

SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING – UPDATE – July 2023

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SUMMARY

This report presents to Committee an update on school places planning. School place planning is a key related statutory function of the Council as a local education authority (LA) and involves liaison with all schools and Trusts in the borough, and with neighbouring LAs. The duty is to have a sufficiency of school places to meet parent demand across the borough. School place planning sets a strategic framework in which the LA and every school can operate, requiring an annual review and decisions to be agreed with individual schools and Trusts to adjust supply, and to inform timely capital investment and building decisions and negotiations with the DfE.

The latest update indicates that primary-aged pupils on roll overall continue to show the gradual decline seen in each termly census returns since January 2019. However, there has been a slight increase in pupil numbers recorded in the January 2023 census. From January 2019 to January 2022 the pupil numbers reduced by 813 and this year the number increased by 76. Due to the overall decline in primary rolls since 2019, Officers continue to work with schools to keep under review Published Admissions Numbers (PANs).

In secondary schools, the number of children on roll has increased in line with projections. Further work is underway on the future planning requirements to meet the forecast need for additional secondary school places and to ensure there will be sufficient secondary Year 7 places.

To meet the growing demand for school places for children with additional needs, a large programme of capital works to expand and create new special schools and units in the Borough is being progressed, working with the Department for Education. A full review of the need for future school places from children with additional support needs is underway.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Children, Families and Education Select Committee:

- **Note the update and actions underway to support parents and schools.**
- **Question officers about the update.**

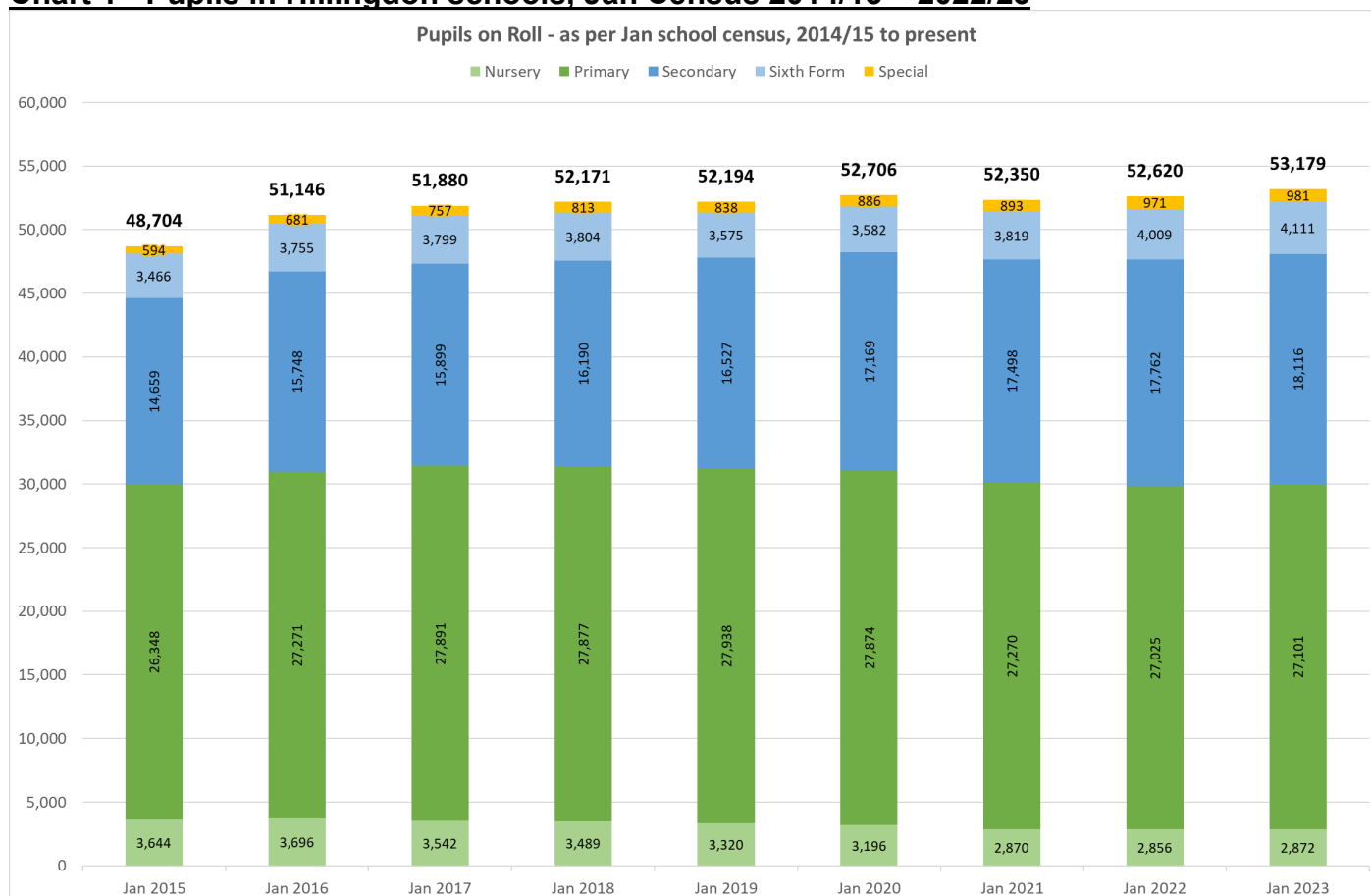
SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Strategic Context

