

Appendix A

This appendix provides an overview of how the forecasting of need is assessed and the anticipate need for the next three years. For more than a decade the City has been notionally divided into Primary Planning Areas. These are groups of primary schools within a geographic area that historically have been considered together. Sometimes these may be village schools that are looked at in a wholly different way than more urban areas where often two or more planning areas may be considered together. The areas do not match ward boundaries and are always considered both at a more granular level as well as in a wider area context.

Many factors are considered together including births, cohort information as those children become older, housing, as well as historic patterns of preferences for schools. These trends enable us to estimate the number of places that may be required, but it must be recognised that a range of factors that cannot be accurately foreseen also affect the level of overall demand that is experienced.

The table below summarise the current forecast of the number of places likely to be required for the next three years. Typically around 95% to 97% of births arrive in Reception classes. The remainder may enter special schools, private schools, or be home educated. On occasion, such as in 2009 and 2015 this percentage increases, and may coincide with a net migration into the City. Leeds is a growing and vibrant economy where there are new houses and a continued growth in the overall population. Such changes may not be connected with any reasonably foreseen event, or in specific areas of the city.

It should be noted that the table represents the number of places we anticipate being required to ensure that we maintain some spare capacity within the City. This enables parents to express their preferences and to have a reasonable expectation that one of those preferences can be met, where they have requested local schools.

Although there is a need for 25FE from 2016, some of this includes one off bulge cohorts, where there may have been a spike in the birth rate for one year. The comment box shows the areas where this 6FE needs is required.

Summary of primary school places needed 2016 – 2018

Primary Planning Area	Summary for 2016 - 2018			Comments on need
	Need	Amount agreed	In discussion or consultation	
Alwoodley	1	0	1	
Ardsley Tingley	1	0	1	Permanent need is 0.5FE / bulge need is 0.5FE
Armley / Wortley	1.5	0.5	1	Permanent need is 1FE / bulge need is 0.5FE
Beeston	0.5	0.5	0	
Belle Isle	0.5	0	0.5	
Boston Spa	0			
Bramhope / Pool	0			
Bramley	0.5	0.5	0	
Burmantofts	1	0	1	
Calverley	0			

Chapel Allerton	1	0	1	
Cookridge / Adel	1	0	1	
EPOS Villages South	0			
EPOS Villages West	0			
Farnley	0			
Farsley	0			
Garforth	0.5	0	0.5	No permanent need / bulge need of 0.5FE
Gildersome / Drigh	0			
Guiseley / Yeadon / Rawdon	0			
Harehills	2	0	2	Permanent need is 1FE / bulge need is 1FE
Holbeck	0			
Horsforth	0.5	0	0.5	
Hunslet	1	0	1	
Hyde Park / Headingley	1.5	0	1.5	
Kippax	0			
Kirkstall / Burley / Hawksworth Wood	2	0.5	1.5	Permanent need is 1.5FE / bulge need is 0.5FE
Lower Aire Valley	0			
Manston	0			
Meanwood	2	1	1	Permanent need is 1FE / bulge need is 1FE
Middleton	1.5	0.5	1	Permanent need is 1FE / bulge need is 0.5FE
Morley	1	0	1	No permanent need / bulge need is 1FE
Osmondthorpe / Temple Newsam	0			A permanent need of 0.5FE was initially identified, but has been address through the TLA
Otley	0			
Pudsey	1.5	0.5	1	Permanent need is 1FE / bulge need is 0.5FE
Richmond Hill	0			
Rothwell / R Hood / Woodlesford	0			
Roundhay	2	0	2	
Seacroft	0.5	0	0.5	
Stanningley	0			Permanent need is 0.5FE / No bulge need
Swarcliffe / Whinmoor	1	0	1	
Wetherby	0			
Woodhouse	0			

Total need (FE)	25	4	21	
Planning areas with need	22			

You will note from the table that the majority of places required peaks in 2016 with only the Stanningley area with any additional requirements from 2017.

In an open letter from central government on 8 September Ministers indicated the intention to consult on a proposal that summer born children, those born between 1 April and 31 August, being permitted to defer entry to Reception for a full year. We would anticipate that consultation will take place this autumn and could potentially come into force for entry in September 2016. Approximately 4000 children in Leeds would fall into this group and whilst we would not anticipate that the majority of these parents would seek to defer entry, potentially it could significantly affect the number of places required in the City.

As part of the planning to ensure there are sufficient places discussions are being held with existing schools across the City and with all schools within affected areas. Free school proposers also come forward and the majority discuss their plans with the local authority so that we can avoid a duplication of places within an area. Where the local authority is proposing any permanent change a public consultation will be undertaken. Free schools are also required to undertake their own consultations if they are approved to proceed to the next stage following their initial applications.

During the course of the next few months we will publish on the council website information for parents who are applying for school places where additional places have been agreed. The website will also contain information about any consultations taking place. Parents should apply online where possible for Reception places as they are easily able to amend their preferences if they wish to as further information is published.

Some examples of discussions taking places are highlighted below.

Alwoodley

On 18th September a Stakeholder (OBA) event was held for the combined Roundhay and Alwoodley areas to support the identification of solutions to meet the 1FE shortfall within the Alwoodley area. The Khalsa Academies Trust have highlighted that their intention is to increase the PAN at Khalsa Science Academy from 1FE to 2FE from September 2017. This would have a significant impact on our position and would increase capacity in the area but a potential solution for 2016 may still have to be identified.

Roundhay

On 18th September a Stakeholder (OBA) event was held for the combined Roundhay and Alwoodley areas to support the identification of solutions to meet the 2FE shortfall within the Roundhay area. A number of options were put forward and are currently being investigated to determine the viability of these. In addition a free school group are looking within the area and also attended the stakeholder event.

Pudsey / Swinnow

A Stakeholder (OBA) event was held in the spring of 2015 to identify solutions to meet the need for an additional 1FE permanent and 0.5FE bulge. Following the event discussions continued with all schools alongside site feasibility work. With Pudsey / Swinnow being a large area with 10 primary schools, the strategic plan was to spread the additional provision, rather than place this all at one school, and help meet the need at a much more local level. Consultations are now progressing on proposals to permanently expand Park Spring Primary School from 1.5FE to 2FE and Greenside Primary School

from 1.5FE to 2FE with effect from September 2017. In addition, both these schools have agreed to take a 0.5FE bulge for September 2016 to help address the need in the short term. An additional 0.5FE bulge is required for 2016 and discussions are ongoing with other schools.