



SCHOOL PLACES PLAN and CAPACITY STRATEGY

2020 - 2024

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1. Introduction

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

2. Executive Summary

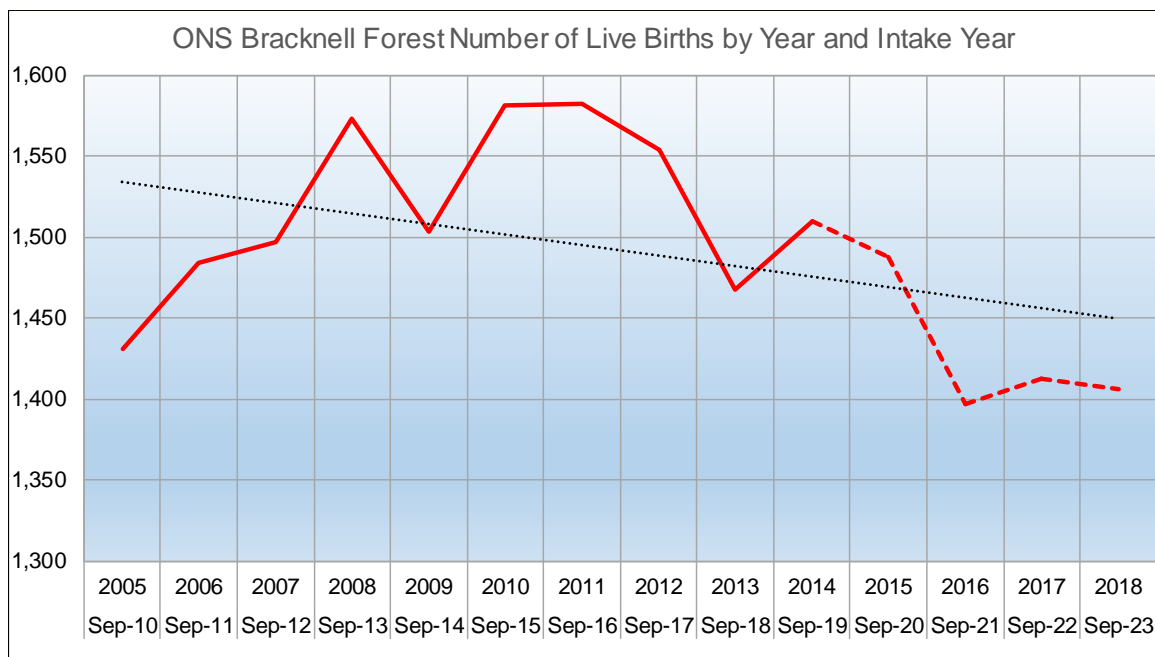
- 2.1 Bracknell Forest is moving from a time of scarcity of school places to a time of surplus school places.
- 2.2 The birth rate and primary school numbers are decreasing across the Borough.
- 2.3 Secondary numbers however are still increasing as the previous rise of primary numbers is now working its way up through secondary schools.
- 2.4 Pupil numbers are forecast to change between 2020 to 2024:
 - Early Years - decrease by 10% (299)
 - Primary - decrease by 7% (756)
 - Secondary KS 3 & 4 - increase by 9% (596)
 - Post 16 - increase by 39% (381)
 - SEN - increase by 12% (378)
- 2.5 Forecasts indicate that there will be enough mainstream school places across all sectors in all planning areas to meet this forecast demand, and there are no plans to add any additional school capacity during this forecast period. The significant increase in post 16 numbers relates to the future opening of the sixth form at Kings Academy Binfield.
- 2.6 Where significant surpluses of places put pressure on school budgets, removal of surplus teaching space may be required at some schools, by:
 - Converting teaching spaces to other uses e.g. learning support
 - Removing temporary accommodation
 - Mothballing part of a school
 - Finding alternative compatible uses for some of the accommodation
 - Leasing out surplus accommodation to paying tenants

3. Factors Affecting Pupil Numbers and School Places

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

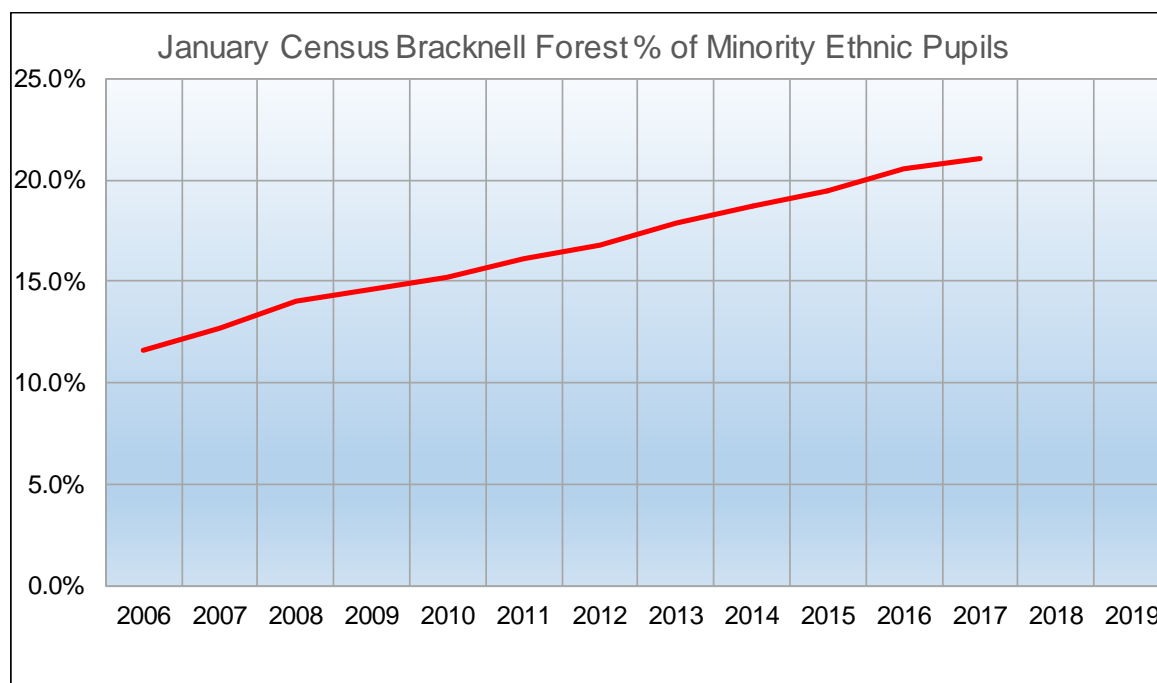
Birth Rate

3.2 ONS population estimates suggest that the birth rate in Bracknell Forest is decreasing, and this is confirmed by data from the NHS.



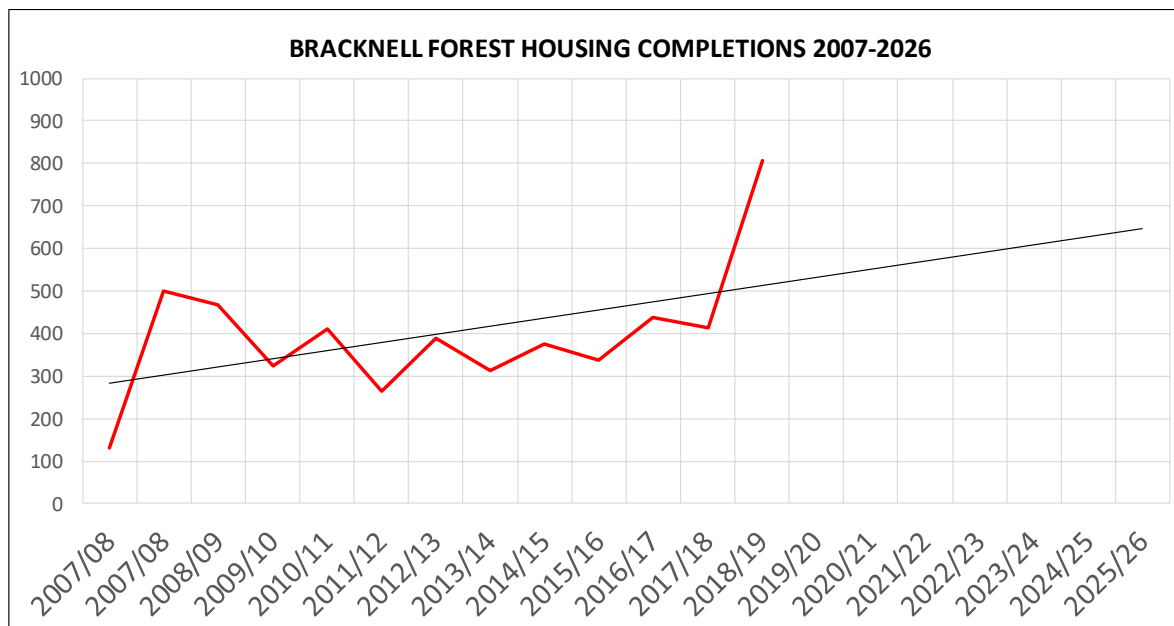
Immigration

3.3 Immigration and the proportion of pupils in schools from a minority ethnic background is steadily increasing.



New Housing

- 3.4 Up to approximately 8,100 new houses may be built across the Borough during the forecast period, based on the housing sites identified in the 2013-26 Site Allocations Local Plan (SALP), and proposed new housing in receipt of planning permission.



- 3.5 It should be noted however that in the past new housing numbers have often come on more slowly than anticipated, and that the timescales for the delivery of new housing is in the hands of developers and is outside the Council's direct control. Various factors may affect the timescale for new house building, including market forces, interest rates on mortgages and employment opportunities in the local area.
- 3.6 The majority of the proposed new housing is in the North Bracknell planning area.