The large geographical size of the borough means different schools serve different local communities, some including cross-LA populations with our 7 neighbouring LAs (3 London boroughs, 3 Counties and 1 unitary authority/outside London). The birth rate has declined and is projected that it will continue to decline until 2022/23. Most schools are graded good or outstanding by Ofsted. Overall trends demonstrate a plateau or decline in primary rolls, with a slight increase in secondary rolls for at least 4 years.

Demand is estimated by the number of pupils living in each planning area of the borough and by the patterns of parental choice in their preferences for admissions and of new housing and cross-borough movements, with our seven neighbouring LAs and beyond. Appendix 1, 2 and 3 include a map of the 14 Primary Planning areas, two secondary planning areas, north and south of the A40 and all Hillingdon schools. Appendix 4 provides a breakdown of the January 2023 census.

Chart 1 - Pupils in Hillingdon schools, Jan Census 2014/15 – 2022/23



Note: The 2 UTCs and 2 Studio Schools that operate at Year 10-13 are included within Secondary and Sixth Form.

Primary Schools

In the primary phase, offers for Reception in September 2023, on National Offer Day, were lower than projected by approximately 260. Surplus places have risen overall, with many concentrated in just a few primary schools across the Borough.

The level of vacancies is higher in some schools, despite reductions in Reception Published Admission Numbers (PAN) in recent years. Ideally, there would be a working 8% operating margin of vacancies in the 4,311 total Reception Published Admission Numbers (PAN). It is currently around 16%.

The table below compares pupil rolls from January 2023 to January 2022, which shows an increase in numbers in all year groups, apart from Year 1 and year 5 resulting in an overall increase of 0.28%

Table 1 - Hillingdon Primary School Rolls - Jan Census 2023 compared to 2022

Hillingdon Primary Census of school rolls	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL Pri
Jan 2022	3,774	3,871	3,861	3,876	3,792	3,939	3,912	27,025
Jan 2023	3,804	3,861	3,914	3,903	3,889	3,791	3,939	27,101
Change in 2023	+ 30	- 10	+ 53	+ 27	+ 97	- 148	+ 27	+ 76
Change as % of 2022	+ 0.79%	- 0.26%	+ 1.37%	+ 0.70%	+ 2.56%	- 3.76%	+ 0.69%	+ 0.28%
Cohort change (e.g. Y2 from previous Y1)		+ 87	+ 43	+ 42	+ 13	- 1	-	
Projection for 2022/23 (from SCAP 2022)	3,783	3,753	3,868	3,834	3,858	3,783	3,929	26,808
Actual Jan 2023 diff from projected	+ 21	+ 108	+ 46	+ 69	+ 31	+ 8	+ 10	+ 293
Actual Jan 2023 % diff from projected	+ 0.55%	+ 2.80%	+ 1.18%	+ 1.77%	+ 0.80%	+ 0.21%	+ 0.25%	+ 1.08%

Officers are meeting with relevant schools to support and advise them with staffing and budget planning in light of these trends, and where appropriate, liaising with Education Advisors and SEN colleagues to offer more focused support.

