
Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee **Date of Meeting:** 27 January 2015
(Children's Services)

Subject: School Organisation and School Places Information

Report of: Director of Young People and Families

Wards Affected: All

Is this a Key Decision? No

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

Exempt/Confidential

No

Purpose/Summary

The Director of Young People and Families was requested to submit an annual report to this Committee on school organisation and school places following publication of the School Organisation Data Book.

Recommendation

That the Committee considers the information in the report.

How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
3	Environmental Sustainability		√	
4	Health and Well-Being		√	
5	Children and Young People		√	
6	Creating Safe Communities		√	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		√	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy		√	

Reasons for the Recommendation:

The Director of Young People and Families was requested to submit an annual report to this Committee on school organisation and school places following publication of the School Organisation Data Book.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs N/A

(B) Capital Costs N/A

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Legal: School reorganisations are covered by statutory processes and the Local Authority has statutory duties in terms of ensuring sufficiency and quality of school places.	
Human Resources: N/A	
Equality	
1. No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact on Service Delivery: N/A

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance & ICT Strategy (FD3397) has been consulted and has no comments to make on this report as there are no financial consequences as a result of it.

The Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD2689/15) has been consulted and has no comment on the report.

Are there any other options available for consideration? N/A

Implementation Date for the Decision: Immediately following the Committee meeting.

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Background Papers: School Organisation Data Book 2014/15 to 2018/19.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Committee have requested an annual report following publication of the Council's School Organisation Data Book.
- 1.2 Previously the Committee have been made aware of the changing landscape of education provision and considered a range of factors and issues which impact on school organisation summarised below:
- **Government Policy** – a market led model, more autonomy for schools, choice of different types of provision for parents.
 - **LA Statutory Duties** - to ensure sufficiency of school places and to intervene in the case of failing schools (DSG funded schools only). The LA also needs to support our most deprived communities and the right balance of provision to meet local needs.
 - **Government's vision is for LAs** - to provide a 'strong strategic role as champions for parents, families and vulnerable pupils'; and to 'promote educational excellence by ensuring a good supply of high quality school places...'
 - **Factors affecting Pupil Place Planning:** - planning for future pupil numbers the local factors influencing the availability of places are school capacity, school popularity, school viability, birth projections and the delay in receiving these, local population mix, future housing yield, demographics and migration. All these factors can be uncertain.
 - **Education reform:** has resulted in FE colleges being able to provide 14-16 education from September 2013. Locally Education Providers in Sefton are developing Studio School and Free School proposals. Increased autonomy and variety in the schools system has reduced LA influence and control over school organisation.
 - **School funding reform:-** which came into force for 2013/14 budgets started the move towards a national funding formula and is likely to have an effect on funding for some schools in Sefton as local discretion on the funding formula will be limited. Capital funding for schools has been reduced down to around £3.5m per year and this includes all school maintenance as well as creating additional places.
 - **Demographic Issues:** - Members will be aware of the Council's consultation on the Local Plan and the options for new housing over the next 15 years.

2 Primary Sector - Pupil Places and Numbers

- 2.1 The total number of pupils in Sefton primary schools was 19,903 against a total number of places of 22,389 and the demand is predicted to increase to 20,548 by

2018/19. Annex A gives details for each area of the Borough. There are 3,152 reception places in Sefton and demand is projected to peak at 2,983 in 2015/16.