Pupil Yields Arising from New Housing

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

Pupil Mobility

- 3.8 Internal migration within the Borough for the 2019 intake years is set out on the tables below:

Primary Internal Migration Sep-19 Intake Year

FROM	TO						Total	
	North Bracknell		South Bracknell		Crowthorne & Sandhurst			
North Bracknell	481	35.5%	42	3.1%	2	0.1%	525	39%
South Bracknell	86	6.3%	497	36.7%	13	1.0%	596	44%
Crowthorne & Sandhurst	2	0.1%	2	0.1%	231	17.0%	235	17%
Total	569	42%	541	40%	246	18%	1,356	100%

Secondary Internal Migration Sep-19 Intake Year

FROM	TO						Total	
	North Bracknell		South Bracknell		Crowthorne &			
North Bracknell	304	21.7%	165	11.8%	3	0.2%	472	34%
South Bracknell	60	4.3%	502	35.8%	65	4.6%	627	45%
Crowthorne & Sandhurst	0	0.0%	15	1.1%	287	20.5%	302	22%
Total	364	26.0%	682	48.7%	355	25.3%	1,401	100%

3.9 Pupil mobility is also higher where this is associated with staffing changes at the Royal Military Academy (RMA). Schools in the Crowthorne and Sandhurst planning area regularly receive new pupils unexpectedly and therefore typically have pupil mobility in excess of 20%, which is higher than the national average.

3.10 Traveller families are another factor affecting pupil mobility, and this can be difficult to forecast. There is a permanent designated Traveller Site with 13 pitches in the Crowthorne and Sandhurst school planning area.

Boundary Issues with Neighbouring Local Authorities

3.11 Bracknell Forest shares boundaries with Wokingham, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead (RBWM), Hampshire and Surrey, but the majority of cross-border movement occurs with Wokingham and RBWM.

3.12 There are several legacy issues derived from the way that Berkshire County Council organised its school places:

- Two Bracknell Forest primary schools (Ascot Heath and Cranbourne) are in the designated area of Charters Secondary School, located in RBWM.
- The Wokingham primary schools at Hatch Ride and Oaklands are in the designated area of Edgbarrow Secondary School in Bracknell Forest.
- The designated area of the RBWM South Ascot primary school extends into the eastern part of Bracknell Forest.

3.13 The impact of this cross-border legacy on the September 2019 intake is set out on the table below and this reveals that Bracknell Forest is a net exporter of 54 pupils, which is 1.9% of the total numbers on roll:

September 2019 Intake Year Cross Border Migration	Secondary Y7		Primary YR		Totals
Inward Migration: Offers made to non BF residents for BF schools	120	71%	48	29%	168
Outward Migration: Offers made to BF residents for non BF schools	147	66%	75	34%	222
Totals:	267	68%	123	32%	390

New Schools

3.14 New schools may cause some turbulence in demand for school places through parental preference for new facilities and the time taken for new schools to fill up in all year groups. The new schools in Bracknell Forest are the Kings Academy Binfield and Kings Academy Oakwood North Bracknell which opened in September 2018 and September 2019 respectively.

Denominational Education

3.15 There are ten Church of England and Catholic primary schools within Bracknell Forest and one Church of England secondary Academy, which together meet the demand for denominational education in the Borough;

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| • Binfield | CE primary voluntary aided |
| • Crowthorne | CE primary voluntary controlled |
| • Jennett's Park | CE primary academy |
| • Ranelagh Academy | CE secondary academy |
| • St Joseph's | RC primary voluntary aided |
| • St Margaret Clitherow | RC primary academy |
| • St Michael's Easthampstead | CE primary voluntary aided |
| • St Michael's Sandhurst | CE primary voluntary aided |
| • Warfield | CE primary voluntary controlled |
| • Winkfield St Marys | CE primary voluntary controlled |

3.16 Voluntary Aided schools are their own admissions authorities and the Governing Bodies set their own admissions arrangements. For Voluntary Controlled Schools the Council is the admissions authority and they follow the Council's co-ordinated scheme of admissions.

- 3.17 There is no Catholic secondary school in the Borough so parents preferring a Catholic education for their children must apply to schools outside the Borough.
- 3.18 Ranelagh CE academy, St Michael's Easthampstead CE primary and St Joseph's RC primary schools do not have Bracknell Forest designated areas. They accept pupils drawn from wider geographical areas.
- 3.19 All the above denominational schools have been included in the SPP forecasts.

Free Schools and Academies

- 3.20 Are state-funded schools but are independent of the Local Authority and are established through the DfE academies programme as either sponsored or converter academies.
- 3.21 There are currently nine academy schools in Bracknell Forest;
- Ranelagh Academy CE secondary
 - St Margaret Clitherow RC Primary
 - Edgbarrow Secondary
 - The Brakenhale Secondary
 - Crown Wood Primary
 - Jennett's Park CE Primary
 - Great Hollands Primary
 - Kings Academy Binfield Primary and Secondary
 - Kings Academy Oakwood Primary
- 3.22 Academies and Free Schools are their own Admission Authorities, and their admissions arrangements are determined by their governing bodies in agreement with the Education Funding Agency. The Council would reasonably expect to be consulted on changes to academies' admissions arrangements, but cannot determine them, and this may impact on the Authority's ability to manage the supply of school places.

Admission Over the PAN

- 3.23 Under the revised 2014 School Admissions Code, individual schools can admit over their Published Admission Numbers (PAN). Schools may also admit over the PAN where parents win admissions appeals.
- 3.24 This can impact on the Council's ability to manage the supply of school places if schools take pupils that might otherwise have taken places at other schools.

School	Sep-14	Sep-15	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-19	Total
Brakenhale academy				1		8	9
Crown Wood academy		1					1
Edgbarrow academy	3		31	2	1	30	67
Garth Hill College		5	4				9
Ranelagh academy					9	9	18
Sandhurst					1		1
St Margaret Clitherow academy				1			1
Totals:	3	6	35	4	11	47	106

Selective Education

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

Independent schools

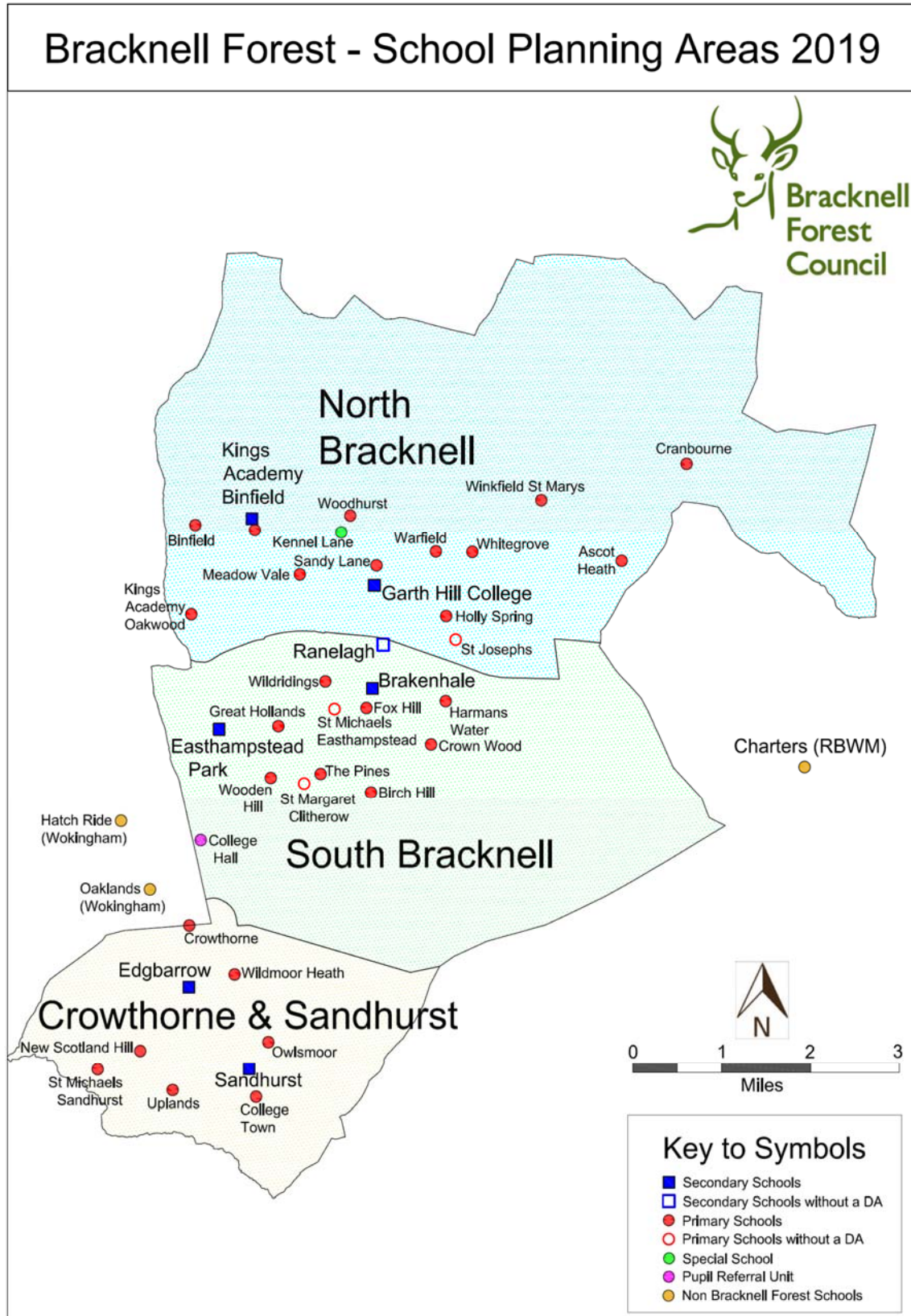
- 3.26 Some parents send their children to independent schools, and there are five such schools in Bracknell Forest;

