

## 8. Guildford

### Education in Guildford

- 8.1 There are 38 primary age schools in Guildford, 4 of which have nursery provision. There are 7 secondary schools, 6 with post 16 provision. Guildford College lies in the heart of Guildford town and there are three special schools and three short stay schools near or on the outskirts. Maps at the end of this section give an overview of the educational provision that is available in the Borough. This includes Primary and Secondary Schools in the Borough. Locations of all Special Schools, Short Stay Schools, Sixth form/Colleges in Guildford are provided in appendix B.

### Planning areas in Guildford

- 8.2 Guildford is made up 10 primary planning areas as shown in the map. Each primary school is allocated to one of these planning areas. In some wiser areas it is appropriate to organise planning areas into a wider area. The Guildford Town wider area contains the West Guildford, North Guildford, North East Guildford, and South Guildford planning areas. Projections of the need for primary school places are made based on the number of births in each planning area, to which are added pupils who move into new housing. These are compared to the number of reception year pupils in the area 4 years later to obtain an average transfer ratio which is used to forecast future reception pupils.



- 8.3 The borough of Guildford covers a large geographic area and so is split into three secondary planning areas. Secondary planning areas are used to forecast secondary pupil numbers for each of the three areas: the Ash Area, the Guildford Town area, and the Effingham Area.



## **PRIMARY**

### **Historic numbers of primary pupils in Guildford**

8.4 The table below provides historical information on the total number of available primary places in Reception in Guildford (the PAN), compared to the actual pupils in the 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 in the table to indicate the demand for places each year.

Year	PAN	Highest Ranking Preference	Pupils in Reception Year	Spare Reception places	Total Places	Total NOR	Surplus Places	% Surplus Places
2006	1387	1138	1183	204	9375	8606	769	8.2
2007	1387	1421	1300	87	9375	8648	727	7.8
2008	1372	1327	1337	35	9375	8725	650	6.9
2009	1372	1347	1308	64	9375	8721	654	7
2010	1372	1383	1373	-1	9405	8828	577	6.1
2011	1402	1444	1394	8	9435	8968	467	4.9

### **Actions that were taken to provide primary places in September 2011**

8.5 The demand for reception places significantly exceeded the number of places available in the Guildford Town area in September 2011. Box Grove Primary school permanently expanded by 1FE (Form of Entry), or 30 places in September 2011. An additional 1FE or 30 were provided at St Joseph's RC Primary School, Guildford. A number of late applications for reception places were received, but places were allocated to these children elsewhere without providing additional classes in the Guildford Town area. Applications for junior places into Year 3 exceeded the number of places available in the Guildford Town area in September 2011. An additional temporary class had been planned for Northmead Junior School to accommodate the additional infant class admitted into Stoughton Infant School three years previously. The level of applications for Year 3 places meant an additional class was provided at Bushy Hill Junior School.

### **Births in Guildford**

8.6 Based on figures provided by the Office for National Statistics, births in Guildford have fluctuated for some years. Births decreased around the Millennium, with births by school year being lowest in 2001. Births then increased until 2003 when they flattened out until 2005. Births then increased continuously to 1672 in 2010. This is a 19% increase on births since 2001. This increase in births will lead to a continuously increasing number of children starting primary and then subsequently secondary schools in Guildford in the foreseeable future. It should be noted that this increase is unlikely to be evenly spread across the Borough. Therefore some of the areas in Guildford will experience more pressure on school places than others.

*All actual births to school year 2009, forecast from 2010*

School Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Births	1453	1498	1519	1432	1385	1372	1413	1498	1467	1472	1538	1607	1616	1637	1672

8.7 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 actual demand for reception places in Guildford to 2011 and the estimated need for reception places in the future (to 2016). The increase in births in Guildford will lead to an increase in demand for school places at both primary and secondary level in the future.

8.8 The forecasts only take account of the additional pupils that would be yielded from housing developments that currently have planning permission. Therefore the forecasts will underestimate future demand as there are likely to be a number of additional housing developments that will come forward.

## Guildford forecasts

School Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
4+ Demand	1183	1300	1337	1308	1373	1394	1458	1479	1488	1494	1496
11+ Demand	1326	1318	1315	1388	1292	1300	1288	1194	1313	1354	1313

8.9 The table below indicates estimates of the number of pupils that will require a reception place in a primary school in Guildford from 2012 – 2021. This is compared with the total number of available places in Guildford in the future (the PAN). The 'spare' places refer to the projected demand compared with the total number of available places.