2.2 There are variations in the different parts of the borough and Annex A gives details for each area of the Borough and a summary of each area is as follows:

- Southport
The priority has been to ensure that there is sufficiency of pupil places particularly in Southport and plans have been proposed to provide sufficient places to meet the 5 year projections.
- Formby
Previous decisions around individual schools capacity mean that provision and pupil numbers are well matched over the next 5 years in overall terms. There are still local pressures with the most popular schools being oversubscribed. The local plan consultation identified several potential housing development sites in the Formby area and development of these in future will need to be closely monitored.
- Litherland
Pupil numbers are likely to increase over the next 5 years. However, there will still be surplus capacity equivalent to a 1.5 form entry primary school in this area. Demand for reception places will remain steady.
- Maghull and Aintree
Pupil numbers are decreasing over the next 5 years and there will be surplus capacity. The local plan consultation identified several potential housing development sites in the Maghull and Aintree area and development of these in future will need to be closely monitored.
- Crosby
Pupil numbers are projected to increase in parts of the Crosby area and plans have been proposed to ensure a balance over the planning period.
- Bootle
Pupil numbers are increasing over the next 5 years with demand for reception places projected to increase to match the number of places.

3 Secondary Sector - Pupil Places and Numbers

3.1 The total number of secondary places is 20,420 with 17,85 pupils in those schools. FE Colleges are not included as their provision does not form part of the school census. There are variations in the different parts of the borough and Annex A gives details for each area of the Borough and a summary of each area is as follows:

- Southport
Pupil numbers are likely to reduce marginally over the next 5 years but then start to increase as increases in the primary population feed through.

- Formby
Pupil numbers are projected to decline over the next 5 years; however, there is a possibility that the Formby High Schools will attract pupils from surrounding areas.
- Litherland
Pupil numbers are projected to remain at a similar level over the next 5 years.
- Crosby
Pupil numbers are expected to rise over the next 5 years. Action may need to be taken towards the end of this period to ensure sufficiency of secondary school places in the Crosby Area given the anticipated flow through from the local primary sector.
- Maghull and Aintree
Pupil numbers in this area are projected to decline over the next 5 years. However, the projected demand for year 7 places looks likely to increase.
- Bootle
Pupil numbers will decline over the next 5 years and the Council's strategy for managing surplus places has been undermined by the creation of the Free School. Year 7 pupil numbers will increase slightly over the period although it is not known what impact FE Colleges and Free School proposals in the pipeline will have on this area.

4 Summary

- 4.1 Sefton has some excellent schools and an above average number of good and outstanding schools. The Local Authority want to have a proactive role in ensuring that this continues and that schools in Sefton are helping all children and young people fulfil their potential.
- 4.2 Managing pupil places is a complex matter and Members can see from the issues raised in the report the range and variety of factors which need to be considered. All this is complicated further by Government's education reforms which are changing the way schools are funded and governed as well as encouraging a broader range of school provision.
- 4.3 The demand for school places is reviewed annually and proposals developed to meet local pressure points as they arise. The implications of any pressures in respect of local plan developments are not included because they are not yet developed in terms of timescales and impact.
- 4.4 Officers are, within the parameters and constraints detailed in the report, working with schools and other stakeholders to ensure that schools are viable, there are sufficient places and schools provide the standard of education expected.

Appendix A SCHOOL PLACES IN SEFTON

A. Primary

1. Numbers and Types of Schools, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Primary	30	6	10	24
Infant	2	-	-	1
Junior	2	-	-	0
Total	34	6	10	25

2. Number of School Places, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Primary	9,449	1,950	2,100	7,330
Infant	630	-	-	90
Junior	840	-	-	0
Total	10,919	1,950	2,100	7,420

Grand Total	22,389
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3. Demand and Supply of Primary School Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places	Net Capacity
	Actual	Projected		
2013/14	19,903		22,389	21,767
2014/15		20,046		
2015/16		20,241		
2016/17		20,429		
2017/18		20,499		
2018/19		20,548		

4. Demand and Supply of Reception Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places
	Actual	Projected	
2013/14	2,910		3,152
2014/15		2,913	
2015/16		2,983	
2016/17		2,955	
2017/18		2,932	
2018/19		2,932	

B. Secondary

1. Numbers and Types of Schools, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Secondary 11-16	6	-	0	2
Secondary 11-18*	5	-	1	4
Sixth Form College	1	-	-	-
Total	12	-	1	6

