

Schools Forum – 5 December, 2018

School Organisation

School Place Planning & Expansion Update

School Expansion

A report was submitted to Cabinet on 24 October 2018 detailing the plans for the 2019 school expansion programme which advised that:

- Old Church would continue as planned with the expansion
- Plans to expand Leighswood & Salisbury Primary Schools would be revoked due to a change in projected numbers and place requirement.
- A modification to the decisions to expand Manor Primary School, St Michael's CE and Rosedale Infant School in order to change the implementation date from September 2019 to September 2020. This will allow the LA to respond to changing trends in demand for pupil places and deliver school places more efficiently.

Pupil Place Planning

Recently a review of how pupil place planning was completed at Walsall Local Authority and the use of actual birth data has strengthened the reliability of the information that we are projecting as an authority. The new methodology has been reviewed by an external peer who has suggested that the pupil projections, analysis and methodology provides a good insight into pupil place planning.

Using this new method of projection has highlighted a new need of places across the borough particular in Primary Planning Areas 4, 5 & 6 (see table below)

	REC 19-20	REC 20-21	REC 21-22	REC 22-23
	Total Births Per PA 2014 - 2015	Total Births Per PA 2015 - 2016	Total Births Per PA 2016 - 2017	Total Births Per PA 2017 - 2018
Planning Area 4 – 390	475	456	541	494
Planning Area 5 – 510	586	623	627	562
Planning Area 6 - 510	511	532	550	534

School Organisation and IFM are currently looking to develop and consult on options that will meet the identified need for additional places.

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