

Dear Councillor Gerstner

I am following up the consultation meeting on 26 January meeting. Thank you for attending and the input that you and the other councillors provided. You requested confirmation of future numbers of students and that of the local primary schools.

Table 1 show the number on roll in October 2021 at the four schools serving Whittlesey parish. The four schools have a combined physical capacity of 1,240 places in each year group. The aggregate roll in individual year groups fluctuates around 200 pupils. There is currently some surplus capacity, mostly at New Road Primary School.

**Table 1: Whittlesey Primary Schools - Number on Roll October 2021 census**

<b>School</b>	<b>Places per year group</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Y1</b>	<b>Y2</b>	<b>Y3</b>	<b>Y4</b>	<b>Y5</b>	<b>Y6</b>	<b>Total</b>
Alderman Jacobs P	90	89	88	91	88	85	93	95	629
Coates P	30	29	19	30	27	29	29	19	182
New Road P*	60	27	29	21	18	21	31	14	161
Park Lane P	60	62	60	60	60	60	61	56	419
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>1391</b>
Places Available		240	240	240	240	240	240	240	1680
Surplus Places		33	44	38	47	45	26	56	289

Note: New Road PS operates with a PAN of 30 but has the physical capacity to admit 60 in each year group following the recent extension.  
Excludes the nursery classes at Alderman Jacobs, New Road and Park Lane  
Source: October 2021 Pupil Census

After the first round of admissions, there were 161 first preferences for the four schools for the September 2022 Reception intake, suggesting that the September 2022 intake may be below 200.

Table 2 shows the forecasts for the population aged 11-16 living in the Sir Harry Smith catchment (excluding Heritage Park and Thorney). Apart from a relatively high cohort that forms the Year 7 intake in 2023/24, on the basis of these figures, there should be sufficient spaces in Year 7 for all Whittlesey children, who want a place at Sir Harry Smith CC, for the foreseeable future.

**Table 2: Sir Harry Smith CC - Catchment Forecasts January 2021 base**

<b>School Year</b>	<b>Y7</b>	<b>Y8</b>	<b>Y9</b>	<b>Y10</b>	<b>Y11</b>	<b>Total</b>
2020/2021	194	162	176	188	183	903
2021/2022	210	193	164	184	185	936
2022/2023	200	209	195	172	181	957
2023/2024	244	199	211	203	169	1026
2024/2025	226	243	201	219	200	1089
2025/2026	227	225	245	209	216	1122
2026/2027	239	226	227	253	206	1151
2027/2028	239	238	228	235	250	1190
2028/2029	225	238	240	236	232	1171
2029/2030	224	224	240	248	233	1169
2030/2031	233	223	226	248	245	1175

Note: Includes housing additions

Source: Business Intelligence Team, CCC

The forecasts are adjusted to take account of housing developments based on the information in the Fenland Five Year Housing Land Supply Reports. Clearly if the housing goes ahead at a faster pace than expected then the secondary population may be higher than forecast. However, it is worth making the point that from our surveys of new housing developments across the county, our experience is that families moving into new housing developments tend to have pre-school and primary-aged children and relatively few secondary-aged children.

As this is the case, the peak impact on secondary rolls is not until 10 or more years after a development has been completed.

I hope this assists and you can understand why we have reached our decision to proceed with a 2 forms of entry expansion at Sir Harry Smith.

We will continue to monitor the situation and work with the Academy Trust.

If you require any further information, please get in touch.

Kind Regards

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