Officers are currently reviewing future Published Admissions Numbers to inform recommendations for the future requirements for school places.

Secondary Schools

The secondary phase is expected to see an increase in demand in Year 7 for the next 4 years at least.

The current Year 6 cohort is larger than the September 2022 Year 7 intake with higher numbers in primary cohorts than the current total Year 7 PAN of 3,707. One planned secondary expansion (Harlington) is scheduled to be completed for September 2023. The need for future places is currently under review.

Secondary rolls rely far less on locality than primary rolls and are similarly influenced by parental preferences and perception of the education experience, high standards, faith and their willingness to travel to a school of choice.

Discussions have taken place with our secondary schools to identify where potential temporary additional places could be added to meet the high demand in 2023. The number, preferences

and pattern of movement including cross-LA analysis demonstrated we required adding 101 extra places in order to meet demand. This has been achieved by creating some additional bulge places in a small number of secondary schools.

Secondary rolls are high, and many schools are full in every year group or have exceeded their PAN. The total of the secondary Year 7 PAN is 3,707 which is 604 pupils lower than the Primary total PAN. So, the secondary PAN is lower than each of the year groups currently in primary. The table below summarises:

Table 2 - Hillingdon Secondary School Rolls - January Census 2023 compared to 2022

Hillingdon Secondary Census of school rolls	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	TOTAL Sec
Jan 2022	3,581	3,595	3,658	3,498	3,430	2,137	1,861	21,760
Jan 2023	3,648	3,608	3,595	3,756	3,509	2,193	1,910	22,219
Change in 2023	+ 67	+ 13	- 63	+ 258	+ 79	+ 56	+ 49	+ 459
Change as % of 2022	+ 1.87%	+ 0.36%	- 1.72%	+ 7.38%	+ 2.30%	+ 2.62%	+ 2.63%	+ 2.11%
Cohort change (e.g. Y8 from previous Y7)		+ 27	-	+ 98	+ 11	- 1,237	- 227	
Projection for 2022/23 (from SCAP 2022)	3,652	3,593	3,662	3,777	3,530	2,222	1,934	22,370
Actual Jan 2023 diff from projected	- 4	+ 15	- 67	- 21	- 21	- 29	- 24	- 151
Actual Jan 2023 % diff from projected	- 0.11%	+ 0.42%	- 1.86%	- 0.56%	- 0.60%	- 1.32%	- 1.26%	- 0.68%

The LA bases projections on the number of current primary pupils, and also considers where there are new housing developments along with cross-borough movement analysis but these assume each school will be equally full and popular, hence the need to add a margin.

The LA reviews cross-borough movements with the 7 neighbouring LAs. Until 2018 these were equal overall or a slight net 'importer' at year 7 intake. Since then, 'imports' have decreased to 11.6% as most schools in the borough have been popular and recruit from smaller distances, and 'exports' of resident pupils to schools in other LAs have increased to 14.8% of residents, so the LA is currently showing it is a net exporter (driven by parental preference). In recent years neighbouring LAs have shared they too have increasing numbers and their schools are under increasing pressure to accommodate the higher applications, so there is a risk the application of distance criteria (as per schools admissions code) will mean fewer Hillingdon Pupils may be able to secure places out of borough. Parental preferences are still low for a few schools.

To ensure demand is met in future years, Harlington School is being expanded by 1.5 forms of entry – 45 additional places in each year group from 2023. This is part of the complete rebuilding of the school and library. The school will benefit from having new SRP units for secondary aged pupils with ASD who will be integrating into mainstream for part of their timetable and also have specialist teaching and support. At this point, it is not expected that any other new Free School secondary provision will proceed.