*Seven of these schools are now academies

2. Number of School Places, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Secondary 11-16	5,699	-	0	600
Secondary 11-18	6,319	-	756	5,766
Free School	600	-	-	-
Sixth Form College	680	-	-	-
Total	13,298	-	756	6,366

Grand Total	20,420
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3. Demand and Supply of Secondary School Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places	Net Capacity
	Actual	Projected*		
2013/14	17,895		20,420	20,546
2014/15		17,679		
2015/16		17,411		
2016/17		17,242		
2017/18		17,353		
2018/19		17,484		

*September forecasts

4. Demand and Supply of Year 7 Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Total Number of Places
	Actual	Projected*	
2013/14	2,859		3,548
2014/15		3,017	
2015/16		3,047	
2016/17		2,974	
2017/18		3,112	
2018/19		3,097	

*September forecasts

SCHOOL PLACES IN BOOTLE

A. Primary

1. Numbers and Types of Schools, January 2014

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School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Primary	6	1	1	6
Infant	0	-	-	0
Junior	0	-	-	0
Total	6	1	1	6

3. Number of School Places, January 2014

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School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Primary	1,830	375	210	1,830
Infant	-	-	-	-
Junior	-	-	-	-
Total	1,830	375	210	1,830

Grand Total	4,245
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5. Demand and Supply of Primary School Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places	Net Capacity
	Actual	Projected		
2013/14	3,362		4,245	3,944
2014/15		3,399		
2015/16		3,507		
2016/17		3,625		
2017/18		3,703		
2018/19		3,780		

6. Demand and Supply of Reception Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places
	Actual	Projected	
2013/14	538		555
2014/15		509	
2015/16		558	
2016/17		558	
2017/18		558	
2018/19		558	

SCHOOL PLACES IN BOOTLE

B. Secondary

1. Numbers and Types of Schools, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Secondary 11-16	1	-	-	1
Secondary 11-18	0	-	-	1
Free School	1			0
Total	2	-	-	2

2. Number of School Places, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Secondary 11-16	962	-	-	1,404
Secondary 11-18	-	-	-	0
Free School	600			
Total	1,562	-	-	1,404

Grand Total	2,966
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3. Demand and Supply of Secondary School Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places	Net Capacity
	Actual	Projected*		
2013/14	2,235		2,966	3,107
2014/15		2,131		
2015/16		2,051		
2016/17		1,986		
2017/18		1,996		
2018/19		2,025		

*September forecasts

4. Demand and Supply of Year 7 Places 2012/13 to 2017/18

Year	Demand		Total Number of Places
	Actual	Projected*	
2013/14	399		614
2014/15		406	
2015/16		382	
2016/17		376	
2017/18		436	
2018/19		425	

*September forecasts

SCHOOL PLACES IN LITHERLAND

A. Primary

1. Numbers and Types of Schools, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Primary	3	1	-	4
Infant	-	-	-	-
Junior	-	-	-	-
Total	3	1	-	4

2. Number of School Places, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Primary	870	210	-	1,260
Infant	-	-	-	-
Junior	-	-	-	-
Total	870	210	-	1,260

Grand Total	2,340
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3. Demand and Supply of Primary School Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places	Net Capacity
	Actual	Projected		
2013/14	1,762		2,340	2,187
2014/15		1,809		
2015/16		1,843		
2016/17		1,858		
2017/18		1,856		
2018/19		1,864		

4. Demand and Supply of Reception Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places
	Actual	Projected	
2013/14	267		330
2014/15		262	
2015/16		270	
2016/17		264	
2017/18		264	
2018/19		264	

SCHOOL PLACES IN LITHERLAND

B. Secondary

1. Numbers and Types of Schools, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Secondary 11-16	1	-	-	-
Secondary 11-18	-	-	-	-
Sixth Form College	1	-	-	-
Total	2	-	-	-

2. Number of School Places, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Secondary 11-16	1,200	-	-	-
Secondary 11-18	-	-	-	-
Sixth Form College	680	-	-	-
Total	1,880	-	-	-