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| • Licensed Victuallers' School | Co-educational primary and secondary |
| • Heathfield | Secondary girls' school |
| • Wellington College | Co-educational for pupils aged 13 to 18 |
| • Eagle House | Co-educational preparatory school |
| • Lambrook-Haileybury | Co-educational preparatory school |

4. Planning Areas

4.1 Bracknell Forest is divided into three Planning Areas for school places:

- North Bracknell
- South Bracknell
- Crowthorne & Sandhurst



5. Schools

5.1 There are 37 schools in this SPP which are set out on the table below:

Planning Area	School	Type	Status	Designated Area
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North Bracknell

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

South Bracknell

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

Crowthorne & Sandhurst

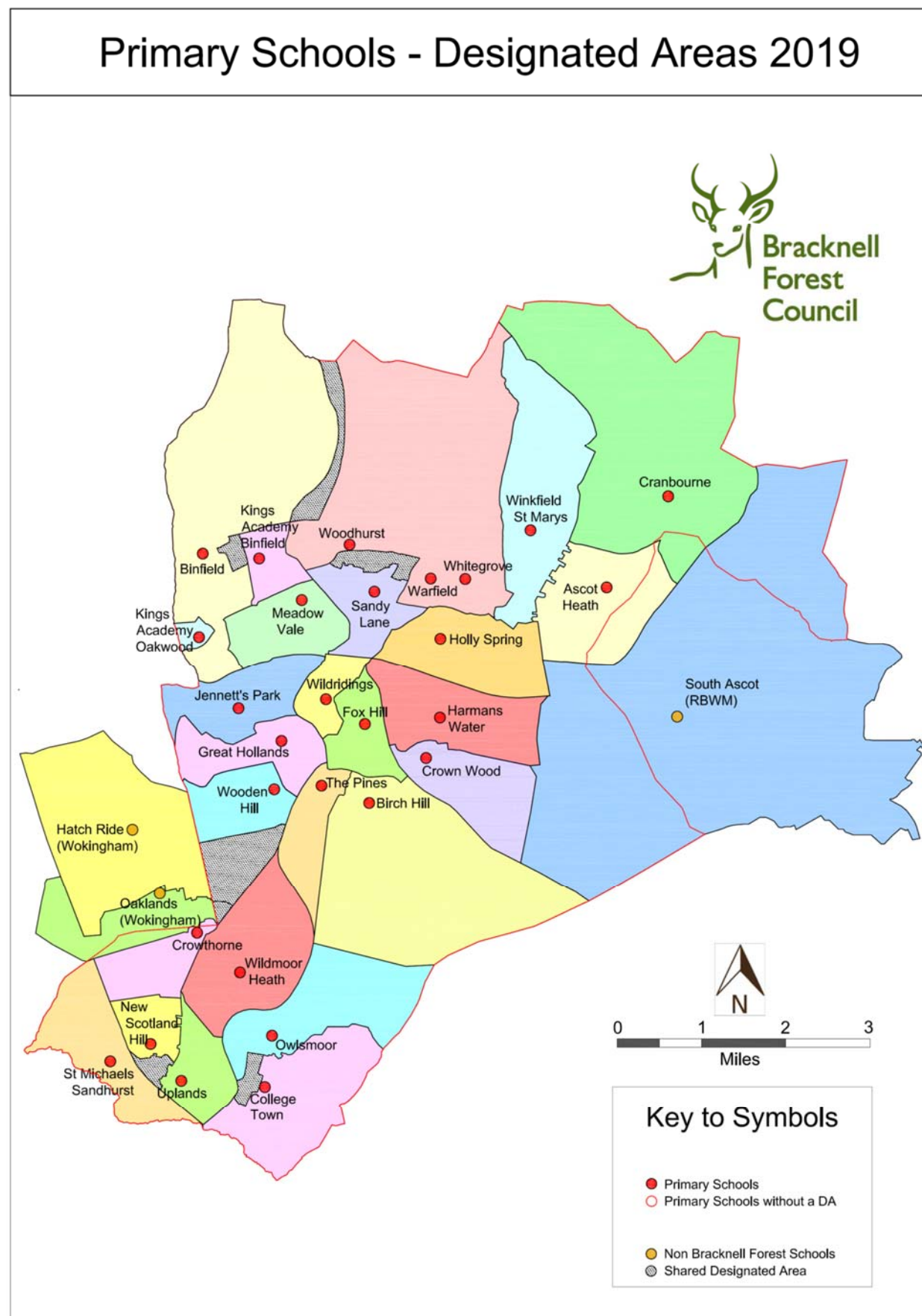
Crowthorne CE Primary	Primary	Voluntary Controlled	Yes
New Scotland Hill Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
Wildmoor Heath Primary	Primary	Academy	Yes
Edgbarrow Secondary	Secondary	Academy	Yes
College Town Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
Owlsmoor Primary	Primary	Maintained	Yes
St Michaels Sandhurst CE Primary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

Others

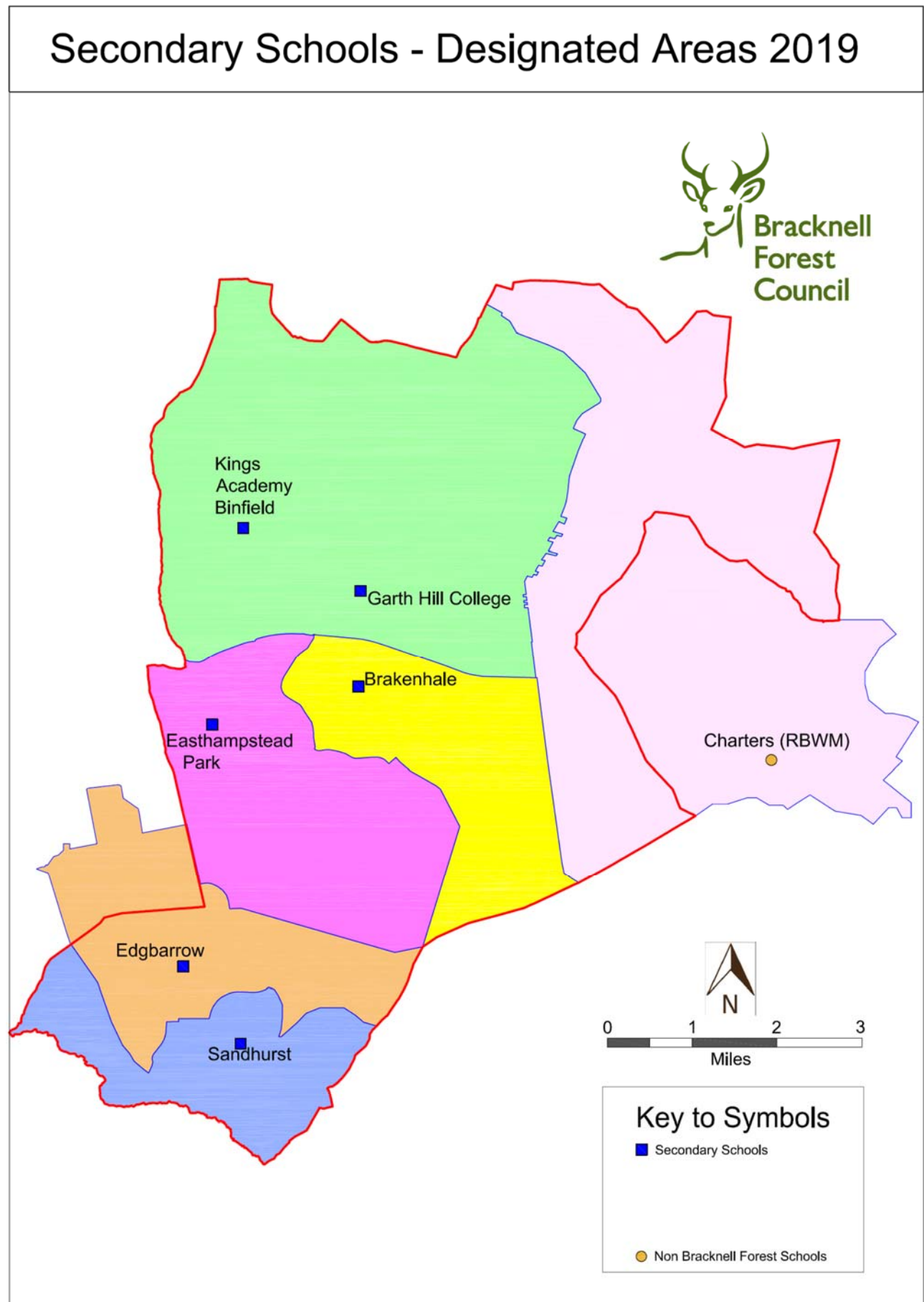
College Hall	PRU	Maintained	No
Kennel Lane	SEN	Maintained	No