8.10 On the basis of the known increase in birth rate and housing developments with planning permission, the number of children entering primary schools is set to continue to increase over the next 10 years. The forecasts are likely to underestimate demand for places owing to there not being a housing trajectory and so there are likely to be developments that will come forward and families will move into that housing, increasing the number of pupils requiring a school place.

Year	PAN	Pupils in Reception Year	Spare Reception places	Total Places	Total NOR	Surplus Places	% Surplus Places
2012	1402	1458	-56	9465	9175	290	3.1
2013	1402	1479	-77	9495	9458	37	0.4
2014	1402	1488	-86	9525	9611	-86	-0.9
2015	1402	1494	-92	9555	9722	-167	-1.7
2016	1402	1496	-94	9585	9869	-284	-3
2017	1402	1500	-98	9585	9967	-382	-4

Year	PAN	Pupils in Reception Year	Spare Reception places	Total Places	Total NOR	Surplus Places	% Surplus Places
2018	1402	1511	-109	9585	10055	-470	-4.9
2019	1402	1517	-115	9585	10105	-520	-5.4
2020	1402	1526	-124	9585	10148	-563	-5.9
2021	1402	1513	-111	9585	10170	-585	-6.1

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

- 8.11 The number of school places across Guildford as a whole is currently very tight. The spare places that exist tend to be concentrated in schools in some of the rural areas, with a shortage of primary places in the Guildford Town area. Pressure on places will be increased by new housing.
- 8.12 Additional places were necessarily provided in the Guildford town area. St Joseph's RC Primary School admitted an additional 30 pupils as a bulge class in 2012. The Governing Body of St Joseph's RC Primary School in partnership with Surrey County Council is proposing a permanent expansion of the school from 2FE to 3FE in order to provide an additional 30 places.
- 8.13 Burpham primary School has admitted an additional class as a bulge class in 2012, and the Governing Body of Burpham Primary School in partnership with Surrey County Council is proposing a permanent expansion of the school from 1FE to 2FE in order to provide an additional 30 places.
- 8.14 The number of applications for reception places in the Guildford Town area for September 2012 was 16% higher than those for September 2011, whilst the increase in births 4 years previously was 3.4%. This represents a considerable increase in demand for places. Therefore, it was necessary to provide an additional two bulge classes at Onslow Infant School and Weyfield Primary School.
- 8.15 In the medium term there will be a need for 3 additional forms of entry in 3 years above the additional form of entry already provided at Boxgrove Primary School (a form of entry is equivalent to 30 pupils). If the birth rate continues to increase as projected, there will be a potential further need for an additional form of entry by 2020. The situation will be monitored carefully and forecasts revised accordingly as when new housing comes forward, it will significantly increase the demand for places.
- 8.16 The greatest need for additional places will be in the Guildford Town area, which includes the planning areas: South Guildford, West Guildford, North Guildford and North East Guildford. As there can be flow of pupils across the planning area boundaries, changes in provision in one area can affect numbers in an adjacent area,
- 8.17 Bearing in mind forecasts do not include pupils that would come to live in new housing that may be built, the forecast are likely to underestimate demand for places. Demand in East Guildford is forecast to increase by about an another form of entry above the additional form that is being provided at Boxgrove (a form of entry is equivalent to 30 pupils), and the expansion of Burpham Primary School is being proposed to meet this demand. A further form of entry in the West Guildford area is forecast to be needed, increasing to 1.5 forms by 2016. The expansion of St Joseph's RC Primary School is



being proposed to meet some of this demand. Expansion of another school to meet the additional demand is likely to be needed. South Guildford is forecast to be tight with less than 5% spare places. However, applications for places in September 2012 mean numbers will increase and this will be reflected in future forecasts. It is likely that an additional form of entry will be needed in the South Guildford area. North Guildford is not forecast to see a shortfall in places until 2023, although the pattern of first preferences is very variable.

