

9. Mole Valley

Education in Mole Valley

- 9.1 There are 24 primary age schools in Mole Valley, 2 of which have nursery provision. There are 4 secondary schools all with post-16 provision. There are no 6th form or HE/FE colleges in the district which is primarily served by East Surrey and Reigate colleges in the adjacent borough. There are three Special Schools in the district but short stay provision is located in adjacent areas. 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 Mole Valley is provided in appendix B.

Planning areas in Mole Valley

- 9.2 Mole Valley is made up of 6 individual primary planning areas as identified in 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.
- 9.3 Given its geographical nature, Mole Valley is split into two secondary planning areas. This means that the need for secondary places is estimated for the north of the District (Therfield and St Andrews) as well as in the centre and south (The Ashcombe and The Priory) rather than across the District as a whole.



PRIMARY

Historic numbers of primary pupils in Mole Valley

- 9.4 The table below provides historical information on the total number of available primary places in Reception in Mole Valley (the PAN), compared to the actual pupils in reception year. This provides the number of spare places across the District (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.

Year	PAN	Highest Ranking Preference	Pupils in Reception Year	Spare Reception places	Total Places	Total NOR	Surplus Places	% Surplus Places
2006	906	707	811	95	6087	5512	575	9.4
2007	886	844	821	65	5947	5530	417	7
2008	886	803	831	55	5947	5452	495	8.3
2009	886	792	804	82	5947	5465	482	8.1
2010	890	822	825	65	5983	5444	539	9

Year	PAN	Highest Ranking Preference	Pupils in Reception Year	Spare Reception places	Total Places	Total NOR	Surplus Places	% Surplus Places
2011	893	821	852	41	6023	5497	526	8.7

Actions that were taken to provide primary places in September 2011

9.5 For September 2011 no additional reception places were required in the Borough.

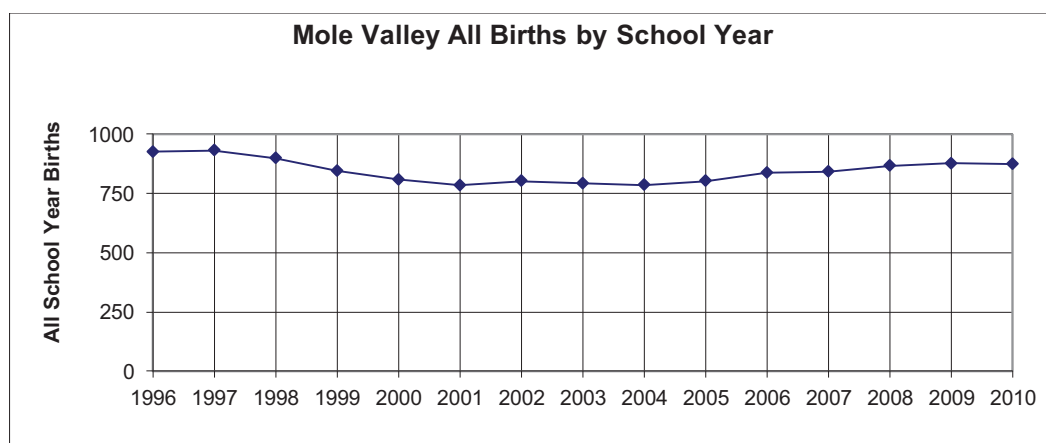
Births in Mole Valley

9.6 Based on figures provided by the Office for National Statistics, births in Mole Valley dropped from 1997 reaching a low point in 2001. From 2001, the birth rate had remained relatively stable at around 800, until 2006 when there was a significant increase. Birth numbers have continued to increase up to 2010. School year Births have increased by 11% from 2001 to 2010.

9.7 Births are projected to increase gradually, based on ONS population estimates and projected fertility rates. This increase in births is relatively slight and will only lead to a marginally increased number of children starting school for the foreseeable future.

All actual births to school year 2010/11

School Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Births	925	932	899	845	808	784	803	792	786	803	837	842	867	876	874



Mole Valley Forecasts

9.8 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 Mole Valley to 2011 and the estimated need for places in the future (to 2016).

School Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
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4+ Demand	811	821	831	804	825	852	827	830	829	822	816
11+ Demand	756	665	783	739	748	683	656	697	736	731	723

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

Year	PAN	Pupils in Reception Year	Spare Reception places	Total Places	Total NOR	Surplus Places	% Surplus Places
2012	900	827	73	6063	5585	478	7.9
2013	900	830	70	6063	5638	425	7
2014	900	829	71	6063	5629	434	7.2
2015	900	822	78	6063	5621	442	7.3
2016	900	816	84	6063	5607	456	7.5
2017	900	824	76	6063	5604	459	7.6
2018	900	823	77	6063	5569	494	8.1
2019	900	816	84	6063	5556	507	8.4
2020	900	825	75	6063	5549	514	8.5
2021	900	828	72	6063	5549	514	8.5

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

- 9.10 The forecasts indicate there will be sufficient places in the Mole Valley for the foreseeable future. This masks considerable variation across the District. To the South considerable spare capacity exists and this is forecast to continue for the planning period. To the North of the Borough in the Ashted and Leatherhead planning area pressure in places is much greater and was especially acute for entry in 2012.
- 9.11 Two additional forms of entry were provided at The Greville Primary School and West Ashted Primary School. Both of these schools are in the Ashted Planning area. This additional provision of places relates both to an increase in local demand but also the reduction in the spare capacity in the neighbouring borough of Epsom and Ewell. Should the 2012 numbers be repeated in this area additional permanent school provision would need to be considered.
- 9.12 Reviews of provision have recently taken place in the Dorking and Brockham Planning areas. It is forecast that demand will relate to the new pattern of provision over this planning period.
- 9.13 The number of places in the Bookham and Fetcham planning area is closely aligned to the forecast demand over the planning period. We will need to continue to closely monitor this area to ensure that appropriate provision is provided in the future.

Accuracy of Primary forecasts

- 9.14 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 Mole Valley in 2011 with the number that was forecast in the previous year.
- 9.15 Numbers in reception in 2011 were 3% (27 places) above forecast.
- 9.16 To the North of the District the planning areas of Dorking, Leatherhead and Ashted all had more children than forecast. This was especially the case in Leatherhead and Ashted where there were 21 more students than forecast (8%) and the schools were operating at capacity.
- 9.17 Numbers in Fetcham and Bookham were 6% below the forecast, this relates closely to pupils accepting places in the Leatherhead planning area and a composite reduction in the flow of pupils in to this planning area.
- 9.18 Numbers in the Dorking planning area were 11% above forecast. This however relates to the demand being below 10% forecast in the Brockham and South Mole Valley Planning Areas.

SECONDARY

Historic numbers of Secondary pupils in Mole Valley

- 9.19 The table below provides historical information on the total number of available secondary places in year 7 in Mole Valley (the PAN), compared with the actual number of year 7 places that were taken up. This provides the number of spare places in the District (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	753	818	756	-3	3733	3761	-28	-0.8
2007	753	717	665	88	3741	3639	102	2.7
2008	753	928	783	-30	3765	3645	120	3.2
2009	753	723	739	14	3765	3676	89	2.4
2010	753	708	748	5	3765	3682	83	2.2
2011	750	685	683	67	3750	3615	135	3.6

Actions that were taken to provide secondary places in September 2011

9.20 No action was taken to provide additional places in 2011.

Secondary forecasts in Mole Valley

9.21 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 District, and applying this to our estimated numbers for future Year 6 cohorts. Although the transfer ratio dropped significantly in 2006/7 since then it has remained very stable. The past ratios are as follows:

	Year 6	Year 7	Transfer ratio
2008 to 2009	761	739	0.97
2009 to 2010	771	748	0.97
2010 to 2011	753	683	0.91
Average			0.95

9.22 Based on the transfer ratios presented above, the table below estimates the number of pupils that will require a secondary school place in Mole Valley from 2011 – 2020. This is compared with the total number of available places in Mole Valley in the future (the PAN). The 'spare' places refer to the projected demand compared with 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	750	656	94	3596	3750	154	4.1
2013	750	697	53	3509	3750	241	6.4
2014	750	736	14	3511	3750	239	6.4
2015	750	731	19	3490	3750	260	6.9
2016	750	723	27	3518	3750	232	6.2
2017	750	726	24	3579	3750	171	4.6
2018	750	755	-5	3631	3750	119	3.2
2019	750	727	23	3623	3750	127	3.4
2020	750	728	22	3619	3750	131	3.5
2021	750	726	24	3621	3750	129	3.4