6. Designated Area Maps

6.1 The map below sets out the primary school designated areas.



6.2 The map below sets out the secondary school designated areas.



7. Early Years

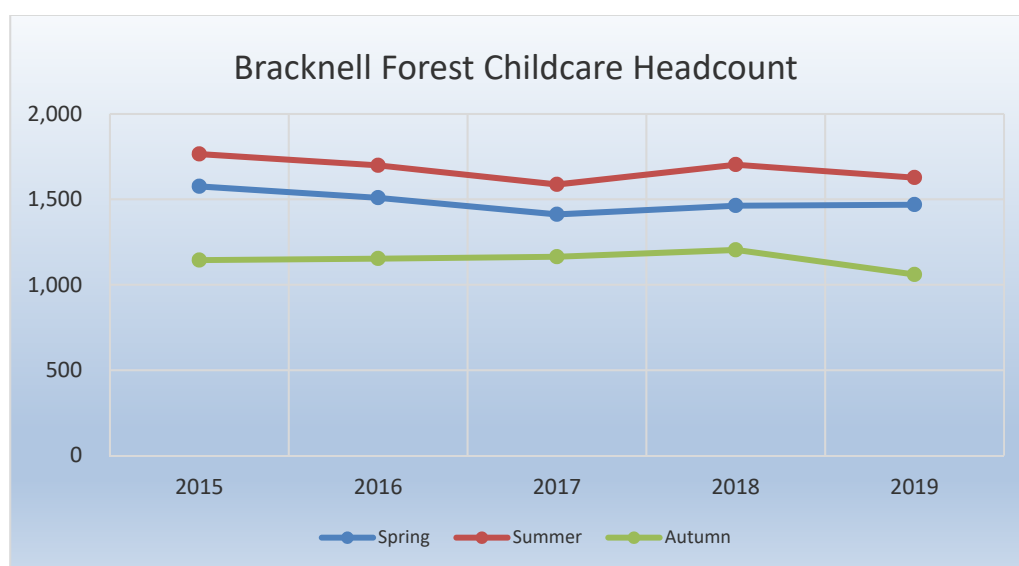
Early Years Providers

- 7.1 It is difficult to calculate the exact number of places available across the authority as providers continually adapt their capacity dependent on demand. Providers are responsible for ensuring that space requirements are met when making decisions on cohort numbers. Space requirements are dependent on the age of the children attending. (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>)
- 7.2 The table below shows current early years providers in Bracknell Forest registered to deliver the free entitlements. This is a changeable number especially in relation to childminders, although number of childminders is high, they deliver the entitlements to fewer children.

Registered Providers		Offering Services to			%	
		2-year-olds	3- & 4-year olds			
			Universal	Extended		
Private Voluntary and Independent	46	38	45	40	65.0%	
Childminders	101	70	101	98	5.5%	
Maintained Schools and Academies	18	0	18	16	29.5%	
Totals:		165	108	164	154	100%

Numbers of Children in Early Years Settings

- 7.3 The graph below shows the trend of take up for funded two, three- and four-year olds over the last five years accessing private, voluntary and independent early years settings in Bracknell Forest.



- 7.4 Generally, numbers in the Autumn term are low, with them increasing in the Spring and again in the Summer.

- 7.5 The graph shows that over the last five years there has been an overall downward trend in numbers of children across all terms, and this does correspond to the known decrease in birth rates indicated by the NHS.

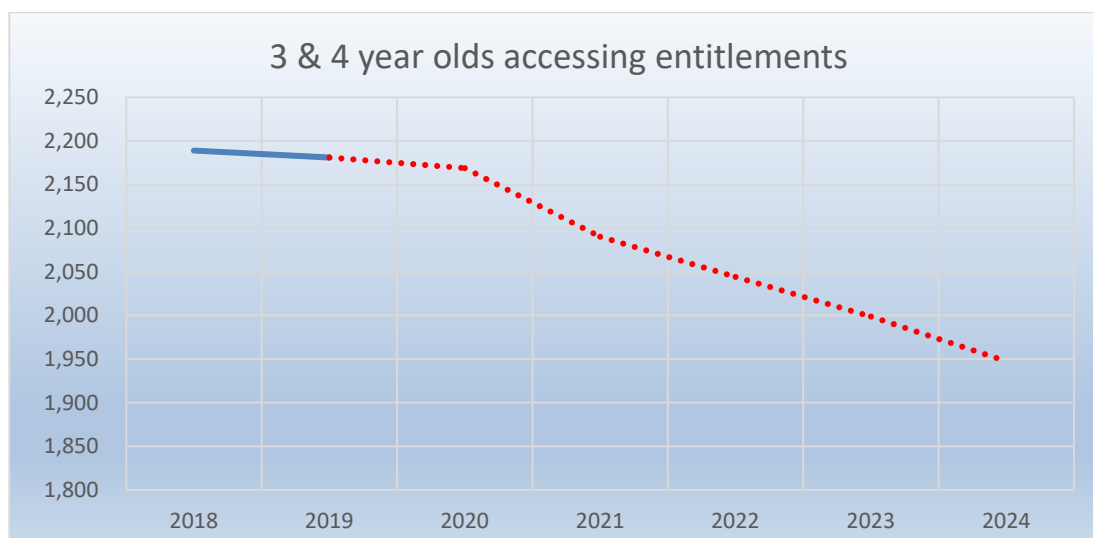
Current Demand for Childcare

- 7.6 BFC uses the Summer term numbers when predicting demand for childcare. In the 2019 Summer term the number of 2, 3 and 4 year olds accessing free entitlements was 2,384 which is approximately 80% of the eligible population.

Forecast Demand for Childcare

- 7.7 The forecast eligible population in Summer term 2024 is 2,716, and if 80% of these children access a childcare place this would equate to 2,173 which is a decrease of 211 places, equivalent to 20%. This forecast decrease in demand is set out on the graph below.

Forecast Demand for Free Entitlement to Childcare by 3 and 4-year-olds



Universal and Extended Childcare

- 7.8 Demand for Universal (570 hours p.a.) and Extended (1,170 hours p.a.) Childcare for 3 and 4 year olds is shown in the graph above. In addition, approximately 15% or 200 2-year olds will be eligible for 570 hours per annum.

Early Years Capacity Strategy

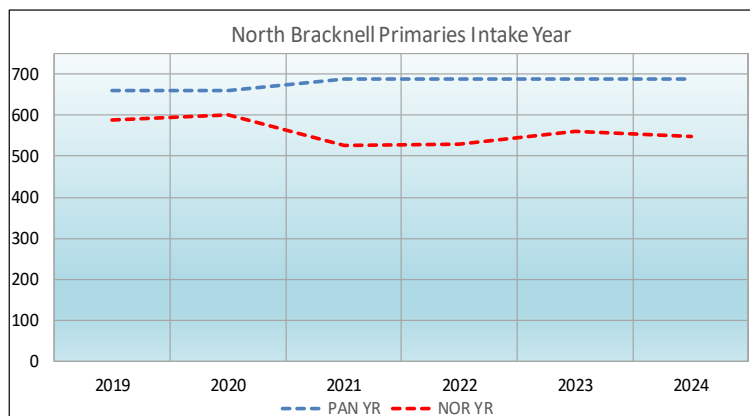
- 7.9 BFC is required by law to 'report annually to elected council members on how they are meeting their duty to secure sufficient childcare and make this report available and accessible to parents'. The 2019 Child Sufficiency Assessment is available at <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/strategies-plans-and-policies/strategy-and-policy-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

8. Primary

8.1 The graphs below set out the primary school forecasts in the intake year.

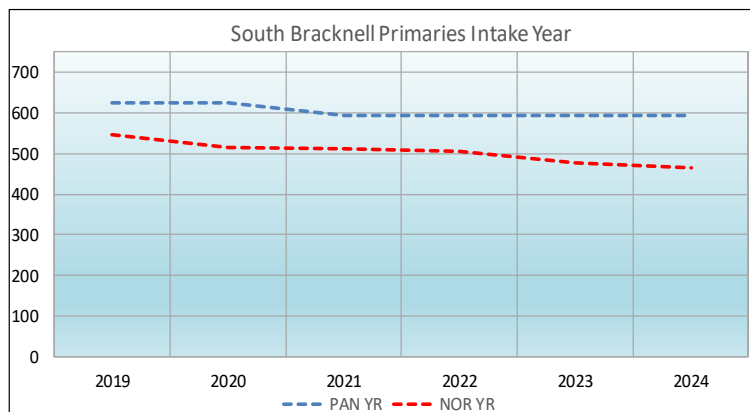
North Bracknell

Academic Year	PAN YR	NOR YR	Surplus	%
2019	660	590	70	11%
2020	660	602	58	9%
2021	690	526	164	24%
2022	690	528	162	23%
2023	690	560	130	19%
2024	690	549	141	20%



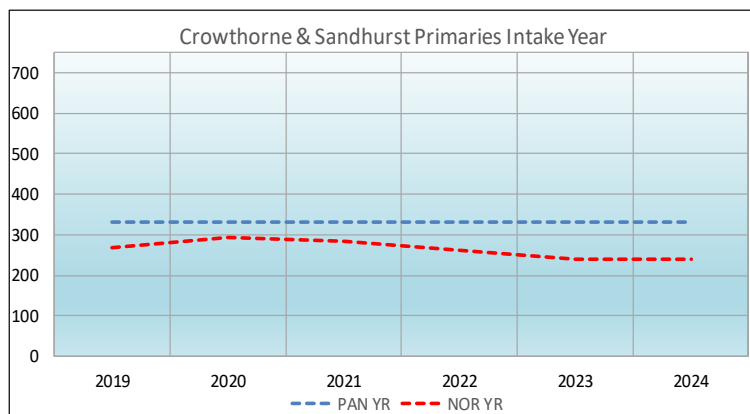
South Bracknell

Academic Year	PAN YR	NOR YR	Surplus	%
2019	625	545	80	13%
2020	625	516	109	17%
2021	595	513	82	14%
2022	595	507	88	15%
2023	595	476	119	20%
2024	595	463	132	22%