- 8.18 Additional provision will be needed in the Guildford Town area beyond that which is currently planned owing to demand beyond the 5 year planning horizon. Depending on the rate of increase in demand for primary school places, some of the anticipated additional expansions may need to be brought forward.
- 8.19 Puttenham & Shackleford is forecast to have a shortage of places by about one form of entry from 2013 however this demand is expected to be met in adjacent planning areas. Moreover, as the number of places in the Puttenham & Shackleford area is small, small variations in numbers can have a disproportionately large effect on the forecast. There is housing being developed in this area, particularly the former Mushroom Farm in Shackleford, into which families will move. The Puttenham & Shackleford planning area is adjacent to the Godalming planning area in Waverley, which is under increasing pressure, which would restrict the ability for pupils to overflow across that boundary.
- 8.20 The Horsleys & Effingham areas are projected to maintain around half a form of entry of spare Reception places to 2014 and then a steadily decreasing number of spare places until 2020. Applications for reception places in the Send & Ripley area increased dramatically for September 2011, but reduced to a typical level for September 2012. This turbulence in applications makes it more likely that future numbers will vary. Currently the forecasts indicate a shortfall of about half a form of entry. These pupils would be accommodated in adjacent area, either North East Guildford, or the Horsleys & Effingham areas.
- 8.21 Tillingbourne Valley is projected to maintain a small number of spare reception places, although there is forecast to be a shortfall of about a half form of entry of junior places. The pressure on junior places arises from applications made for children attending infant schools outside the planning area. This means the pressure will be placed on the areas in which these infant pupils attend school.
- 8.22 Numbers are now forecast to increase in the Ash & Tongham area, although the applications for places has been very variable over recent years. There are applications for some large housing developments in this area. As these do not currently have planning permission, these are not included in the forecasts. Also additional housing in the adjacent towns of Aldershot and Farnborough are likely to apply pressure as some of these developments are close to some school in this planning area. There is overflow between the Ash & Tongham area and the adjacent Normandy & Pirbright area. Normandy & Pirbright is tight and is forecast to have minor shortfalls. As this planning area is close to the border of Woking and Surrey Heath Boroughs, there can be overflow between three adjacent planning areas. The situation is complicated by the movement of army families into and out of the Pirbright Camp. There is likely to be a medium term shortfall of places when a large number of army families move into the area. the situation will be monitored and decisions on the most appropriate way to provide for this demand will be made.
- 8.23 Housing developments are increasing pressure on places in the Guildford urban area. In order to meet the projected increased need for places, SCC intends to expand provision in the Guildford urban area. Contributions are being received from the developers of the former Defra site to pay for the additional educational infrastructure

being provided at Boxgrove Primary School, which is being expanded permanently by 1FE.

## Accuracy of Primary forecasts

- 8.24 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 Guildford in 2011 compared with the number that was forecast in the previous year.
- 8.25 The number of reception pupils in Guildford in 2011 was 11 lower than indicated by the November 2010 forecasts, a difference of -0.8%. 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 in line with previous forecasts, there will be a decreased trend, and future numbers will then tend to be underestimated.
- 8.26 In the Guildford Town area, the North East Guildford area had the same number of pupils as forecast (0%); the South Guildford area had 8 fewer pupils than forecast (-4.2%); the West Guildford area had had the same number of pupils as forecast (0%); the North Guildford area had 1 fewer pupils than forecast (-0.9%). The Guildford Town area as a whole had 9 fewer pupils than forecast, a difference of -1.2%.
- 8.27 In the Ash & Tongham area where there were 13 fewer pupils than forecast, a difference of -6.0%. An additional class had previously been provided at Ash Grange School, and the increase in Reception numbers caused the forecast of pupils to be for a continued increased number, which would be an overestimate. The forecast model uses a three year average to estimate trends, so the effects of any change would affect the forecasts for three years. The number of Reception pupils in this area have decreased, however, contrary to the trend. The Normandy & Pirbright area had 4 more pupils than forecast an overestimate of 4.7%. In the two areas combined there were 9 fewer pupils than forecast, a difference of -3.0%.
- 8.28 The Send & Ripley area had 13 fewer pupils than forecast, a difference of -13.0%. Applications for places in the Send & Ripley area have been very variable, leading to a varying number of reception pupils each year. A likely factor will be changes in provision in this area as well as in adjacent planning areas. The Horsleys & Effingham area had 9 more pupils than forecast (10%). In the two areas combined there were 3 fewer pupils than forecast, a difference of -1.5%.
- 8.29 The Tillingbourne Valley area had 2 more pupils than forecast, a difference of 2.6%. The Puttenham & Shackleford area had 8 fewer pupils than forecast (-9.5%). This area is at capacity, and previously had a trend of increasing numbers, which could not be sustained owing to the number of places available. There is increasing demand in this area, which means that there is likely to be an inherent overestimate in future forecasts. Another factor that causes uncertainty in forecasting is that the number of places in this area is low, so small variations in the numbers used in the forecast have a disproportionately large effect.