Grand Total	1,880
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3. Demand and Supply of Secondary School Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places	Net Capacity
	Actual	Projected*		
2013/14	1,420		1,880	1,798
2014/15		1,447		
2015/16		1,418		
2016/17		1,403		
2017/18		1,400		
2018/19		1,396		

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4. Demand and Supply of Year 7 Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Total Number of Places
	Actual	Projected*	
2013/14	154		240
2014/15		170	
2015/16		202	
2016/17		189	
2017/18		187	
2018/19		181	

*September forecasts

SCHOOL PLACES IN CROSBY

A. Primary

1. Numbers and Types of Schools, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Primary	2	1	3	5
Infant	1	-	-	-
Junior	1	-	-	-
Total	4	1	3	5

2. Number of School Places, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Primary	720	315	630	1,680
Infant	270	-	-	-
Junior	360	-	-	-
Total	1,350	315	630	1,680

Grand Total	3,975
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3. Demand and Supply of Primary School Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places	Net Capacity
	Actual	Projected		
2013/14	3,714		3,975	3,853
2014/15		3,742		
2015/16		3,753		
2016/17		3,757		
2017/18		3,750		
2018/19		3,730		

4. Demand and Supply of Reception Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places
	Actual	Projected	
2013/14	534		555
2014/15		548	
2015/16		529	
2016/17		527	
2017/18		527	
2018/19		527	

SCHOOL PLACES IN CROSBY

B. Secondary

1. Numbers and Types of Schools, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Secondary 11-16	-	-	-	-
Secondary 11-18*	1	-	1	2
Total	1	-	1	2

*One of these schools is now an academy

2. Number of School Places, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Secondary 11-16	-	-	-	-
Secondary 11-18	1,326	-	756	2,264
Total	1,326	-	756	2,264

Grand Total	4,347
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3. Demand and Supply of Secondary School Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places	Net Capacity
	Actual	Projected*		
2013/14	3,879		4,347	4,413
2014/15		3,877		
2015/16		3,849		
2016/17		3,857		
2017/18		3,927		
2018/19		4,028		

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4. Demand and Supply of Year 7 Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Total Number of Places
	Actual	Projected*	
2013/14	568		713
2014/15		688	
2015/16		686	
2016/17		659	
2017/18		688	
2018/19		706	

*September forecasts

SCHOOL PLACES IN FORMBY

A. Primary

1. Numbers and Types of Schools, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Primary	3	1	1	2
Infant	-	-	-	-
Junior	-	-	-	-
Total	3	1	1	2

2. Number of School Places, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Primary	795	420	210	420
Infant	-	-	-	-
Junior	-	-	-	-
Total	795	420	210	420

Grand Total	1,845
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3. Demand and Supply of Primary School Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places	Net Capacity
	Actual	Projected		
2013/14	1,740		1,845	1,785
2014/15		1,722		
2015/16		1,697		
2016/17		1,665		
2017/18		1,621		
2018/19		1,553		

4. Demand and Supply of Reception Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places
	Actual	Projected	
2013/14	237		255
2014/15		234	
2015/16		232	
2016/17		223	
2017/18		200	
2018/19		200	

SCHOOL PLACES IN FORMBY

B. Secondary

1. Numbers and Types of Schools, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Secondary 11-16	-	-	-	-
Secondary 11-18*	2	-	-	-
Total	2	-	-	-

*These schools are now academies

2. Number of School Places, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Secondary 11-16	-	-	-	-
Secondary 11-18	2,218	-	-	-
Total	2,218	-	-	-

Grand Total	2,218
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3. Demand and Supply of Secondary School Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places	Net Capacity
	Actual	Projected*		
2013/14	2,149		2,218	2,218
2014/15		2,095		
2015/16		2,051		
2016/17		2,013		
2017/18		1,989		
2018/19		1,976		

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4. Demand and Supply of Year 7 Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Total Number of Places
	Actual	Projected*	
2013/14	341		356
2014/15		317	
2015/16		322	
2016/17		321	
2017/18		307	
2018/19		333	

