

School Places

1. Purpose Of This Report

The purpose of this report is to update Forum members on the current position on schools places and the likely needs and capital requirement over the coming years.

2. Recommendations

The Forum note the report

3. School places, both primary and secondary, for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 academic years

These tables shows the number of pupils by year group in Lewisham primary and secondary schools for the current academic year and for the next academic year.

Actual for 2013/14 – numbers by year group (based on Jan 2014 Spring Census – numbers on the roll)			
Primary		Secondary	
Reception	3660	Year 7	2268
Year 1	3792	Yr 8	2336
Year 2	3611	Yr 9	2493
Year 3	3447	Yr 10	2254
Year 4	3234	Yr 11	2256
Year 5	3029	Yr 12	963
Year 6	2865	Yr 13	745
Total	23,638	Total	13,315

Predicted for 2014/15 – based on July 2014 SCAP figures			
Primary		Secondary	
Reception	3989	Year 7	2432
Year 1	3757	Yr 8	2266
Year 2	3803	Yr 9	2317
Year 3	3588	Yr 10	2488
Year 4	3436	Yr 11	2155
Year 5	3230	Yr 12	1007
Year 6	3018	Yr 13	720
Total	24,821	Total	13,385

4. Assessment for future years

This table shows the projected number of pupils by year group in Lewisham primary and secondary schools for the future academic years (this data was submitted as part of the SCAP return in July 2014).

Forecast Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6
Primary							
2015/16	3946	4017	3751	3753	3565	3426	3227
2016/17	3891	3985	4020	3715	3742	3565	3430
2017/18	3923	3937	3995	3987	3708	3749	3577
2018/19	4001	3977	3955	3971	3991	3724	3764
Forecast Year	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Secondary							
2015/16	2548	2455	2285	2345	2415	997	748
2016/17	2731	2583	2486	2323	2287	1128	751
2017/18	2910	2776	2624	2536	2274	1078	856
2018/19	3041	2970	2832	2688	2493	1085	832
2019/20	3184	3075	3000	2871	2614	1160	811
2020/21	3148	3220	3107	3042	2793	1216	867

4.1 Reception

After a modest dip in 2016/17, the number of pupils in Reception classes is predicted to rise further to approximately 4000 in 2018/19.

To meet this additional demand of approximately 330 places per year (2,350 places overall), the LA has proposals in hand to permanently expand 2 schools through schemes part-funded by Targeted Basic Need which will deliver 420 places and 1 scheme through the Priority Schools Building programme which will deliver 210 places. There is sufficient Basic Need funding remaining to deliver a further 420 places through expansions, This leaves a shortfall of 180 places a year to be met through temporary expansions.

4.2 Year 7

The number of pupils in Year 7 is predicted to rise by approximately 60 (2FE) in 2014/15. This will result in a reduced surplus of about 270 (9FE).

The number of pupils in Year 7 is currently 79% of the number in Year 6, and is predicted to rise to 80.5% in 2014/15.

Year 7 demand is projected to continue to rise from 2015 /16 as the larger cohorts reach secondary transfer and as there will be less opportunity to access places in other boroughs.

In 2015/16 the surplus is predicted to reduce to circa 120 (4FE), with no surplus places in 2016/17 and a demand for up to an additional 180 places (6 FE) in 2017/18 . We have plans to expand two existing secondary schools over the next three years. However, meeting an additional demand of 330 places (11FE) in 2018/19 will also require a new 6 FE secondary school to be open by this date at the latest, and another new school of similar size will be required by 2019/20 .

5 Resources

Taking into account its current resources from government grant to 2017 and anticipated Section 106 contributions, in order to meet demand for additional primary and secondary provision the local authority needs an extra £27m for September 2016 projects, rising to £50m by 2019. The shortfall of £50m includes provision for two secondary schools but assumes Lewisham would attract a basic need grant of £28m between 2017 and 2019. This does not factor in the probable need for a new generic Special School over this period which might cost another £11m.

6. September 2014: Permanent and Partial Enlargements

Locality 1 Forest Hill, Sydenham				
	Planned Admission Number	Additional Places	Overall	Type
Haseltine Primary School	60	30	90	Temporary Expansion
Kelvin Grove Primary School	90	30	120	Temporary Expansion
Locality 2 Lee Green				
St Winifred's Catholic Infant School	45	15	60	Temporary Expansion
Locality 3 Brockley, Lewisham, Telegraph Hill				
Beecroft Garden Primary School	60	30	90	Temporary Expansion
John Stainer Primary School	60		60	Permanent Expansion
Lucas Vale Primary School	60	30	90	Temporary Expansion
Prendergast Primary	60		60	New 2FE
Locality 4 Catford, Bellingham, Grove Park				
Coopers Lane Primary School	60	30	90	Permanent expansion
Elfrida Primary School	60	30	90	Temporary Expansion
Forster Park Primary School	60	30	90	Temporary Expansion
Rushey Green Primary School	90		90	Permanent expansion
Torridon Infant School	90	30	120	Temporary Expansion
Locality 5 Deptford, New Cross				
Deptford Park Primary School	90	30	120	Temporary Expansion
Kender School	60	30	90	Temporary Expansion
Locality 6 Downham				
Launcelot Primary School	60	30	90	Temporary Expansion

Since 2008, over three-quarters of our primary schools have been expanded.