## **SECONDARY**

### **Historic numbers of Secondary pupils in Guildford**

8.30 The table below provides historical information on the total number of available secondary places in year 7 in Guildford (the PAN), compared with the actual number of year 7 places that were taken up. 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	1380	1538	1326	54	6860	6725	135	2
2007	1380	1493	1318	62	6880	6694	186	2.7
2008	1390	1624	1315	75	6950	6623	327	4.7
2009	1390	1595	1388	2	6950	6652	298	4.3
2010	1390	1453	1292	98	6950	6644	306	4.4
2011	1390	1454	1300	90	6950	6600	350	5

### **Actions that were taken to provide secondary places in September 2011**

8.31 There were no actions taken to provide additional secondary places for September 2011.

### **Secondary forecasts in Guildford**

8.32 Our estimates of the future need for secondary places is based on taking the historic transfer ratio from Year 6 to Year 7 in the secondary planning areas in the Borough, and applying this to our estimated numbers for future Year 6 cohorts. The transfer ratio in Guildford Borough was consistent from 2009-2011, though it was lower than 2008-09. The table below indicates that the number of year 7 students starting in secondary education in Guildford Borough is about 108% of the number of year 6 pupils in the previous school year. This indicates that there are more pupils starting secondary schools in Guildford than there are in the last year of primary schools in the Borough. The past ratios are as follows:

	Year 6	Year 7	Transfer ratio
2008 to 2009	1260	1388	1.1
2009 to 2010	1210	1292	1.07

	Year 6	Year 7	Transfer ratio
2010 to 2011	1211	1300	1.07
Average			1.08

- 8.33 Based on the transfer ratios of Y6 to Y7, the table below gives the estimates of the number of pupils that will require a secondary school place in Guildford from 2012 – 2021. This is compared with the total number of available places in Guildford in the future (the PAN). The ‘spare’ places refer to the projected demand compared with the total number of available places. It is important to note that there is currently no housing trajectory for Guildford Borough.
- 8.34 The forecasts only take account of the additional pupils that would be yielded from housing developments that currently have planning permission. Therefore the forecasts will underestimate future demand as there are likely to be a number of additional housing developments that will come forward.

Year	PAN	Pupils in Year 7	Spare Year 7	Total NOR	11-16 Places	Surplus Places	% Surplus
2012	1390	1288	102	6559	6950	391	5.6
2013	1390	1194	196	6428	6950	522	7.5
2014	1390	1313	77	6360	6950	590	8.5
2015	1390	1354	36	6412	6950	538	7.7
2016	1390	1313	77	6419	6950	531	7.6
2017	1390	1337	53	6468	6950	482	6.9
2018	1390	1355	35	6625	6950	325	4.7
2019	1390	1395	-5	6707	6950	243	3.5
2020	1390	1409	-19	6760	6950	190	2.7
2021	1390	1416	-26	6863	6950	87	1.3

### **Actions taken to provide secondary places in 2012 and implications for the future planning period**

- 8.35 Currently there are about 3 forms of entry (FE) of spare Year 7 places in Guildford. This is forecast to rise to about 6 FE by 2013 in line with the dip in births around the Millennium. The oversupply of places is projected to reduce until 2019 when it is predicted that the demand for places may exceed supply.
- 8.36 In the Effingham area there is currently a shortage of secondary places, which after a dip in numbers, the shortage of places is projected to increase then flatten out. A significant number of pupils from Mole Valley District as well as a number from Elmbridge Borough, apply for secondary places in Effingham. Changes in primary pupil numbers in the adjacent Fetcham & Bookham area, in Mole Valley, will affect the pressure on secondary places in Effingham though secondary places are likely to be available within Mole Valley.