*September forecasts

SCHOOL PLACES IN MAGHULL & AINTREE

A. Primary

1. Numbers and Types of Schools, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Primary	7	1	1	4
Infant	-	-	-	-
Junior	-	-	-	-
Total	7	1	1	4

2. Number of School Places, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Primary	1,925	420	210	1,040
Infant	-	-	-	-
Junior	-	-	-	-
Total	1,925	420	210	1,040

Grand Total	3,595
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3. Demand and Supply of Primary School Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places	Net Capacity
	Actual	Projected		
2013/14	3,206		3,595	3,528
2014/15		3,194		
2015/16		3,192		
2016/17		3,184		
2017/18		3,177		
2018/19		3,193		

4. Demand and Supply of Reception Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places
	Actual	Projected	
2013/14	446		515
2014/15		439	
2015/16		450	
2016/17		464	
2017/18		464	
2018/19		464	

SCHOOL PLACES IN MAGHULL & AINTREE

B. Secondary

1. Numbers and Types of Schools, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Secondary 11-16	-	-	-	-
Secondary 11-18*	2	-	-	1
Total	2	-	-	1

*Two of these schools are now academies

2. Number of School Places, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Secondary 11-16	-	-	-	-
Secondary 11-18	2,775	-	-	1,523
Total	2,775	-	-	1,528

Grand Total	4,298
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3. Demand and Supply of Secondary School Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places	Net Capacity
	Actual	Projected*		
2013/14	3,905		4,298	4,303
2014/15		3,867		
2015/16		3,824		
2016/17		3,817		
2017/18		3,820		
2018/19		3,832		

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4. Demand and Supply of Year 7 Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Total Number of Places
	Actual	Projected*	
2013/14	577		703
2014/15		636	
2015/16		634	
2016/17		665	
2017/18		667	
2018/19		629	

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SCHOOL PLACES IN SOUTHPORT

A. Primary

1. Numbers and Types of Schools, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Primary	9	1	4	3
Infant	1	-	-	1
Junior	1	-	-	-
Total	11	1	4	4

2. Number of School Places, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Primary	3,309	210	840	1,100
Infant	360	-	-	90
Junior	480	-	-	-
Total	4,149	210	840	1,190

Grand Total	6,389
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3. Demand and Supply of Primary School Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places	Net Capacity
	Actual	Projected		
2013/14	6,119		6,389	6,470
2014/15		6,180		
2015/16		6,249		
2016/17		6,340		
2017/18		6,392		
2018/19		6,428		

4. Demand and Supply of Reception Places 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year	Demand		Number of Places
	Actual	Projected	
2013/14	888		942
2014/15		921	
2015/16		944	
2016/17		919	
2017/18		919	
2018/19		919	

SCHOOL PLACES IN SOUTHPORT

B. Secondary

1. Numbers and Types of Schools, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Secondary 11-16*	4	-	-	-
Secondary 11-18	-	-	-	1
Total	4	-	-	1

*Two of these schools are academies

2. Number of School Places, January 2014

School Type	Community	CE		Catholic Aided
		Controlled	Aided	
Secondary 11-16	3,537	-	-	-
Secondary 11-18	-	-	-	1,175
Total	3,537	-	-	1,175

Grand Total	4,712
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3. Demand and Supply of Secondary School Places 2012/13 to 2017/18

Year	Demand		Number of Places	Net Capacity
	Actual	Projected*		
2013/14	4,307		4,712	4,707
2014/15		4,262		
2015/16		4,217		
2016/17		4,166		
2017/18		4,221		
2018/19		4,227		

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4. Demand and Supply of Year 7 Places 2012/13 to 2017/18

Year	Demand		Total Number of Places
	Actual	Projected*	
2013/14	820		922
2014/15		800	
2015/16		821	
2016/17		764	
2017/18		827	
2018/19		823	

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