

Pupil Projections for Primary Schools in the Rural Areas of South Gloucestershire

Source: Department for Children, Adults and Health, South Gloucestershire Council, August 2013

1. Currently, there are c.3140 pupils on roll in primary schools in the rural areas of South Gloucestershire. This represents 14% of the total primary school population on roll in schools across South Gloucestershire.
2. Schools in the rural areas are an important part of the school estate in South Gloucestershire and help ensure the Council is able to provide, as far as possible, an offer of a local school place to children living in villages and hamlets.
3. It is estimated that while the number on roll for all schools across the area is set to increase year on year for the next 5 years by an average of 3% (600 children) with an overall increase by 2017 of c. 2300 children. The number on roll in schools in the rural areas is set to remain the same year on year with no overall increase.
4. Falling pupil numbers on roll presents a challenge for all schools, but poses an even greater challenge for schools in the rural areas which tend to be relatively small and have significantly fewer children on roll compared with schools located in more urban areas.
5. The table on page 3 sets out the pupil projections for 22 schools in rural locations across South Gloucestershire and shows the number of surplus places available in each school. The number of surplus places in a school is indicated by comparing the capacity of the school with the number of pupils on roll. The table shows that 15% of places are surplus across the schools in rural locations compared with 8% in all South Gloucestershire schools. In 2017, the number of surplus places across schools in rural locations is projected to remain at 14% compared with a projected deficit of places across all South Gloucestershire schools of -2%.

6. South Gloucestershire is currently experiencing an increased demand for primary school places in Filton, Bradley Stoke, Stoke Gifford, Frenchay, Emersons Green, Mangotsfield, Kingswood and Hanham. Demand is attributed to high birth rates and significant new house building and the Council works with developers to help secure additional educational provision to meet demand. In order to assess the impact on local schools, the Council applies a calculation.

Impact of New House building

7. In assessing the impact of new house building on the demand for primary school places and where the mix of the development is known, the Department for Children, Adults & Health multiplies the total number of dwellings planned by the number of primary school age children set out in the table below for each dwelling type.

	Number of bedrooms							
	Flats			Houses				
	1 or 2	3+		1	2	3	4	5+
Primary pupils per 100 dwellings	4	30		4	9	30	46	65

8. In the absence of details of the exact mix of a development the Council applies a general calculation of 36 primary school age children per 100 dwellings.

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SCHOOL	Projections as at 23 Jul 2013					Capacity					Surplus (numbers)					Surplus %				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Severn Beach	101	103	107	111	110	210	210	210	210	210	109	107	103	99	100	52%	51%	49%	47%	48%
St Peter's, Pilning	197	197	198	191	189	210	210	210	210	210	13	13	12	19	21	6%	6%	6%	9%	10%
Almondsbury	299	311	318	329	336	287	287	287	287	287	-12	-24	-31	-42	-49	-4%	-8%	-11%	-15%	-17%
St Helen's, Alveston	207	209	211	213	214	210	210	210	210	210	3	1	-1	-3	-4	2%	0%	0%	-1%	-2%
Olveston	203	212	214	214	218	210	210	210	210	210	7	-2	-4	-4	-8	3%	-1%	-2%	-2%	-4%
Oldbury-on-Severn	60	68	75	77	74	77	77	77	77	77	17	9	2	0	3	21%	12%	2%	1%	4%
Charfield	182	175	157	148	144	210	210	210	210	210	28	35	53	62	66	13%	17%	25%	30%	32%
Tortworth	60	60	66	67	68	98	98	98	98	98	38	38	32	31	30	39%	39%	33%	31%	31%
St Andrew's, Cromhall	49	50	59	63	68	70	70	70	70	70	21	20	11	7	2	30%	29%	16%	10%	3%
Hawkesbury	87	80	78	75	72	105	105	105	105	105	18	25	27	30	33	17%	24%	26%	29%	32%
Old Sodbury	73	73	71	65	67	87	87	87	87	87	14	14	16	22	20	16%	16%	19%	25%	24%
Trinity, Acton Turville	133	130	127	125	123	140	140	140	140	140	7	10	13	15	17	5%	7%	9%	11%	12%
Horton	64	61	59	55	56	56	56	56	56	56	-8	-5	-3	1	0	-14%	-9%	-5%	2%	0%
North Road, Engine Common	92	98	103	106	106	105	105	105	105	105	13	7	2	-1	-1	12%	7%	2%	-1%	-1%
Iron Acton	75	78	73	76	78	84	84	84	84	84	9	6	11	8	6	11%	8%	13%	9%	7%
Rangeworthy	61	62	61	56	51	70	70	70	70	70	9	8	9	14	19	12%	11%	13%	19%	27%
Alexander Hosea, Wickwar	227	205	190	175	165	315	315	315	315	315	88	110	125	140	150	28%	35%	40%	45%	48%
Hambrook	201	211	217	225	235	210	210	210	210	210	9	-1	-7	-15	-25	4%	0%	-4%	-7%	-12%
Pucklechurch	227	221	224	222	226	315	315	315	315	315	88	94	91	93	89	28%	30%	29%	30%	28%
The Meadows, Bitton	199	194	196	204	207	210	210	210	210	210	11	16	14	6	3	5%	8%	7%	3%	1%
Marshfield	177	170	168	168	165	182	182	182	182	182	5	12	14	14	17	3%	7%	8%	8%	9%
Wick	170	159	152	143	140	186	186	186	186	186	16	27	34	43	46	9%	15%	19%	23%	25%
Schools in Rural Areas	3143	3125	3122	3108	3111	3647	3647	3647	3647	3647	504	522	525	539	536	14%	14%	14%	15%	15%
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Notes:

- School Capacity is based on the Admission Number multiplied by 7;
- Pupil projections are based on 2012 actual numbers;
- (-) figures indicate a deficit of places. Positive numbers indicate a surplus.