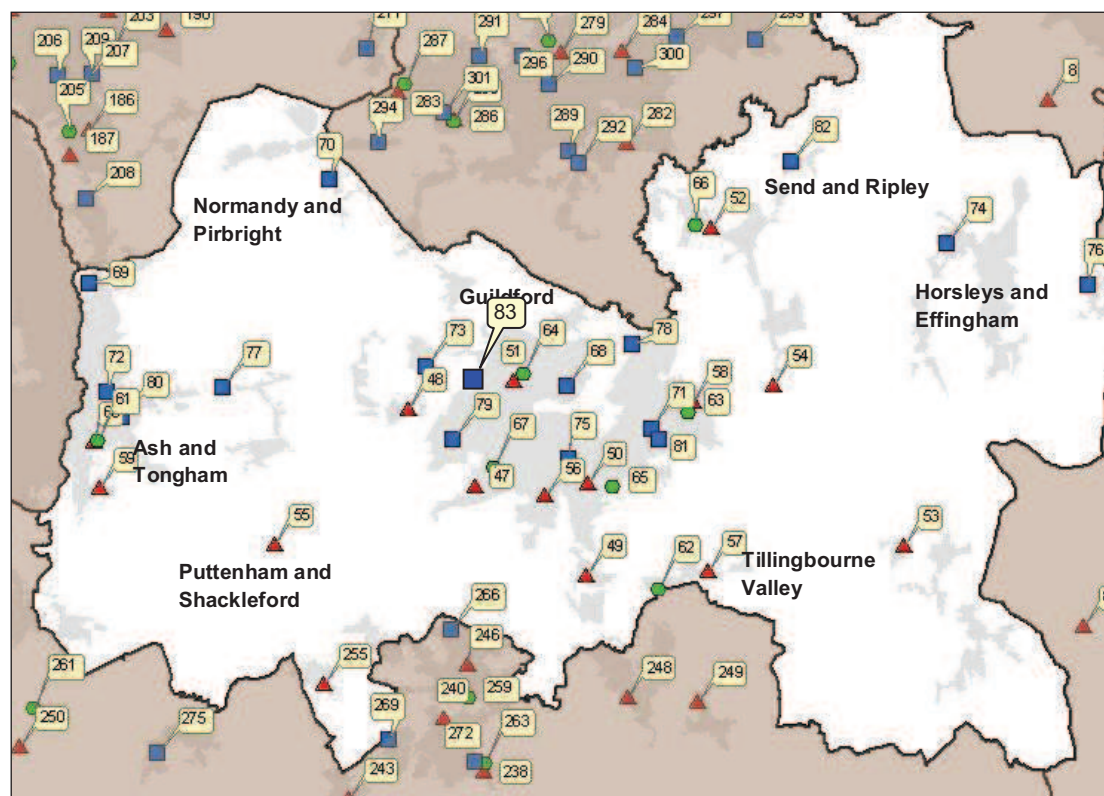


- 8.37 In the Ash and Tongham area there is currently a small shortage of secondary places, where after a dip in numbers, this shortage of places is projected to increase. A significant number of pupils from the Aldershot area in Hampshire apply for secondary places in Ash. There is going to be an expansion of housing in Aldershot, and this is likely to increase pressure on secondary places in the Ash area. There are also a number of housing developments that are being proposed in the Ash & Tongham area. If these receive planning permission, then there will be increased demand for school places from families moving into new housing. The position will need to be closely monitored.

### **Accuracy of secondary forecasts**

- 8.38 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 allocated a place in Guildford secondary schools in 2011 with the number that was forecast in previous year.
- 8.39 There were 11 fewer Year 7 pupils than indicated by the November 2009 forecast, which was 0.8% lower than forecast. The Guildford area had 16 fewer pupils than forecast, a difference of -1.8%. The Ash & Tongham area had 3 fewer pupils than forecast, a difference of -1.4%. The Effingham area had 8 more pupils than forecast, a difference of 3.4%.

