

6. Elmbridge

Education in Elmbridge

- 6.1 There are 28 primary age schools in Elmbridge, 7 of which have nursery provision. There are 4 secondary schools three with post-16 provision. Brooklands College has a campus in Weybridge and to the east of the Borough is Esher Sixth Form College. There is also a Special School for children and young people with severe, profound and multiple learning difficulties located near Weybridge and a Short Stay School located in Hersham. Maps at the end of this section give an overview of the educational provision that is available in the Borough. This includes all Primary and Secondary Schools in the Borough. Locations of all Special School, Short Stay School, Sixth form/College provision in Elmbridge is provided in appendix B

Planning areas in Elmbridge

- 6.2 Elmbridge is made up of 6 individual primary planning areas as identified on the map. Each primary age school is allocated to one of these planning areas and projections of need for primary school places are made based on the transfer rates of the number of births in each planning area compared to the number of reception year pupils there are 4 years later.
- 6.3 Elmbridge is a single secondary planning area. This means that demand for secondary places is estimated across the whole Borough.



PRIMARY

Historic numbers of primary pupils in Elmbridge

- 6.4 The table below provides historical information on the total number of available primary places in Reception in Elmbridge (the PAN), compared to the actual pupils in reception year. This provides the number of spare places across the Borough (a negative figure shows a shortage of places compared with the current PAN). Parental preferences are given to indicate the demand for places each year. There has been a shortage of reception places in parts of Elmbridge since 2007. Parental preference for reception places in the Borough is high but is offset by a number of parents not taking up places offered and instead choosing the independent sector.

Year	PAN	Highest Ranking Preference	Pupils in Reception Year	Spare Reception places	Total Places	Total NOR	Surplus Places	% Surplus Places
2006	1262	1258	1209	53	8646	7963	683	7.9
2007	1262	1411	1236	26	8646	8073	573	6.6
2008	1262	1378	1297	-35	8646	8211	435	5
2009	1262	1478	1363	-101	8666	8376	290	3.3
2010	1292	1483	1370	-78	8716	8487	229	2.6
2011	1342	1534	1434	-92	8766	8721	45	0.5

Actions that were taken to provide primary places in September 2011

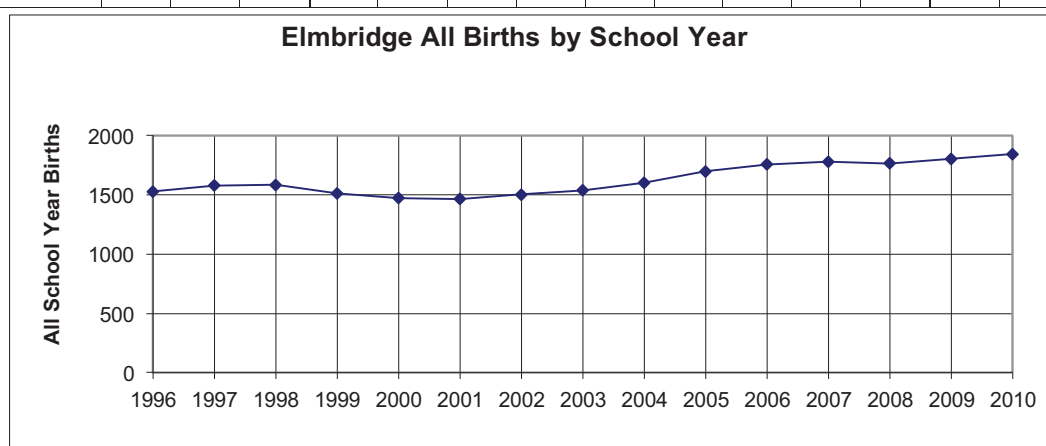
- 6.5 Permanent provision was made at Oatlands Infant School to allow it to expand to 90 places a year from 2011 and 20 additional places were confirmed for Orchard School. Temporary provision was provided at Burhill Infant School, St Andrews Primary School and Hinchley Wood Primary School to enable each to admit an additional class. Additional provision was made at Cranmere Primary School to allow it to continue to admit 60 pupils a year.

Births in Elmbridge

- 6.6 Based on figures provided by the Office for National Statistics, births in Elmbridge have fluctuated around 1500 per annum for a number of years. More recently, birth rates have increased reaching 1844 births in 2010 – an increase of 26% since 2001. This increase in births will lead to a continuously increasing number of children starting primary and secondary schools in Elmbridge in the foreseeable future. It should be noted that the increase is unlikely to be evenly spread across the Borough. Therefore some areas in Elmbridge will experience more pressure for school places than others.

