

16. Woking

Education in Woking

There are 25 primary age schools in Woking, 8 of which have nursery provision. There are 4 secondary schools one with post-16 provision. Woking College provides sixth form provision to the local and surrounding area. There is a short stay school situated in Woking and there are two Special Schools providing education for children and young people with learning difficulties and autistic spectrum disorders. Maps at the end of this section give an overview of the educational provision that is available in the Borough - including all Primary and Secondary Schools. Locations of all Special School, Short Stay School, Sixth form/College provision in Woking is provided in appendix B.

Planning areas in Woking

16.2 Woking is made up of 5 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.



16.3 Woking 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 Woking

16.4 The table below provides historical information on the total number of available primary places in Reception in Woking (the PAN), compared with 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.

Year	PAN	Highest Ranking Preference	Pupils in Reception Year	Spare Reception places	Total Places	Total NOR	Surplus Places	% Surplus Places
2006	1039	891	929	110	7005	6559	446	6.4
2007	1054	1107	993	61	6963	6613	350	5
2008	1034	1009	987	47	6941	6580	361	5.2
2009	1034	1056	1023	11	6934	6661	273	3.9

Year	PAN	Highest Ranking Preference	Pupils in Reception Year	Spare Reception places	Total Places	Total NOR	Surplus Places	% Surplus Places
2010	1045	1061	1074	-29	6927	6783	144	2.1
2011	1075	1173	1149	-74	7002	7022	-20	-0.3

Actions taken to provide primary places in September 2011

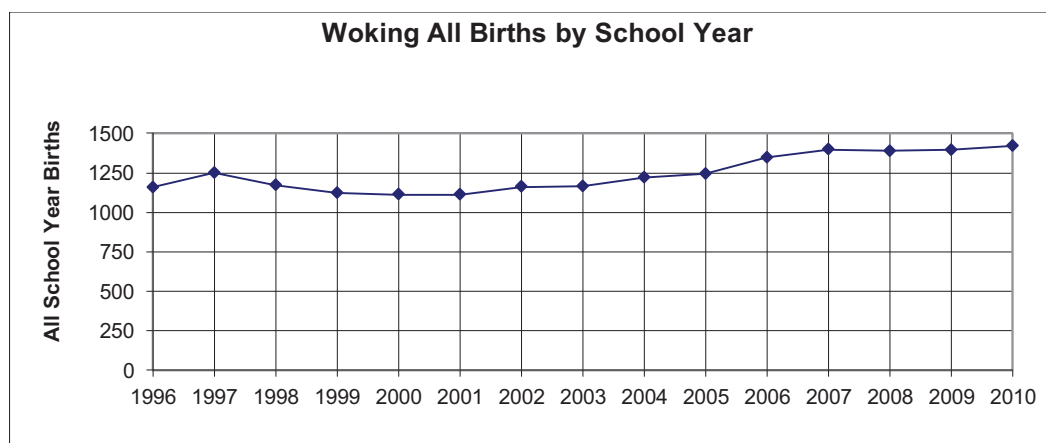
16.5 Additional classes were opened at the following primary schools: Westfield, Broadmere and Byfleet in order to meet demand for places in 2011.

Births in Woking

16.6 Based on figures provided by the Office for National Statistics, births in Woking dipped from 1997 to a low point in 2001. Births then rose quite sharply year on year to 2007 before flattening out through to 2008. Between the low point in 2001 and 2010 births per annum have increased by 28%. This increase in births will lead to a continuously increasing number of children starting primary and secondary schools in Woking 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 Woking will experience more pressure for school places than others.

All actual births to 2010/11

School Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Births	1157	1249	1172	1122	1113	1112	1162	1164	1220	1243	1346	1398	1387	1394	1420



Woking forecasts

16.7 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 Woking to 2011 and the estimated need for places in the future (to 2016). The increase in births in Woking leads to an increase in demand for school places at both a primary and a secondary level in the future.

School Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
4+ Demand	929	993	987	1023	1074	1149	1101	1097	1113	1123	1137
11+ Demand	818	820	839	850	860	778	849	836	866	883	896

16.8 The table below estimates the number of pupils that will require a reception place in a primary school in Woking from 2012 – 2021. This is compared with the total number of available places in Woking in the future (the PAN). The 'spare' places refer to the projected demand compared with the total number of available places. On the basis of the known increase in birth rate and projected housing completions, the number of children entering primary is set to continue to increase over the next 10 years.

16.9 It should be noted that the projections for Woking have underestimated the demand for the last couple of years in 2011 and 2012 and therefore the projections further into the future should be read with this caveat in mind. The birth rates in 2007/8 did not increase in proportion to the increase of applications so it is likely that the increase is due to inward migration, pupils yielded from additional housing (over and above the assumptions made in the forecasting methodology) and the 'recession effect' – more parents applying for places that would have otherwise have chosen private education.