## Primary schools in Guildford and surrounding area



### Legend

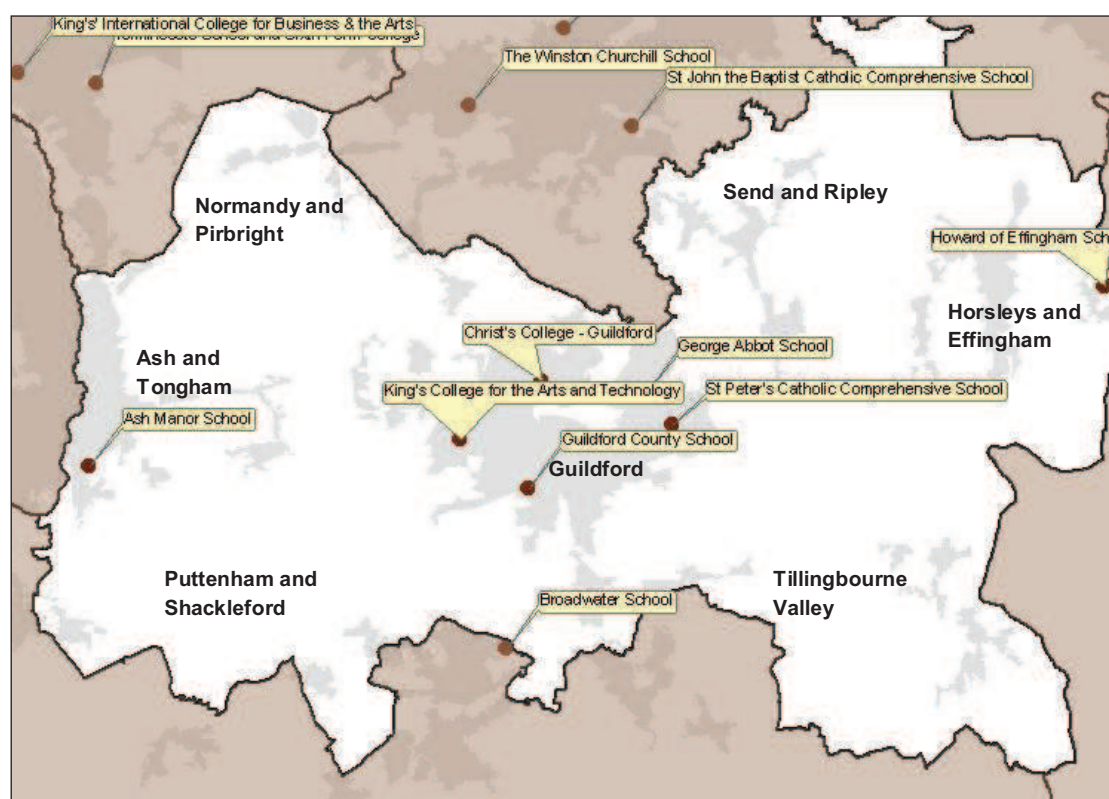
- Primary School
- ⬡ Junior School
- ▲ Infant School

**Note:** Only primary schools in Guildford are listed here.

ID	School Name	ID	School Name
47	Onslow Infant School	65	Holy Trinity C of E (A) Junior School Guildford
48	Wood Street Infant School	66	St Bede's Church of England (Aided) Junior School
49	Shalford Infant School	67	Queen Eleanor's CofE (Aided) Junior School
50	Pewley Down Infant School	68	Weyfield Primary School
51	Stoughton Infant School	69	Holly Lodge Primary School
52	Send C of E First School	70	Pirbright Primary School
53	Shere C of E (Aided) Infant School	71	Boxgrove Primary School
54	Clandon C of E (Aided) Infant School	72	Shawfield Primary School
55	Puttenham C of E School	73	Worplesdon Primary School
56	St Nicolas C of E (Aided) Infant School	74	The Raleigh School

57	Chilworth C of E (Aided) Infant School	75	Sandfield Primary School
58	Merrow C of E (Controlled) Infant School	76	St Lawrence Primary School
59	St Paul's C of E Infant School Tongham	77	Wyke Primary School
60	Walsh Memorial C of E (Cont) Infant School	78	Burpham Foundation Primary School
61	Walsh Church of England Junior School	79	Guildford Grove Primary School
62	Tillingbourne Junior School	80	Ash Grange Primary School
63	Bushy Hill Junior School	81	St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School
64	Northmead Junior School	82	Ripley Primary School
255	St Mary's Church of England Infant School	83	St Josephs Catholic Primary School

## Secondary schools in Guildford and surrounding area



*Note: Broadwater falls in the Borough of Waverley*

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