Special Schools

Demand for special school places has increased in recent years. This reflects national and regional trends. Currently all seven special schools in the LA are full as demand is high and new entrants filling available places as soon as a child leaves the settings. The largest growth in demand is for pupils with Autism Spectrum Conditions, many with additional complex secondary needs. Temporary extra places have been created to meet demand in most schools.

In January 2023, of the total 981 pupils on roll, 83% were Hillingdon residents. A special school must be designated to meet the needs of the pupil as set out on the Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and due to this some residents are placed in other LA schools and some in independent placements, to ensure a child's needs are best met.

The total rolls of the seven special schools in January 2023 of 981 have been shared in Appendix 4 and shows a rise of 10 in a year (1%). The summary is shown in the table below:

Table 3 - Hillingdon Special School Rolls - January Census 2023 - Totals by year group

Hillingdon Special Census of school rolls	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	TOTAL Special
All 7 Schools	30	44	56	66	74	73	77	80	88	86	74	81	55	60	37	981

Extra specialist places are needed in Hillingdon in the next few years to meet the rising demand and to reduce the reliance of independent provision and travel distances for residents. The aim is to maximise the use of local education provisions and promote integration of pupils into mainstream where possible. Following discussions, new projects were selected that can be delivered in partnership with schools and academies that have surplus physical capacity and have commitment to inclusion and expertise in managing change. Plans are underway to adapt the largest groups of surplus physical capacity in four primary schools and one secondary school, to create new extra places for pupils with special needs.

The Council is working closely with schools across the Borough and the Department for Education to increase the range and number of school places for children with additional needs over the next three years. This includes the provision of Special Resource Provisions in the Borough to support children in mainstream schools, new special school provision (led by the Department for Education), a new 180 place all-through Special Free School, an assessment base to expedite early assessments of need (whilst minimising any disruption to education) and designated units, attached to mainstream schools.

Financial Implications

The financial implications are being reviewed of the different options for meeting future demand for special school places, both capital and revenue.

Increasing SEND provision is funded by the DfE High Needs capital grant with £21m confirmed by the DfE in June 2022. This forms part of the DSG Safety Valve Programme with the DfE. Bid proposals to expand school place provision should be managed through the MTFP process and if new bids are required these should be within the next MTFP update to ensure the required capital funding can be secured.

Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Background Papers

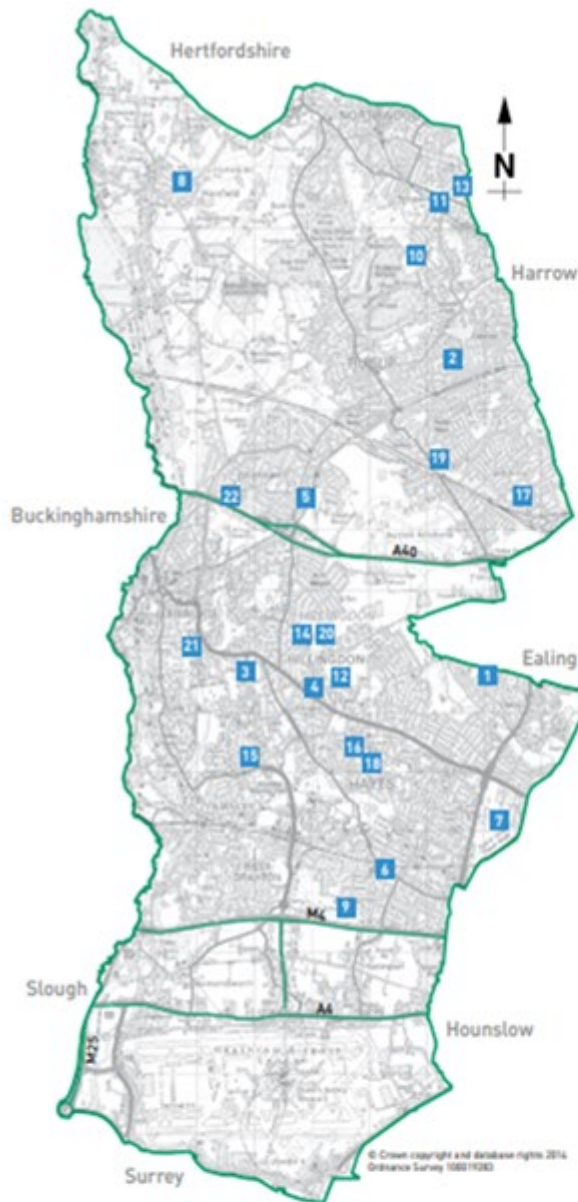
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Appendix 1 - Primary Planning Areas (PPA 1-14)