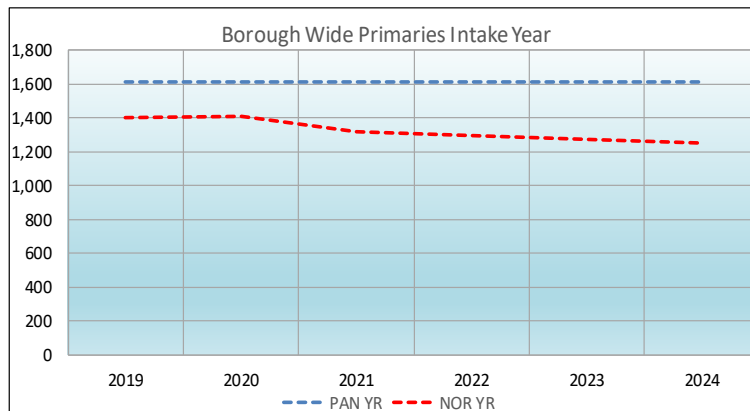
Crowthorne & Sandhurst

Academic Year	PAN YR	NOR YR	Surplus	%
2019	330	267	63	19%
2020	330	294	36	11%
2021	330	283	47	14%
2022	330	262	68	21%
2023	330	241	89	27%
2024	330	241	89	27%



Borough Wide

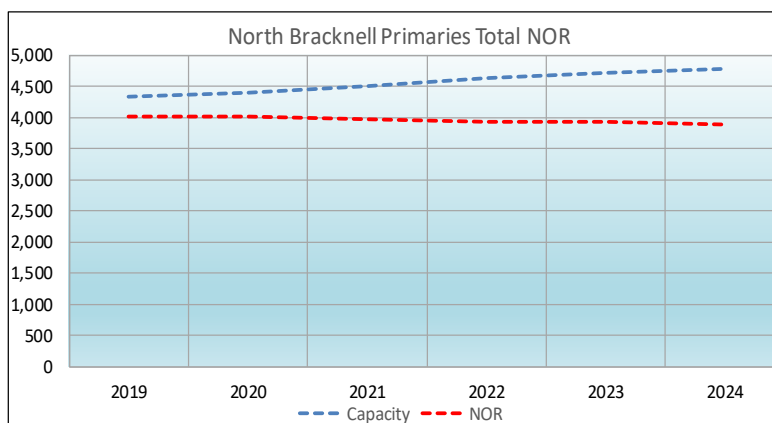
Academic Year	PAN YR	NOR YR	Surplus	%
2019	1,615	1,402	213	13%
2020	1,615	1,412	203	13%
2021	1,615	1,322	293	18%
2022	1,615	1,297	318	20%
2023	1,615	1,277	338	21%
2024	1,615	1,253	362	22%



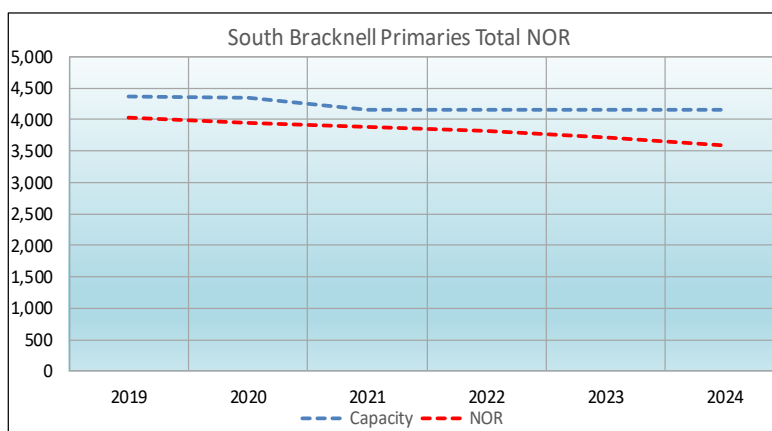
8.2 The graphs below set out the primary school forecasts for total numbers on roll.

North Bracknell

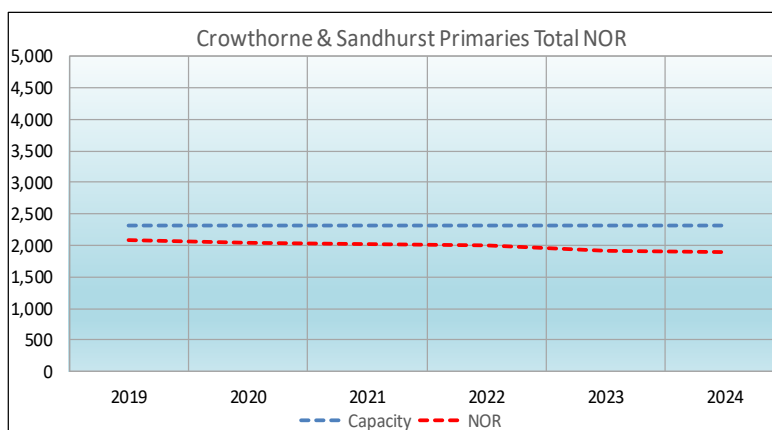
Academic Year	Capacity	NOR	Surplus	%
2019	4,332	4,013	319	7%
2020	4,392	4,005	387	9%
2021	4,512	3,968	544	12%
2022	4,632	3,929	703	15%
2023	4,722	3,920	802	17%
2024	4,782	3,886	896	19%

**South Bracknell**

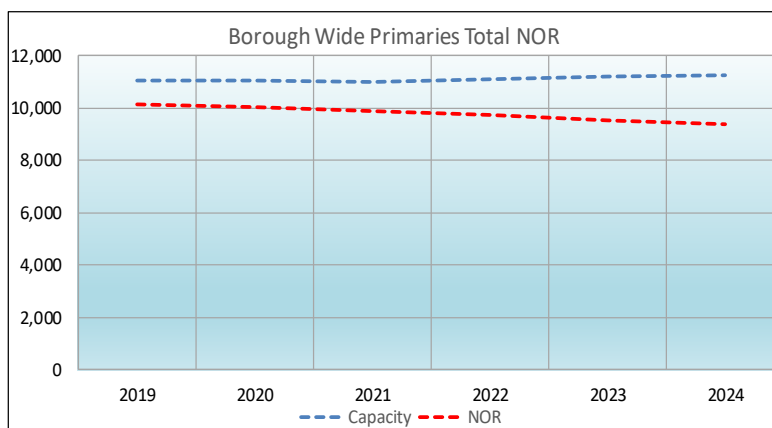
Academic Year	Capacity	NOR	Surplus	%
2019	4,376	4,022	354	8%
2020	4,346	3,957	389	9%
2021	4,166	3,878	288	7%
2022	4,166	3,821	345	8%
2023	4,166	3,708	458	11%
2024	4,166	3,583	583	14%

**Crowthorne & Sandhurst**

Academic Year	Capacity	NOR	Surplus	%
2019	2,308	2,076	232	10%
2020	2,308	2,048	260	11%
2021	2,308	2,015	293	13%
2022	2,308	1,989	319	14%
2023	2,308	1,911	397	17%
2024	2,308	1,885	423	18%

**Borough Wide**

Academic Year	Capacity	NOR	Surplus	%
2019	11,016	10,111	905	8%
2020	11,046	10,010	1,036	9%
2021	10,986	9,861	1,125	10%
2022	11,106	9,739	1,367	12%
2023	11,196	9,540	1,656	15%
2024	11,256	9,355	1,901	17%



Borough Wide Primary

- 8.3 There are 30 primary schools in the Borough with a total of 11,016 places, and 10,111 pupils on roll in September 2019, leaving a surplus of 905 places or 8%. By September 2024 forecasts indicate an overall decrease of up to 756 pupils in this planning area to 9,355, however previously committed growth in primary capacity will result in the surplus increasing to 1,901 places or 17%.

North Bracknell Primary

- 8.4 There are 12 primary schools in North Bracknell with a total of 4,332 places, and 4,013 pupils on roll in September 2019, leaving a surplus of 319 places or 7%. By September 2024 forecasts indicate an overall decrease of up to 127 pupils in this planning area to 3,886. Previously committed growth in primary capacity will result in the overall surplus increasing to 896 places or 19%.

South Bracknell Primary

- 8.5 There are 11 primary schools in South Bracknell with a total of 4,376 places, and 4,032 pupils on roll in September 2019 leaving a surplus of 354 places or 8%. By September 2024 forecasts indicate an overall decrease of up to 169 pupils in this planning area to 3,583. Despite planned decreases in primary capacity the overall surplus is forecast to increase to 583 places or 14%.

Crowthorne & Sandhurst Primary

- 8.6 There are 7 primary schools in Crowthorne & Sandhurst with a total of 2,308 places, and 2,076 pupils on roll in September 2019 leaving a surplus of 232 places or 10%. By September 2024 forecasts indicate an overall decrease of up to 191 pupils in this planning area to 1,885. The overall surplus is forecast to increase to 423 places or 18%.