Year	PAN	Pupils in Reception Year	Spare Reception places	Total Places	Total NOR	Surplus Places	% Surplus Places
2012	1065	1101	-36	7062	7184	-122	-1.7
2013	1065	1097	-32	7122	7370	-248	-3.5
2014	1155	1113	52	7547	7498	49	0.6
2015	1155	1123	32	7562	7616	-54	-0.7
2016	1155	1137	18	7577	7724	-147	-1.9
2017	1155	1148	7	7577	7790	-213	-2.8
2018	1155	1154	1	7577	7787	-210	-2.8
2019	1155	1158	-3	7577	7835	-258	-3.4
2020	1155	1155	0	7577	7890	-313	-4.1
2021	1155	1161	-6	7577	7936	-359	-4.7

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

16.10 Applications in 2012 far exceeded the available provision. The numbers of pupils requiring a school place was greater than the estimated figure of 1101 for reasons set out in paragraph 16.9.

16.11 Meetings in January 2012 with Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors discussed the options available to meeting future demand and 3 permanent expansions in Woking were agreed as 'preferred options' - (i) Goldsworth (to PAN of 90), (ii) St Dunstons (to PAN of 90) and (iii) Westfield (to PAN of 60). Provision at these schools was provided from 2012 with permanent expansion in the future. These agreements remain subject to statutory consultation and decision making processes, planning permissions and funding approvals. Consultations on (i) and (ii) are taking place. Westfield Primary School will be expanding by using existing accommodation (subject to the relocation of Surrey Arts) and therefore consultation is not required.

16.12 Furthermore, to meet the demand in 2012, additional classes were provided

at (iv) St John's, (v) Sythwood, (vi) Pyrford CofE, (vii) The Marist (15 extra). Double demountable accommodation has been provided so that these classes will also be available in 2013.

- 16.13 Given the increase in demand against the projection, Officers will be working on options for further permanent provision in the Woking area from 2013 and 2014. The Local Authority is likely to permanently expand the Marist to 60 from 2013 but this is subject to available capital funding.

Accuracy of Primary forecasts

- 16.14 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 Woking in 2011 with the number that was forecast in the previous year.
- 16.15 Overall reception numbers were 57 higher than indicated in the November 2010 forecasts, an accuracy to within 5%. 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.
- 16.16 The South Woking area had 18 more pupils than forecast, a difference of 13%. The additional reception class provided at Westfield Primary School has led to an increase in numbers in this area. The Knaphill area had 30 fewer pupils than forecast, a difference of 10%. The Horsell & Goldsworth area had 31 more pupils than forecast (13%). Numbers have increased in the Sheerwater & Maybury area, and exceeded the projection by 17 (10%). The Byfleet & West Byfleet area had 21 more pupils than forecast (8%).

SECONDARY

Historic numbers of Secondary pupils in Woking

- 16.17 The table below provides historical information on the total number of available secondary places in year 7 in Woking (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	870	931	818	52	4290	4207	83	1.9
2007	810	884	820	-10	4020	4205	-185	-4.6
2008	810	939	839	-29	4080	4169	-89	-2.2

Year	PAN	Highest Ranking Preference	Pupils in Year 7	Spare Year 7 places	11-16 Places	Total NOR	Surplus Places	% Surplus Places
2009	810	905	850	-40	4050	4201	-151	-3.7
2010	810	905	860	-50	4050	4249	-199	-4.9
2011	815	807	778	37	4075	4192	-117	-2.9

Actions that were taken to provide secondary places in September 2011

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

Secondary forecasts in Woking

16.19 Estimates of the future need for secondary places is 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 ratios between primary and secondary in Woking have remained fairly consistent over the last three years. The table below indicates that the number of year 7 students starting in secondary education in Woking is lower than the number of primary pupils in the Borough. This indicates that there are a number of year 6 pupils that apply for other secondary schools outside of the Borough or in independent education. The past ratios are as follows:

	Year 6	Year 7	Transfer ratio
2008 to 2009	918	850	0.93
2009 to 2010	939	860	0.92
2010 to 2011	873	778	0.89
Average			0.91

16.20 Based on the transfer ratios presented above, the table below estimates the number of pupils that will require a secondary school place in Woking from 2012 – 2021. This is compared with the total number of available places in Woking 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	840	849	-9	4200	4200	0	0
2013	840	836	4	4193	4200	7	0.2
2014	840	866	-26	4203	4200	-3	-0.1
2015	840	883	-43	4228	4200	-28	-0.7
2016	840	896	-56	4346	4200	-146	-3.5
2017	840	927	-87	4433	4200	-233	-5.5
2018	840	998	-158	4612	4200	-412	-9.8

Year	PAN	Pupils in Year 7	Spare Year 7 places	Total NOR	11-16 Places	Surplus Places	% Surplus Places
2019	840	957	-117	4714	4200	-514	-12.2
2020	840	949	-109	4787	4200	-587	-14
2021	840	959	-119	4852	4200	-652	-15.5