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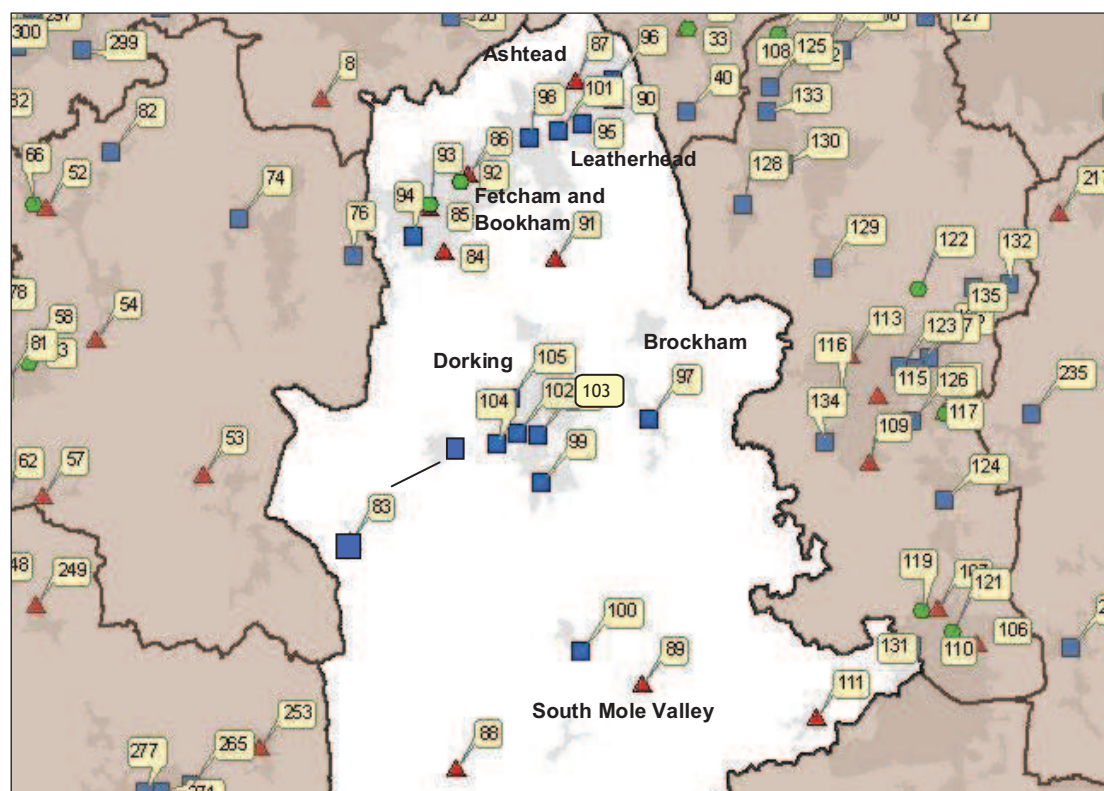
9.23 On the basis of the projected number of pupils entering Year 7 in Mole Valley and the numbers on roll we would not expect to increase provision for the foreseeable future. The district as a whole is projected to maintain a small surplus of secondary places over the next 10 years. Secondary places are tight in the Dorking area and after a dip in numbers a shortage is projected. Pressure on secondary places in the Leatherhead

area is lower than it might be, as a number of residents of this area, particularly in the Fetcham & Bookham area, apply for secondary school places in the adjacent Effingham area of Guildford Borough.




Accuracy of secondary forecasts

- 9.24 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 Mole Valley secondary schools in 2011 with the number that was forecast in the previous year.
- 9.25 In Mole Valley, there were 48 fewer Year 7 pupils than indicated by the November 2010 forecast, which was 7% lower than forecast. This however masked significant difference and flow between the areas.
- 9.26 Dorking planning area had 13 more pupils (3%) more pupils than forecast whilst the Leatherhead planning area had 61 fewer pupils than forecast. The existence of spare capacity in adjacent planning areas means that pupils were able to gain preferences in a range of schools, which in turn impacted on the intake numbers in this planning area.

Primary schools in Mole Valley and surrounding area



Legend

-  Primary School
 Junior School
 Infant School

Note: Only primary schools in Mole Valley are listed here.

ID	School Name	ID	School Name
83	Surrey Hills Primary (split site - Abinger and Westcott site shown)	95	West Ashted Primary School
84	Polesden Lacey Infant School	96	The Greville Primary School
85	Eastwick Infant School	97	North Downs Primary (formerly Brockham School)
86	Fetcham Village Infant School	98	Leatherhead Trinity
87	Barnett Wood Infant School	99	St Johns CE Community Primary School
88	Scott Broadwood C of E (A) Infant School	100	The Weald Church of England (VA)Primary School
89	Newdigate CofE Endowed (Aided) Infant School	101	St Peter's Catholic Primary School Leatherhead
90	St Giles C of E (Aided) Infant School	102	St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School
91	St Michael's C of E (Aided) Infant School	103	St Paul's C of E (Aided) Primary School Dorking
92	Oakfield Junior School	104	Powell Corderoy Primary School
93	Eastwick Junior School	105	St Martin's Church of England (Cont) Primary School
94	The Dawnay School	111	Charlwood Village Infant School

Secondary schools in Mole Valley and surrounding area

