

Report to Children's Services Scrutiny Board, 25th February 2010

Further information on the proposals to accommodate increased pupil numbers in primary schools and, in the longer term, secondary schools.

Since the summer of 2009 Education Leeds has been exploring the feasibility of existing school sites for expansion in response to the growing pre-school population and developing plans across many areas of the city. These plans will continue to develop and emerge in response to local need, but the first batch of expansion proposals, for implementation in September 2010 have been through a formal public consultation during November and December 2009 and are now the subject of statutory notices. Expansion of the following schools for September 2010 is now progressing through the statutory process.

Primary School	Current Admission Limit	Planned Admission Limit	Current Capacity	Required capacity
Ireland Wood	30	60	210	420
Iveson	30	45	210	315
Mill Field	45	60	258	420
Blenheim	30	60	210	420
Brudenell	40	45	239	315
Ingram Road	30	45	210	315
Greenmount	45	60	343	420
New Bewerley	45	60	315	420
Beeston	60	90	420	630
Hugh Gaitskell	75	90	525	630
Ebor Gardens	30	60	210	420
Victoria	50	60	318	420
Highfield	45	60	315	420
Moor Allerton Hall	45	60	315	420
Swarcliffe	30	45	210	315
Whitkirk	45	60	315	420
Thorner CE	20	30	156	210

In addition, consultation has taken place and statutory notices published for expansions at Gildersome Primary (30 to 60 from 2011) and at Richmond Hill Primary (from 60 to 90 from 2012) since both of these schools had already been approved for capital investment through the Primary Capital Programme.

In December 2009 and in January 2010 the Executive Board agreed to consultation on a further 9 permanent expansion proposals for implementation in 2011. This has been taking place during January and February and has just concluded. The outcomes from this will be considered by Executive Board in April with a request to progress to the next stage.

School Name	Current Admission Limit	Planned Admission Limit	Current Capacity	Required Capacity
Blackgates Primary	45	60	300	420
Clapgate Primary	45	60	315	420
Windmill Primary	45	60	315	420
Ryecroft Primary	30	60	210	420
Calverley CE	45	60	270	420
Cross Gates Primary	30	60	210	420
West End Primary	30	45	210	315
Featherbanks Infant	60	30	180	210
Newlathes Junior	0	60	240	420

Education Leeds will continue with feasibility work, option appraisal and local discussion in order to generate further expansion proposals for implementation in 2012 that is proportionate to local need.

In parallel, Education Leeds is working with colleagues in Corporate Asset Management to identify potential sites for new schools which may need to be secured or retained to meet medium and longer term need. New schools will take three to four years to establish, to allow time for the required consultation, a competition, design and construction, all this after a suitable site is secured. The same group are also exploring whether there might also be opportunities to use existing buildings for educational purposes.

As the larger cohorts of children now and soon to be starting school complete their primary education seven years later there will be a corresponding need to grow the number of places available in secondary provision. Education Leeds understands this trajectory but whilst there is planning time available, until the outcome of the next government spending review there are no promises for future funding.

21st Century Schools

One of the major drivers for change across the education community as a whole over the coming years will be the outcomes from “21st Century Schools” - the Government’s commitment to deliver a world-class education for every child. This signposts radical changes for schools over time and is therefore an important backdrop to how we plan in the future. Some elements will directly impact on how we plan school places in the future, including the following:

The new Pupil Guarantee will;

- ensure that every young person is participating in education or training up to the age of 17 from 2013 and 18 from 2015.
- will guarantee that every 5-16 year old will have access to five hours of high quality PE and sport per week (3 hours for 16-19 year olds).
- requires the local authority to seek and listen to parents’ views on the quality of the schools in their area.

Every school will be working in partnerships and there will be an acceleration in the creation of academies and trusts

Legislation will be introduced to make clear that schools have responsibilities for all children across their area as well as those on their own roll.

The role of the local authority shifts from the current commissioner-provider to strategic commissioner of high-quality school places and children's services that deliver the pupil guarantee.

The full implications of all aspects of 21st Century Schools, of which the place planning is just a part, will become clearer as the legislation is enacted and following a series of workshops and discussions now being planned with schools and the wider education community over the coming months.