1. Harefield
2. Frithwood, Harlyn, Hillside, Holy Trinity CofE
3. Bishop Winnington Ingram CofE, Coteford, Warrender, Whiteheath
4. Breakspear, Glebe
5. Bourne, Deanesfield, Field End, Lady Bankes, Newnham, Ruislip Gardens, Sacred Heart RC, St Swithun Wells RC
6. Cowley St Laurence, Hermitage, John Locke Academy, St Andrew's CofE, St Andrews Park CofE, St Mary's RC, Whitehall
7. Highfield County, Hillingdon, Oak Farm, Ryefield, St Bernadette's RC
8. Charville, Grange Park, Hayes Park, Hewens
9. Belmore, Brookside, Yeading
10. Colham Manor, Rabbsfarm, St Matthew's CofE
11. Botwell House RC, Dr Triplett's CofE, Guru Nanak Sikh, Lake Farm Park Academy, Minet, Nanaksar Sikh, Rosedale College, Wood End Park
12. Cranford Park, Pinkwell, William Byrd
13. Harmondsworth, Heathrow
14. Cherry Lane, Laurel Lane, St Catherine's RC, St Martin's CofE, West Drayton

Appendix 2 – Map of Hillingdon Secondary Schools



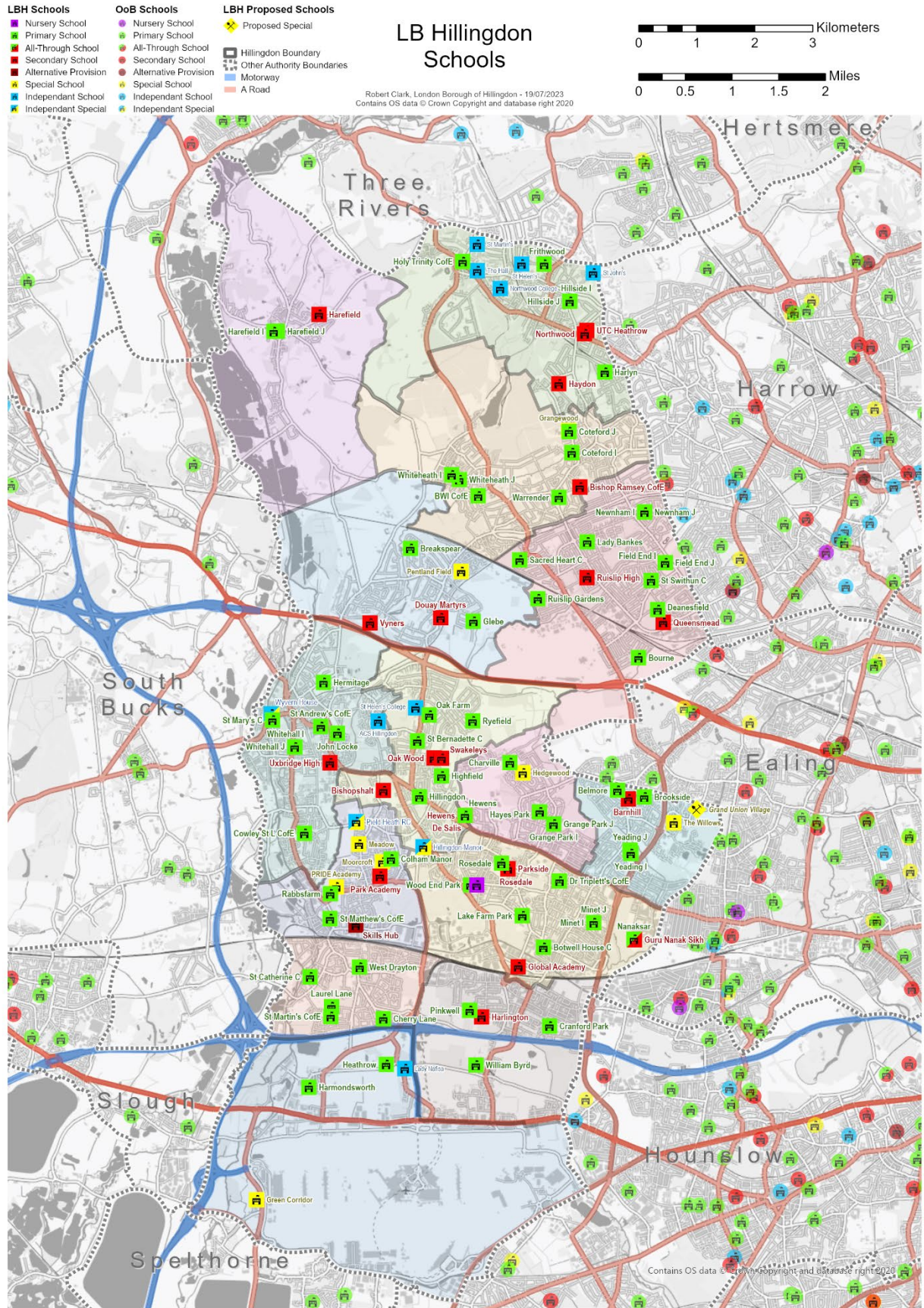
Key

- A** Academy
- F** Foundation school
- S** Studio college (14 to 19 year olds only)
- U** University technical college (14 to 19 year olds only)

Please note: Each school's status is correct at the time of publication.

- 1** **A** Barnhill Community High School
Hayes (DfE 5412)
- 2** **A** Bishop Ramsey C of E School
Ruislip (DfE 4600)
- 3** **A** Bishopshalt School
Hillingdon (DfE 5400)
- 4** **S** De Salis Studio College
Hayes (DfE 4009)
- 5** **A** The Douay Martyrs School
Ickenham (DfE 5408)
- 6** **U** Global Academy
Hayes (DfE 4014)