All actual births to school year 2009/10

School Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Births	1528	1581	1584	1513	1475	1467	1502	1540	1603	1698	1759	1780	1768	1804	1844



Elmbridge Forecasts

- 6.7 The need for primary school places depends on the local child population. The key factor is the number of births in an area. Pressure for primary places lags 4 years behind changes in the birth rate, and pressure for secondary places follows another 7 years later. The table below identifies the demand for reception places in Elmbridge to 2011 and the estimated need for places in the future (to 2016). The increase in births in Elmbridge will lead to an increase in demand for school places at both primary level and at secondary level in the longer-term.

School Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
4+ Demand	1209	1236	1297	1363	1370	1434	1431	1465	1486	1504	1511
11+ Demand	806	817	809	815	849	826	821	839	848	882	938

- 6.8 The table below estimates the number of pupils that will require a reception place in a primary school in Elmbridge from 2012 – 2021. This is compared with the total number of available places in Elmbridge in the future (the PAN). The 'spare reception places' column refers to the projected demand compared with the total number of available places in the reception year.

Year	PAN	Pupils in Reception Year	Spare Reception places	Total Places	Total NOR	Surplus Places	% Surplus Places
2012	1342	1431	-89	9394	8966	428	4.8
2013	1342	1465	-123	9394	9192	202	2.2
2014	1342	1486	-144	9394	9427	-33	-0.4
2015	1342	1504	-162	9394	9621	-227	-2.4
2016	1342	1511	-169	9394	9733	-339	-3.5
2017	1342	1520	-178	9394	9857	-463	-4.7
2018	1342	1531	-189	9394	9947	-553	-5.6
2019	1342	1537	-195	9394	10040	-646	-6.4
2020	1342	1546	-204	9394	10114	-720	-7.1
2021	1342	1544	-202	9394	10166	-772	-7.6

- 6.9 On the basis of the known increase in birth rate and projected housing completions, the number of children entering primary schools in Elmbridge is set to continue to increase over the next 10 years and result in an increasing shortage of places to 2021.

Actions taken to provide primary places in 2012 and implications for the future planning period

- 6.10 The number of on-time, first preference applications for 2012 were higher than for 2011. Further 'bulge' classes were therefore provided in 2012 at Hurst Park, Burhill Infant, Cranmere, Hinchley Wood, Thames Ditton Infant, Manby Lodge and St Andrew's.
- 6.11 To date, additional permanent places have been provided at Ashley CE Primary School in Walton, Oatlands Infant School in Weybridge and Orchard Infant School in Molesey. Bell Farm also took its first infant class of 30 pupils in September 2012.

- 6.12 Forecasts suggest that a further seven forms of entry (one form = 30 pupils) per year may be required by the end of the forecast period, five forms by 2014 and six forms by 2015.
- 6.13 Although the need will not be distributed evenly across the Borough, all areas in Elmbridge are projected to experience a shortfall in places over the next ten years. The Dittons and Weston Green is expected to have the greatest need for additional provision, followed by, in order: Walton and Hersham; Cobham & Oxshott; Moleseys, Weybridge and Esher and Claygate. It should be noted that there is usually an overflow of pupils across adjacent primary planning areas both inside and outside of the Borough and the pattern of applications can be affected by the previous year's availability of places. Therefore the shortfalls described above may not all need to be acted upon. For example, Cobham & Oxshott is forecast to have a shortfall of places. However, there is degree of pupil movement between this area and the adjacent Fetcham & Bookham area in Mole valley District and the Horsleys & Effingham area in Guildford Borough. Where there is pressure of places in a planning area, subject to reasonable travelling distances, the Local Authority will seek to manage this pressure in adjacent planning areas where possible.
- 6.14 Two additional forms of entry have been approved for the Walton area (through the creation of primary schools at Burhill Infants, Bell Farm Juniors and Grovelands Infants); one form was established in 2012 and a further 2 forms will be in place by 2013.
- 6.15 Two additional forms are being planned for the Dittons and Weston Green area by 2014.
- 6.16 Additional forms are being considered for both the Cobham area and the Molesey area. The effect of the Cobham Free (primary) school on the need for places locally will need to be monitored. A further form for the Weybridge area is also under consideration. It is possible that a further form will be needed to broadly serve the Molesey/Esher/Dittons areas.
- 6.17 In advance of additional permanent places being created, 'bulge classes' will continue to be provided where necessary.