Primary School Capacity Strategy

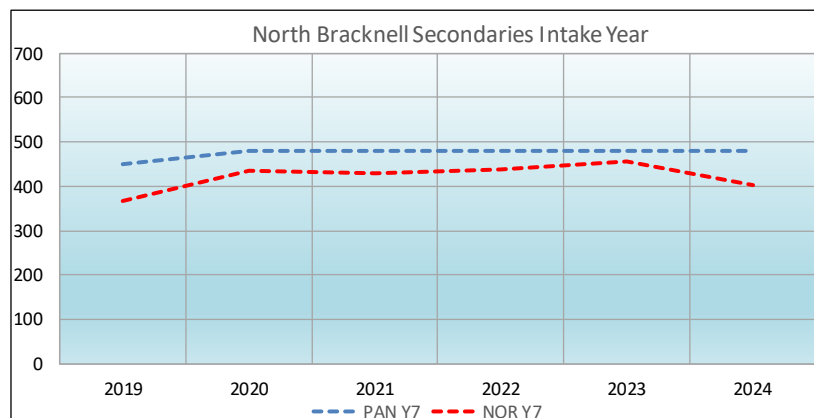
- 8.7 The approach taken is to meet the forecast demand for places across each planning area, acknowledging that pupils can travel to neighbouring schools if their catchment area school is full.
- 8.8 Forecasts indicate that there will be enough primary school places in each planning area to meet demand during the forecast period. There are no plans to add any additional primary school capacity in this forecast period.
- 8.9 Harmans Water is planned to reduce its PAN from 90 to 60 from September 21.
- 8.10 The proposed new primary school at Bucklers Park (formerly TRL) has been slipped to September 22 at the earliest. This school will only be built if there are enough pupils in Crowthorne to warrant this going forward.
- 8.11 The proposed new schools at Amen Corner South and Warfield East have been put on hold, and these schools will only be built if there are enough pupils in North Bracknell to warrant this going forward.
- 8.12 As surplus places put pressure on school budgets, removal of further surplus places may be required during the forecast period.

9. Secondary Key Stage 3 & 4

9.1 The graphs below set out the secondary key stage 3 & 4 intake year forecasts.

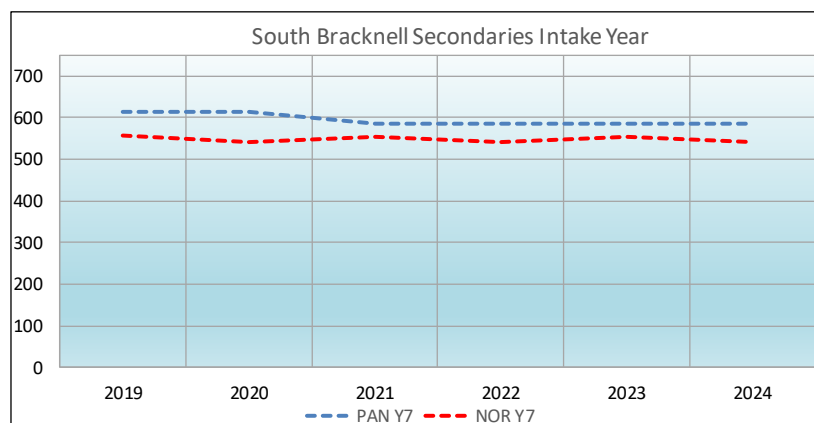
North Bracknell

Academic Year	PAN Y7	NOR Y7	Surplus	%
2019	450	367	83	18%
2020	480	434	46	10%
2021	480	428	52	11%
2022	480	437	43	9%
2023	480	455	25	5%
2024	480	402	78	16%



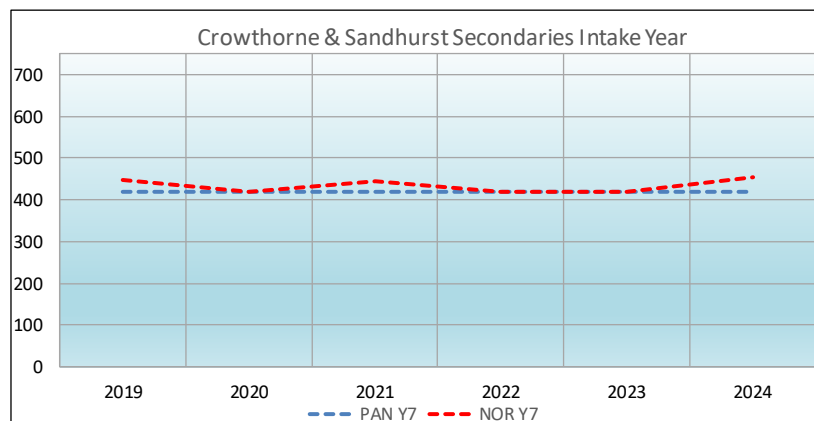
South Bracknell

Academic Year	PAN Y7	NOR Y7	Surplus	%
2019	615	557	58	9%
2020	615	540	75	12%
2021	585	553	32	6%
2022	585	542	43	7%
2023	585	555	30	5%
2024	585	543	42	7%



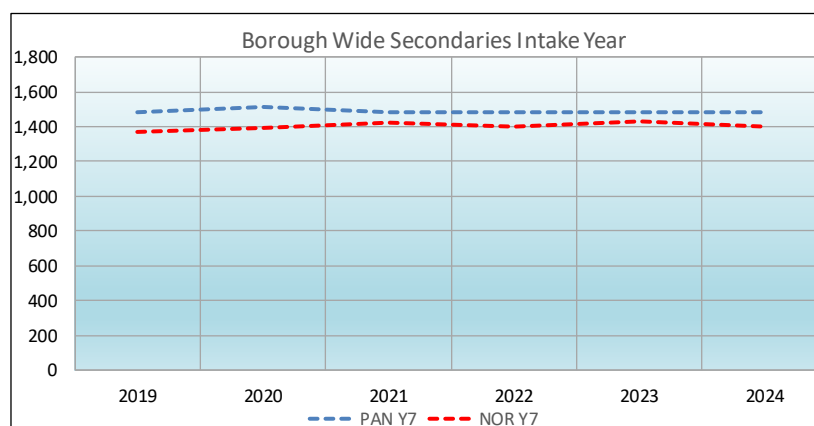
Crowthorne & Sandhurst

Academic Year	PAN Y7	NOR Y7	Surplus	%
2019	420	448	-28	-7%
2020	420	420	0	0%
2021	420	444	-24	-6%
2022	420	420	0	0%
2023	420	420	0	0%
2024	420	456	-36	-8%



Borough Wide

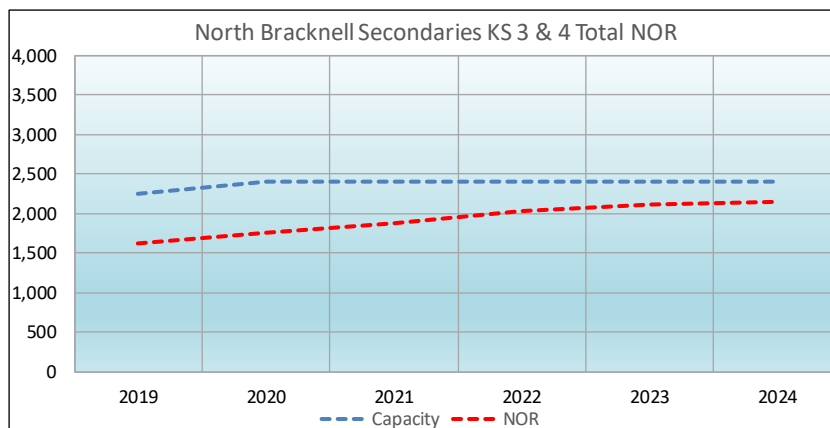
Academic Year	PAN Y7	NOR Y7	Surplus	%
2019	1,485	1,372	113	8%
2020	1,515	1,394	121	8%
2021	1,485	1,425	60	4%
2022	1,485	1,399	86	6%
2023	1,485	1,430	55	4%
2024	1,485	1,401	84	6%



9.2 The graphs below set out the secondary key stage 3 & 4 total NOR forecasts.

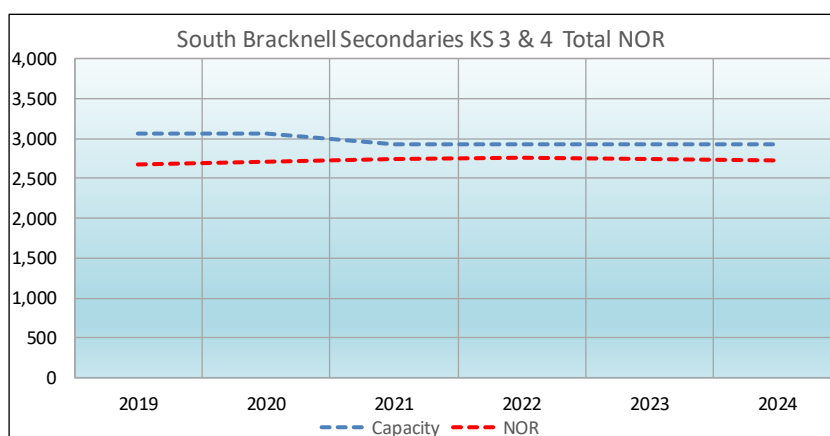
North Bracknell

Academic Year	Capacity	NOR	Surplus	%
2019	2,250	1,621	629	28%
2020	2,400	1,752	648	27%
2021	2,400	1,881	519	22%
2022	2,400	2,027	373	16%
2023	2,400	2,121	279	12%
2024	2,400	2,156	244	10%



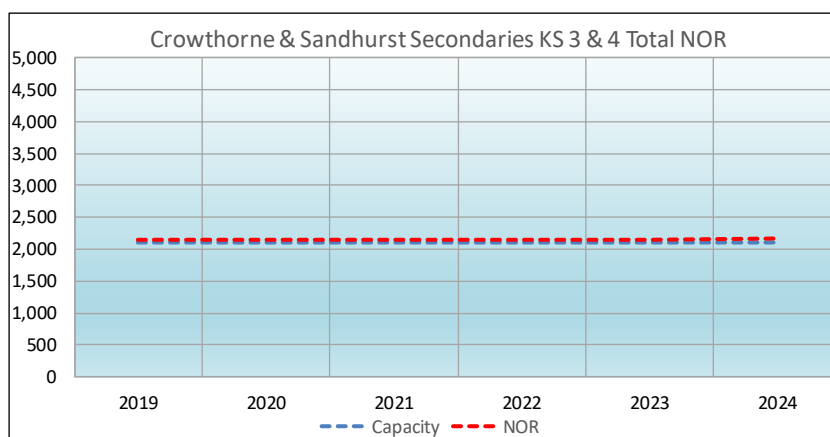
South Bracknell

Academic Year	Capacity	NOR	Surplus	%
2019	3,069	2,681	388	13%
2020	3,069	2,703	366	12%
2021	2,919	2,734	185	6%
2022	2,919	2,755	164	6%
2023	2,919	2,747	172	6%
2024	2,919	2,733	186	6%