- 7** **A** Guru Nanak Sikh Academy
Hayes (DfE 4654)
- 8** **A** The Harefield Academy
Harefield (DfE 6906)
- 9** **F** Harlington School
Hayes (DfE 5411)
- 10** **A** Haydon School
Eastcote (DfE 5401)
- 11** **U** UTC Heathrow
Northwood (DfE 4002)
- 12** **A** Hewens College
Hayes (DfE 5407)
- 13** **A** Northwood School
Northwood (DfE 5405)
- 14** **F** Oak Wood School
Hillingdon (DfE 5409)
- 15** **A** Park Academy West London
Yiewsley (DfE 4021)
- 16** **S** Parkside Studio College
Hayes (DfE 4000)
- 17** **A** Queensmead School
South Ruislip (DfE 5403)
- 18** **A** Rosedale College
Hayes (DfE 5406)
- 19** **A** Ruislip High School
Ruislip Manor (DfE 4023)
- 20** **A** Swakeleys School for Girls
Hillingdon (DfE 5410)
- 21** **A** Uxbridge High School
Uxbridge (DfE 5404)
- 22** **A** Vyners School
Ickenham (DfE 5402)

Appendix 3 – Map of all LBH Schools



Appendix 4 – January 2023 Census

Nursery School & Nursery Units at Infant / Primary Schoos	E2	N1	N2	
McMillan	3	65	79	147
Belmore			63	63
Botwell House			81	81
Bourne			26	26
Breakspear			55	55
Brookside		22	17	39
BWI			29	29
Charville			68	68
Cherry Lane		30	31	61
Colham Manor P			96	96
Coteford I			51	51
Cowley & St Laurence			30	30
Cranford Park			107	107
Deanesfield			73	73
Dr Triplett's			35	35
Field End I			67	67
Frithwood			31	31
Glebe			44	44
Grange Park I			92	92
Harefield I			31	31
Harlyn			43	43
Harmondsworth			25	25
Hayes Park			73	73
Heathrow			32	32
Hermitage			42	42
Hewens Primary		7	36	43
Highfield			30	30