Accuracy of Primary forecasts

- 6.18 It is useful to understand how accurate the forecasts are year on year. This is done by comparing the number of reception pupils that were allocated a place in Elmbridge in 2011 compared with the number that was forecast in the previous year.
- 6.19 In Elmbridge, there were 29 more reception pupils in 2011 than indicated by the November 2010 forecast, which was an under-estimate of 2%. Forecasts are affected by the provision of Reception places in previous years. The forecasts are based on historic trends, so where Reception numbers increase owing to a step-change in places available, and these places are taken up, there is a significant increase in numbers in an area. The historic trend will include this increase in numbers and, therefore, tend to overestimate numbers in that area by assuming they will continue to

increase. In areas where numbers have not increased significantly in line with previous forecasts, there will be a decreased trend, and future numbers will then tend to be underestimated. Another factor is that the pattern of applications is affected by the provision of additional places the previous year and the perceived likelihood of obtaining places at preferred schools.

- 6.20 There was variation between planning areas: the Moleseys area had exactly the number predicted; the Dittons & Weston Green area had 38 more pupils than forecast (10.6%); the Esher & Claygate area had 5 fewer pupils than forecast (-4%); the Walton & Hersham area had 5 more pupils than forecast (1.3%); the Weybridge area had 7 fewer pupils than forecast (-3%); the Cobham & Oxshott area had 2 fewer pupils than forecast (-1.5%).

SECONDARY

Historic numbers of Secondary pupils in Elmbridge

- 6.21 The table below provides historical information on the total number of available secondary places in year 7 in Elmbridge (the PAN), compared to the actual number of year 7 pupils. This provides the number of spare places in the Borough (a negative figure shows a shortage of places). Parental preferences are given to indicate the demand for places each year.

Year	PAN	Highest Ranking Preference	Pupils in Year 7	Spare Year 7 places	11-16 Places	Total NOR	Surplus Places	% Surplus Places
2006	805	1010	806	-1	4150	4137	13	0.3
2007	805	976	817	-12	4035	4041	-6	-0.1
2008	805	935	809	-4	4025	4011	14	0.3
2009	840	956	815	25	4200	4006	194	4.6
2010	840	944	849	-9	4200	4057	143	3.4
2011	840	950	826	14	4200	4098	102	2.4

Actions that were taken to provide secondary places in September 2011

- 6.22 An additional 30 places were added at Esher High School responding to a bulge coming through from primary schools in Esher and Claygate.

Secondary forecasts in Elmbridge

- 6.23 Our estimates of the future need for secondary places are based on taking the historic transfer ratio from Year 6 to Year 7 in the borough, and applying this to our estimated numbers for future Year 6 cohorts. The transfer ratio has risen each year since 2008/9. The table below indicates that the number of year 7 students starting in secondary education in Elmbridge is on average about 75% of the number of year 6 pupils the academic year prior. This indicates that there are a relatively large number of year 6 pupils that apply for independent education in and around the borough. The past ratios are as follows:

	Year 6	Year 7	Transfer ratio
2008 to 2009	1117	815	0.73
2009 to 2010	1150	849	0.74
2010 to 2011	1072	826	0.77
Average			0.75

6.24 Based on the transfer ratios presented above, the table below estimates the number of pupils that will require a secondary school place in Elmbridge from 2012 – 2021. This is compared to the total number of available places in Elmbridge in the future (the PAN). The 'spare' places refer to the projected demand compared to the total number of available places.

Year	PAN	Pupils in Year 7	Spare Year 7 places	Total NOR	11-16 Places	Surplus Places	% Surplus Places
2012	840	821	19	4108	4200	92	2.2
2013	840	839	1	4128	4200	72	1.7
2014	840	848	-8	4163	4200	37	0.9
2015	840	882	-42	4193	4200	7	0.2
2016	840	938	-98	4307	4200	-107	-2.5
2017	840	932	-92	4416	4200	-216	-5.1
2018	840	965	-125	4534	4200	-334	-8
2019	840	961	-121	4637	4200	-437	-10.4
2020	840	980	-140	4731	4200	-531	-12.6
2021	840	993	-153	4788	4200	-588	-14