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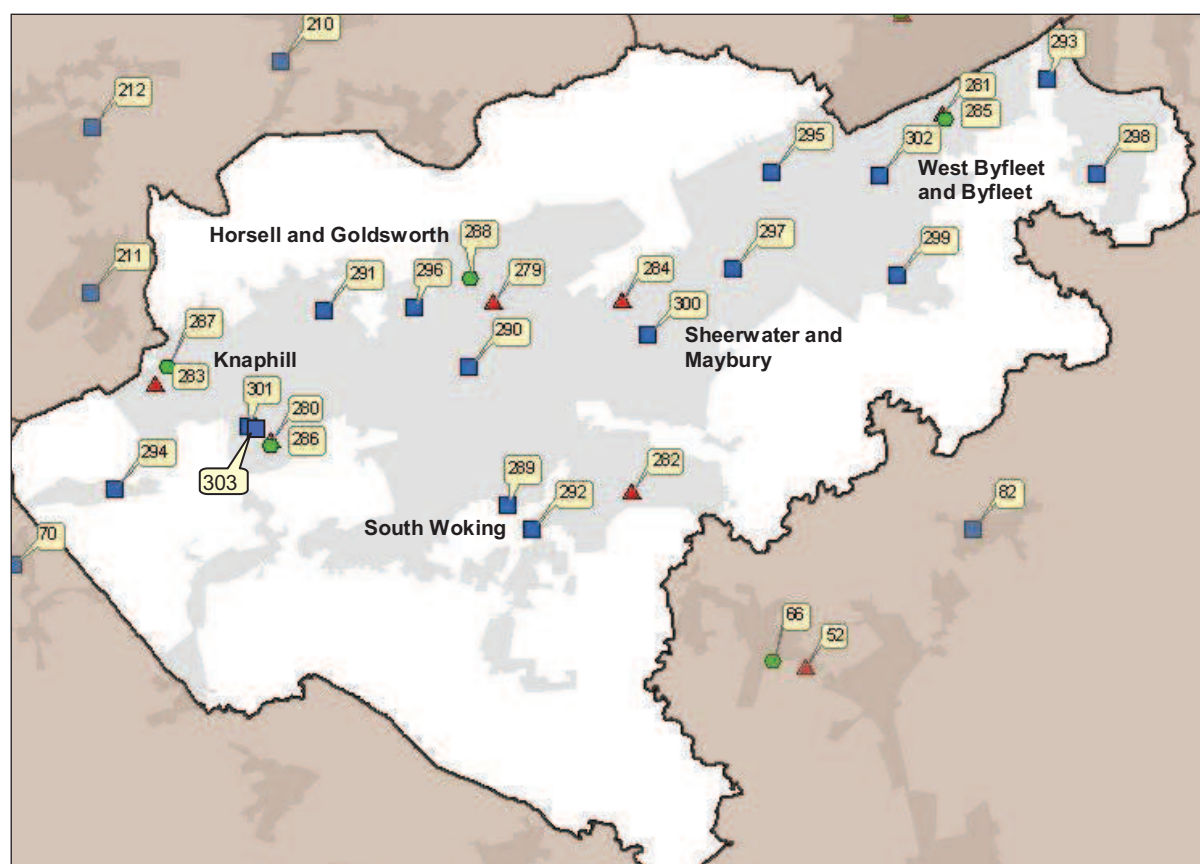
16.21 Additional secondary places will be required from 2014. During 2012, officers have been working with secondary schools in the North West of Surrey to identify how additional places can be provided across the Woking and Runnymede areas in the future, this work is ongoing.

Accuracy of secondary forecasts

16.22 It is useful to understand how accurate the forecasts are year on year. This is done by comparing the number of year 7 pupils were allocated a place in Woking secondary schools in 2011 with the number that was forecast in the previous year.

16.23 In 2011, there were 14 fewer Year 7 pupils than indicated by the November 2010 whole borough forecast, which was a 1.8% difference.

Primary schools in Woking and surrounding area



Legend

- Primary School
- ⬡ Junior School
- ▲ Infant School

ID	School Name	ID	School Name
279	Horsell Village School	291	Beaufort Community Primary School
280	The Oaktree School	292	Westfield Primary School
281	West Byfleet Community Infant School	293	Byfleet Primary School
282	Kingfield School	294	Brookwood Primary School
283	The Knaphill Lower School	295	Broadmere Community Primary School
284	Maybury Infant School	296	Sythwood Primary School
285	West Byfleet Junior School	297	New Monument School
286	The Hermitage School	298	St Mary's C of E (Cont) Primary School Byfleet
287	Knaphill School	299	Pyrford Primary School
288	Horsell Church of England Junior School	300	St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School Woking
289	Barnsbury Primary School	301	St Johns Primary School
290	Goldsworth Primary School	302	The Marist Catholic Primary School West Byfleet
		303	St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School Knaphill

Note: Only primary schools in Woking are listed here.

Secondary schools in Woking and surrounding area