Hillingdon			66	66
Hillside I			52	52
John Locke			38	38
Lady Bankes P			65	65
Lake Farm Park			77	77
Laurel Lane		25	39	64
Minet I			101	101
Newnham I			41	41
Oak Farm P			57	57
Pinkwell			42	42
Rabbsfarm			42	42
Rosedale Primary		30	14	44
Ruislip Gardens			23	23
Ryefield			40	40
Sacred Heart			52	52
St Andrew's			22	22
St Bernadette's			31	31
St Catherine's			20	20
St Martins			6	6
St Mary's			28	28
St Matthew's			25	25
St Swithun Wells			26	26
Warrender		4	29	33
West Drayton Academy			50	50
Whitehall I			58	58
Whiteheath I			51	51
William Byrd Academy			46	46
Wood End Park			52	52
Yeading I			106	106
	3	183	2,686	2,872

Infant Schools	School PAN	School Physical Capacity	R	1	2	
Coteford I	81	248	59	56	61	176
Field End I	120	360	98	85	77	260
Grange Park I	120	360	84	86	89	259
Harefield I	90	270	62	52	54	168
Hillside I	90	270	59	55	57	171
Minet I	120	360	114	116	114	344
Newnham I	90	270	84	90	89	263
Whitehall I	120	360	99	107	93	299
Whiteheath I	90	270	71	86	78	235
Yeading I	120	360	116	118	109	343
	1,041	3,128	846	851	821	2,518

Junior Schools	School PAN	School Physical Capacity	3	4	5	6	
Coteford J	81	330	67	77	74	68	286
Field End J	120	480	90	84	86	92	352
Grange Park J	120	480	108	107	85	106	406
Harefield J	90	360	63	53	55	66	237
Hillside J	60	360	53	60	48	60	221
Minet J	120	480	88	107	116	117	428
Newnham J	90	360	88	90	89	90	357
Whitehall J	120	480	117	85	93	87	382
Whiteheath J	90	360	87	79	79	88	333
Yeading J	128	504	118	116	113	116	463
	1,019	4,194	879	858	838	890	3,465

Primary Schools	School PAN	School Physical Capacity	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Belmore	90	630	80	83	87	79	83	77	62	551
Botwell House	90	630	89	90	90	88	90	89	89	625
Bourne	30	270	25	29	26	28	29	30	25	192
Breakspear	90	630	79	78	90	90	88	80	90	595
Brookside	90	630	45	34	42	43	44	45	56	309
BWI	30	420	25	24	24	31	28	32	30	194
Charville	90	660	43	57	53	52	69	65	60	399
Cherry Lane	90	660	86	80	88	82	88	87	87	598
Colham Manor P	90	630	86	88	89	80	84	74	87	588
Cowley & St Laurence	60	420	60	58	59	58	50	53	60	398
Cranford Park	120	840	100	117	120	113	120	119	119	808
Deanesfield	90	630	90	89	86	89	90	91	87	622
Dr Triplett's	60	420	59	60	60	58	60	60	59	416
Frithwood	60	420	54	57	54	56	56	53	59	389
Glebe	90	630	76	90	90	80	85	86	83	590
Guru Nanak Academy	60	450	59	57	59	62	60	60	90	447
Harlyn	90	630	56	50	60	59	55	58	91	429
Harmondsworth	30	210	29	27	28	27	24	30	26	191
Hayes Park	90	620	73	81	86	91	88	94	88	601
Heathrow	60	420	60	58	54	56	58	52	58	396
Hermitage	60	420	58	59	60	61	60	60	56	414
Hewens Primary	60	420	55	58	55	48	60	52	60	388
Highfield	60	420	36	30	59	46	27	44	59	301
Hillingdon	90	630	89	90	91	90	90	90	89	629
Holy Trinity	30	210	16	28	30	31	26	29	27	187
John Locke	90	630	89	89	87	89	85	75	69	583
Lady Bankes P	90	630	65	86	70	88	89	76	89	563
Lake Farm Park	90	630	90	92	92	91	92	90	87	634
Laurel Lane	60	420	52	45	55	49	37	35	25	298