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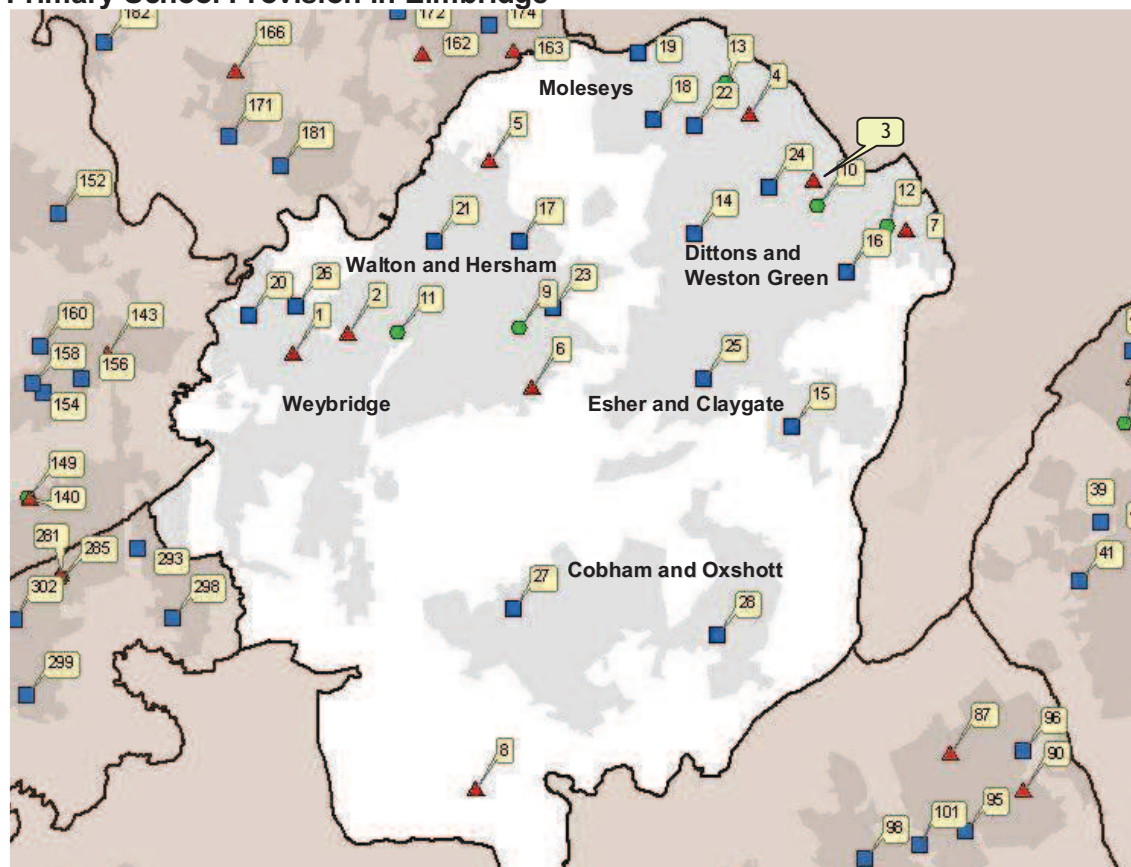
6.25 Currently there is sufficient capacity in Year 7 in Elmbridge. However, numbers are forecast to rise steadily from 2013 leading to a likely need for an additional form of entry by 2015. If the numbers continue to increase as projected, a further 5 forms of entry will be required to accommodate extra pupils by 2021.

6.26 Officers recommend that Esher High School be expanded with permanent accommodation by two forms of entry by 2015. Other schools are being considered for enlargement to meet demand from 2016 and beyond. Projections will need to be carefully monitored to identify any change in the transfer rate from primary schools due, for example, to the impact of the recession, which may lead to a further demand for places.

Accuracy of secondary forecasts

- 6.27 It is useful to understand how accurate the forecasts are year on year. This is done by comparing the number of year 7 pupils that were admitted to Elmbridge secondary schools in 2011, with the number that was forecast in the previous year.
- 6.28 There were 19 more Year 7 pupils than indicated by the November 2010 forecast, which was 2.3% higher than forecast.