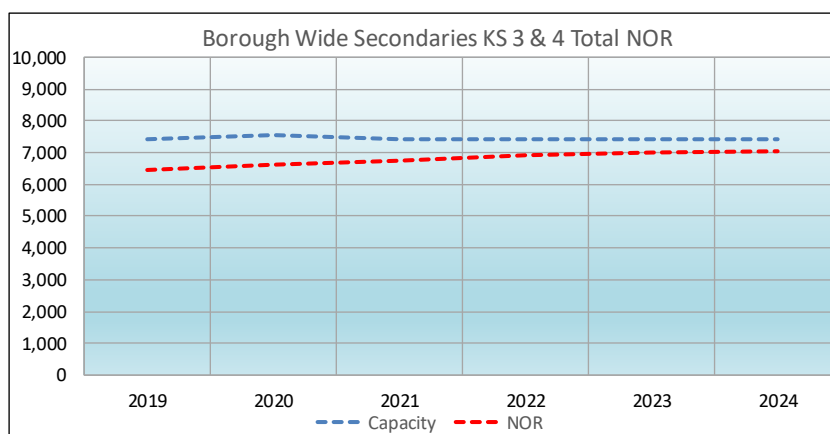
Crowthorne & Sandhurst

Academic Year	Capacity	NOR	Surplus	%
2019	2,100	2,150	-50	-2%
2020	2,100	2,149	-49	-2%
2021	2,100	2,147	-47	-2%
2022	2,100	2,154	-54	-3%
2023	2,100	2,152	-52	-2%
2024	2,100	2,160	-60	-3%



Borough Wide

Academic Year	Capacity	NOR	Surplus	%
2019	7,419	6,452	967	13%
2020	7,569	6,604	965	13%
2021	7,419	6,762	657	9%
2022	7,419	6,936	483	7%
2023	7,419	7,019	400	5%
2024	7,419	7,048	371	5%



Borough Wide Secondary Key Stage 3 & 4

- 9.3 There are 7 secondary schools in the Borough with a total of 7,419 places, and 6,452 pupils on roll in September 2019, leaving 967 surplus places or 13%. By September 2024 forecasts indicate an overall increase of up to 596 pupils in this planning area to 7,048. The overall surplus is forecast to decrease to 371 places or 5%. This is broken down into the three planning areas below:

North Bracknell Secondary Key Stage 3 & 4

- 9.4 There are 2 secondary schools in this planning area with a total of 2,250 places, and 1,621 pupils on roll in September 2019, leaving 629 surplus places or 28%. By September 2024 forecasts indicate an overall increase of up to 527 pupils in this planning area to 2,156. Despite previously committed increases in secondary capacity during the forecast period, the overall surplus is forecast to decrease to 244 places or 10%.

South Bracknell Secondary Key Stage 3 & 4

- 9.5 There are 3 secondary schools in this planning area with a total of 3,069 places, and 2,681 pupils on roll in September 2019, leaving 388 surplus places or 13%. By September 2024 forecasts indicate an overall increase of up to 52 pupils in this planning area to 2,733. There are planned decreases in capacity during the forecast period and the overall surplus is forecast to decrease to 186 places or 6% by September 2024.

Crowthorne & Sandhurst Secondary Key Stage 3 & 4

- 9.6 There are 2 secondary schools in this planning area with a total of 2,100 places, and 2,150 pupils on roll in September 2019, leaving a zero surplus of places. Forecasts indicate that until September 2024 the numbers on roll will remain more or less constant.

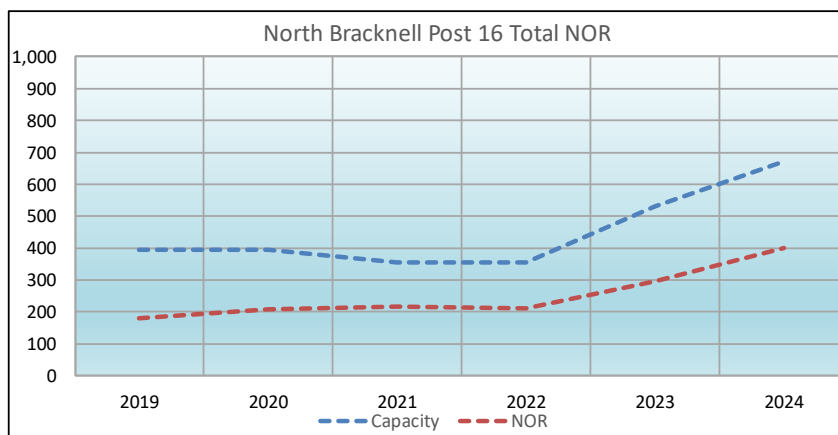
Secondary School Capacity Strategy

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

10. Post 16

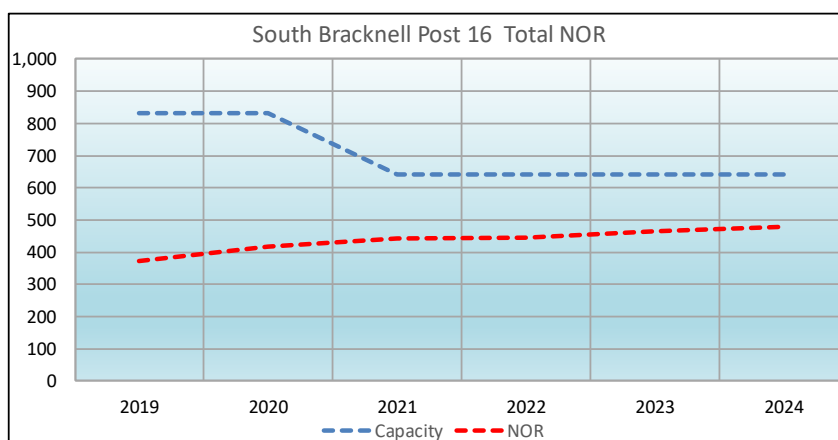
North Bracknell

Academic Year	Capacity	NOR	Surplus	%
2019	396	180	216	55%
2020	396	208	188	47%
2021	356	218	139	39%
2022	356	211	146	41%
2023	531	294	237	45%
2024	671	400	272	40%



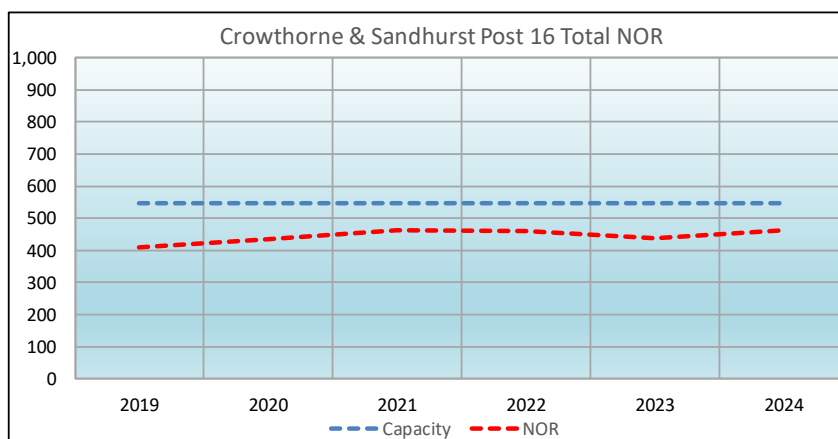
South Bracknell

Academic Year	Capacity	NOR	Surplus	%
2019	832	373	459	55%
2020	832	418	414	50%
2021	642	442	200	31%
2022	642	446	196	30%
2023	642	466	176	27%
2024	642	478	164	26%



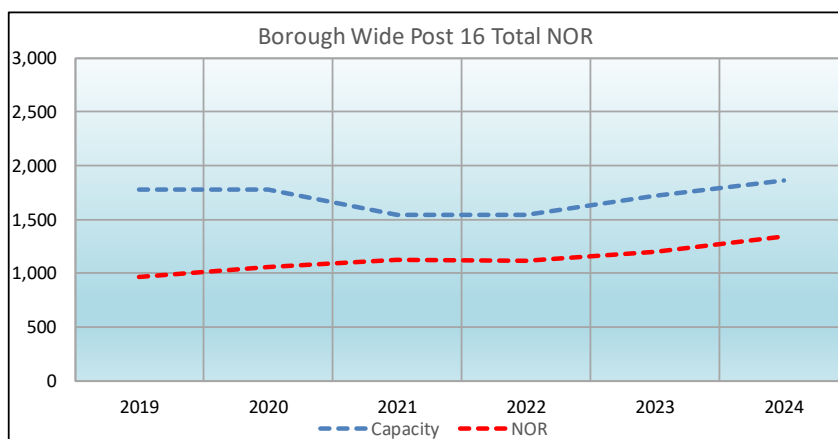
Crowthorne & Sandhurst

Academic Year	Capacity	NOR	Surplus	%
2019	546	408	138	25%
2020	546	433	113	21%
2021	546	463	83	15%
2022	546	461	85	16%
2023	546	437	109	20%
2024	546	464	82	15%