Nanaksar	120	840	29	26	52						107
Oak Farm P	90	630	67	90	87	78	73	77	76		548
Pinkwell	90	1,050	73	83	78	85	86	81	88		574
Rabbsfarm	90	630	89	87	88	88	80	81	77		590
Rosedale Primary	60	450	58	57	41	49	59	59	55		378
Ruislip Gardens	90	630	31	35	35	46	40	44	34		265
Ryefield	60	630	60	59	49	54	60	56	59		397
Sacred Heart	90	630	90	89	90	90	90	90	90		629
St Andrew's	30	210	27	22	26	30	30	22	28		185
St Bernadette's	60	420	60	54	55	59	60	58	58		404
St Catherine's	30	210	30	28	30	30	29	28	30		205
St Martins	60	630	45	42	50	48	46	45	35		311
St Mary's	30	210	29	30	30	30	31	30	29		209
St Matthew's	60	420	56	58	60	54	56	51	54		389
St Swithun Wells	30	210	30	30	29	29	30	30	30		208
Warrender	60	420	61	59	58	60	60	29	30		357
West Drayton Academy	90	630	90	90	89	87	90	88	80		614
William Byrd Academy	90	660	75	89	73	68	71	70	83		529
Wood End Park	150	1,050	134	98	129	124	125	128	146		884
	3,510	25,820	2,958	3,010	3,093	3,024	3,031	2,953	3,049		21,118

Secondary Schools	School PAN	School Physical Capacity	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Barnhill Community	240	1,428	244	247	261	242	245	157	129	1,525
Bishop Ramsey	186	1,244	216	183	184	217	180	132	155	1,267
Bishopshalt	186	1,311	187	186	186	187	187	166	169	1,268
Douay Martyrs	270	1,297	270	266	256	245	242	151	134	1,564
Guru Nanak Academy	210	1,150	209	209	182	180	182	98	96	1,156
Harefield Academy	90	1,050	44	35	44	54	64	37	29	307
Harlington	195	1,156	194	197	238	195	196	143	114	1,277
Haydon	300	2,040	251	283	237	291	273	180	185	1,700
Hewens College	120	690	85	106	68	101	86	3	3	452
Northwood	180	1,080	179	179	179	178	178	52	54	999
Oak Wood	270	1,629	236	180	237	238	209	97	40	1,237
Park Academy	180	1,260	167	173	147	154	101	47	42	831
Queensmead	240	1,466	240	239	241	242	239	150	121	1,472
Rosedale College	200	1,260	197	196	148	142	142	54	43	922
Ruislip Community	210	1,300	210	211	212	212	180	123	110	1,258
Swakeleys	240	1,550	237	239	233	223	226	114	103	1,375
Uxbridge High	230	1,298	236	232	231	225	222	121	94	1,361
Vyners	240	1,451	245	245	243	247	183	140	117	1,420
	3,787	23,660	3,647	3,606	3,525	3,564	3,335	1,964	1,732	21,373

UTCs & Studio Colleges	School Physical Capacity	9	10	11	12	13	14	
DeSalis Studio College	300	51	45	39	3	15		153
Parkside Studio College	300	11	12	19		1		43
The Global Academy	400		73	58	145	96	8	380
UTC Heathrow	600		41	31	81	66		219
	1,600	62	171	147	229	178	8	795

Pupil Referral Unit	7	8	9	10	11	
The Skills Hub	1	3	9	29	38	80
	1	3	9	29	38	80

Special Schools	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Grangewood	15	24	23	18	19	19	13									131
Hedgewood	10	18	23	34	37	31	36									189
Meadow								37	34	37	21	39	31	32	23	254
Moorcroft (Eden)								21	16	18	22	18	14	13	8	130
Pentland Field	5	2	6	6	8	9	12	15	23	14	14	16	10	15	6	161
The PRIDE Academy								7	15	17	17	8				64
The Willows			4	8	10	14	16									52
	30	44	56	66	74	73	77	80	88	86	74	81	55	60	37	981