Primary School Provision in Elmbridge

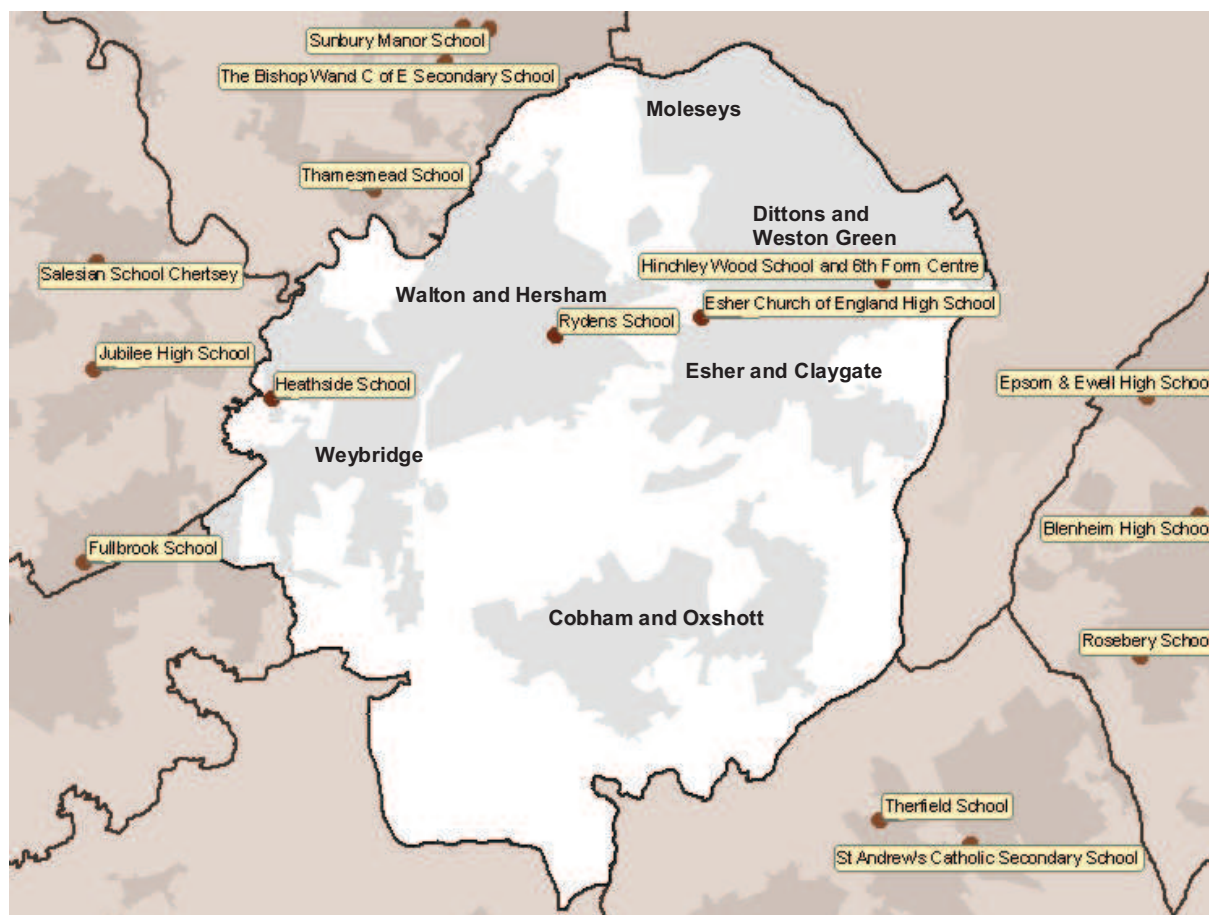


Legend (Note: Only primary schools in Elmbridge are listed here.)

- Primary School
- Junior School
- ▲ Infant School

ID	School Name	ID	School Name
1	Manby Lodge Infant School	15	Claygate Primary School
2	Oatlands Infant School	16	Hinchley Wood Primary School
3	Thames Ditton Infant School	17	Walton Oak Primary School
4	The Orchard School	18	Chandlers Field Primary School
5	Grovelands School	19	Hurst Park Primary School
6	Burhill Community Infant School	20	St Charles Borromeo Catholic Primary School
7	Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School	21	Ashley Church of England (Aided) Primary School
8	St Matthew's C of E (Aided) Infant School Cobham	22	St Alban's Catholic Primary School Molesey
9	Bell Farm Junior School	23	Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School Hersham
10	Thames Ditton Junior School	24	St Paul's Catholic Primary School Thames Ditton
11	Cleves School	25	Esher Church of England (Aided) Primary School
12	Long Ditton St Mary's CofE (Aided) Junior School	26	St James C of E Primary School Weybridge
13	St Lawrence CofE (Aided) Junior School East Molesey	27	St Andrew's Church of England Primary School
14	Cranmere Primary School	28	The Royal Kent Church of England Primary School

Secondary Schools in Elmbridge and surrounding area



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