Borough Wide

Academic Year	Capacity	NOR	Surplus	%
2019	1,774	961	813	46%
2020	1,774	1,059	715	40%
2021	1,544	1,123	421	27%
2022	1,544	1,118	427	28%
2023	1,719	1,197	523	30%
2024	1,859	1,342	518	28%



Post 16 Commentary

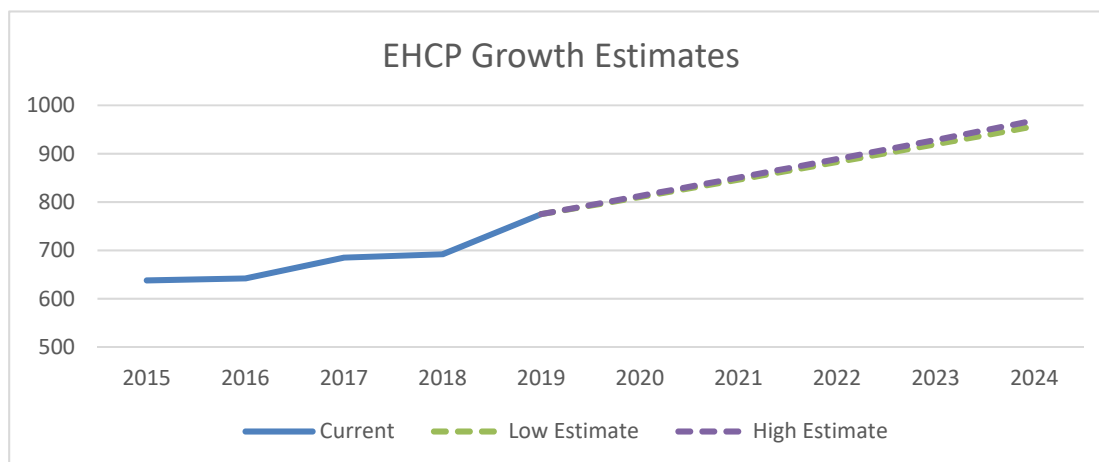
- 10.1 Kings Academy Binfield which opened to secondary pupils in September 2018 is planned to open to Post 16 in September 2023. All of the remaining 6 secondary schools are currently providing post 16 education.
- 10.2 Individual schools set their own Post 16 admissions numbers. The capacity of post 16 in secondary schools has been calculated in one of the two following ways:
- For academy schools this is set out in their funding agreements with the EFA.
 - For maintained schools post 16 capacity is the total net capacity of the school minus the sum of the PANs in each year group from Y7-11.
- 10.3 Numbers on roll for Post 16 have been drawn from the January School census.
- 10.4 There are a total of 1,774 Post 16 places, with 961 pupils on roll in September 2019 leaving a surplus of 813 places or 46%. By September 2024 with the opening of Kings Academy Binfield to post 16, forecasts indicate an overall increase of up to 381 pupils to 1,342. The overall surplus is forecast to decrease to 518 places or 28%.

Post 16 Capacity Strategy

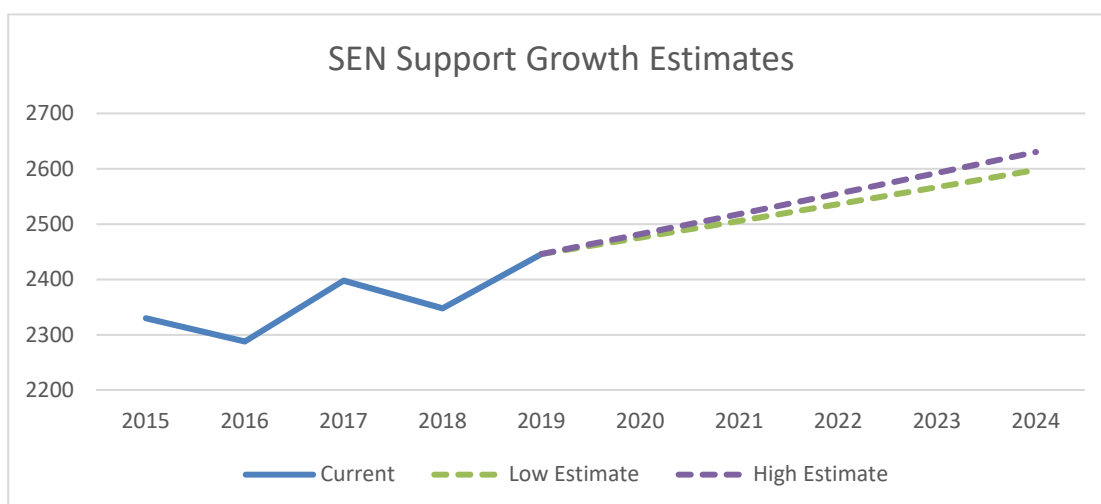
- 10.5 The approach taken is to meet the forecast demand across the whole Borough, allowing for the fact that some schools will have deficits and some surpluses of places. This acknowledges that Post 16 aged pupils can travel between planning areas to secure a school place if their catchment area school is full.
- 10.6 It should be noted that Bracknell & Wokingham College and Farnborough Sixth Form College are two non-school Post 16 providers located within easy access and that both these establishments take significant numbers of Bracknell Forest Post 16 pupils every year.
- 10.7 The current 46% surplus of Post 16 places is significant; however, this is forecast to reduce as the current growth of secondary numbers on roll moves into Post 16.
- 10.8 Kings Academy Binfield is expected to open to Post 16 from September 2023, and a high staying on rate is anticipated, which is expected to contribute to the overall decreasing overall surplus of Post 16 places.
- 10.9 Forecasts indicate that there will be enough Post 16 school places across the whole Borough to meet the forecast demand, and there are no plans to add any additional Post 16 school capacity throughout the forecast period.
- 10.10 Theme 7 in the Learning Improvement Strategy is to “Develop Skills and Raise Aspirations at Post 16”. As part of this the Council will Develop a Post 16 Strategy for Bracknell Forest during the forecast period, facilitating interactions between schools, providing audits, advice and training to all Post 16 providers and seeking to develop coherent links with businesses.

12. Special and Additional Educational Needs

EHCP Population



SEN Support Population



- 12.1 The number of children and young people on the school roll and number of children and young people with SEN Support was based on the school census. The number of EHCPs was informed by the SEN2 return data. Information from the last 5 years informed the projections to calculate the average increase in the proportion of the school population with an EHCP or SEN support. This average was then used to predict the equivalent increase over the projection period.
- 12.2 The full details of calculations for the potential population growth of the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) population is included in the Needs and Sufficiency Analysis which can be accessed through the Bracknell Forest Local Offer page.¹
- 12.3 The growth in the number of children requiring additional support has been divided into two tiers of need. The rate of growth has been identified as significantly different for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and children without an EHCP but requiring support directly from schools.

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https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/bracknell/services/files/sufficiency_analysis_sept_2019.pdf

EHCP Provisions

- 12.4 The special school in the borough is Kennel Lane school with the capacity for 196 pupils. There are three resource units supporting specific needs with the capacity for 82 pupils. One of these units, The Rise, opened in 2015 with an eight-student yearly intake until capacity is reached. A Pupil Referral Unit provides placements for up to 46 pupils at any one time.
- 12.5 At January 2019, 775 pupils were recorded as having an EHCP. Due to limited provisions within the borough approximately one third of pupils with an EHCP attended schools outside of Bracknell Forest.
- 12.6 Bracknell Forest has seen a growth in the number and proportion of pupils with an EHCP over the last five years, in line with the pattern of statistical neighbours and across England. Over the last six years, there was an average increase in the number of EHCPs within the borough of 3.0% per year.
- 12.7 By 2024, the number of pupils with an EHCP is expected to increase by approximately 188 pupils.

SEN Support

- 12.8 Although the proportion of pupils with an EHCP is increasing, the percentage requiring SEN Support and without an EHCP has remained relatively stable. This has also been the case amongst the statistical neighbours. The total number of pupils needing SEN Support has been recorded to have increased by 116 between 2014 and 2019. At January 2019, 2,446 pupils were recorded as requiring SEN Support.
- 12.9 By 2024, the number of pupils with SEN Support is expected to increase by approximately 168 pupils.

SEND Capacity Strategy

- 12.10 The pressure on education, health and care services to support the needs of pupils with EHCPs is increasing. A new SEND Strategy and SEND Commissioning Plan are being developed to outline how the demand for these places can be met.
- 12.11 A number of priorities will be identified including developing more provisions within the borough to support increasing areas of need such as Autism Spectrum Disorder and Social, Emotional and Mental Health.

13. Forward Look to 2036

- 13.1 Work to create a new Local Plan is currently underway in the Council and this will include identification of future sites for new housing development across the Borough to 2036. A new Local Plan is not expected to be adopted until 2021. The new Local Plan will be likely to identify significant housing growth, mostly in the North of the Borough, and depending on pupil numbers on roll, there may be a demand for additional school places depending on the numbers on roll at the time and the status of the potential new North Bracknell primary schools referred to in the primary strategy at 8.10 to 8.11 above.

Annex 1: Mainstream Pupil Forecasting Methodology

The Basis of the Forecasting System for Mainstream School Places

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

Year groups

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

Planning Areas

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

Primary	North Bracknell (8670001) South Bracknell (8670002) Crowthorne & Sandhurst (8670003)
Secondary	North Bracknell (8670004) South Bracknell (8670005) Crowthorne & Sandhurst (8670006)

Information About Existing Schools

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

Forecasting Reception Pupil Numbers

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

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

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

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

Forecasting Year 7 Pupil Numbers

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

Forecasting Pupil Numbers for Non-Intake Years

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

Forecasting Post 16 Pupil Numbers

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