	Details
2034	Barton Park Primary School	Oxford	ACA	Primary	0	8	SEMH needs. This is a new school, opened in 2020. Resource base will open once pupil numbers at the school have grown sufficiently.
2036	Cherry Fields Primary School	Banbury	ACA	Primary	4	8	C&I needs. This is a new school, opened in 2020. Resource base opening 2023/24.
4127	Fitzharrys School	Abingdon	ACA	Secondary	12	12	C&I needs.
2014	Gagle Brook Primary School	Bicester	ACA	Primary	12	12	C&I/SEMH needs. Base opened 2022.
4125	Larkmead School	Abingdon	ACA	Secondary	0	0	HI needs. Base not currently in use.
4580	Lord Williams's School	Thame	ACA	Secondary	20	20	C&I needs.
2020	New Marston Primary School	Oxford	ACA	Primary	8	8	HI needs.
2607	Southwold Primary School	Bicester	ACA	Primary	12	12	C&I/SEMH needs. Base opened 2021.
3182	St Andrew's Church of England Primary School	Chinnor	VC	Primary	9	10	C&I needs.
2352	St Nicholas' Primary and Nursery School	Oxford	COM	Primary	15	14	C&I needs.
4116	The Cherwell School	Oxford	ACA	Secondary	30	30	C&I (20) and HI(10) needs.
4560	The Marlborough Church of England School	Woodstock	ACA	Secondary	24	24	C&I and PD needs.
4007	The Warriner School	Bloxham	ACA	Secondary	12	12	C&I needs.
4017	Whitelands Academy	Bicester	ACA	Secondary	8	8	SEMH needs. Base opened 2021.
2038	Windrush CoE Primary School	Witney	ACA	Primary	0	6	C&I / ASD needs. This is a new school, opened in 2021. Resource base due to open 2024/25.
4052	Wood Green School	Witney	ACA	Secondary	20	20	MLD needs.
NEW	St John's Academy	Grove	ACA	All age	0	tbc	SEMH / ASD needs. This is a new school, due to open in 2023 (primary) and 2025 (secondary). Resource base will open once pupil numbers at the school have grown sufficiently. DfE approval for a resource base of up to 60 places.
TOTAL PLACES					186	204	

In addition to the schools shown above, there are two further specialist establishments.

Meadowbrook College is an Alternative Provision (AP) academy that delivers Oxfordshire's Pupil Referral Unit and Reintegration Service. The school is funded by the DfE for 104 full-time places in 2023/24. These are offered as a mixture of short-term and longer term, and full-time and part-time, provision. Numbers therefore fluctuate throughout the year. The school is located across three sites in Oxfordshire: Banbury, Oxford and Abingdon.

The Oxfordshire Hospital School, based across a number of settings throughout the county, provides education for children and young people aged 4-19 who are unable to attend their home school due to a wide range of medical and mental health needs. Pupils may access education through the Hospital School for varied periods of time.

Further work is underway to identify how to increase provision to meet special educational needs and disabilities across the county. This is detailed in the annual SEND Sufficiency Delivery Strategy.