

## 1 Introduction

1.1 DfE Scorecards display a snapshot of the progress each local authority across England is making towards ensuring there are sufficient, good quality, school places.

1.2 There are five metrics:

- Pupil forecast accuracy
- Preference
- Quantity
- Quality
- Cost

## 2 Pupil forecast accuracy

2.1 The overall aim for forecasts is to be within 1% of the actual number on roll.

2.2 The one year ahead forecast compares actual numbers on roll in 2023/24 with forecasts of pupil numbers for 2023/24 made one year previously (in SCAP 2023).

2.3 The three year ahead forecast accuracy compares actual pupil numbers on roll with forecasts of pupil numbers for 2023/24 made three years previously (in SCAP 2021).

### Primary

- One year ahead: -0.8% (Below England average -0.0%)
- Three years ahead: -3.3% (Below England average -0.8%)\*

\*This under-forecast is due to the unexpected inward migration over the past two years.

### Secondary

- One year ahead: -0.1% (Better than England average +0.8%)
- Three years ahead: -0.3% (Better than England average +0.6%)

## 3 Preference

3.1 The percentage of applicants who received an offer of one of their top three preferred schools.

### Primary

- September 2024 entry: 99% (Better than England average 98.6%)
- September 2023 entry: 99% (Better than England average 98.3%)

### Secondary

- September 2024 entry: 94.1% (Below England average 94.6%)

- September 2023 entry: 94.9% (Better than England average 94.1%)

## 4 Quantity

### Primary

- Change in primary pupil numbers 2009/10 to 2023/24: +23.6%
- Current percentage of unfilled primary places 2022/23: 7.6%
- Anticipated change in primary pupil numbers 2023/24 to 2025/26: -0.3%

### Secondary

- Change in secondary pupil numbers 2009/10 to 2023/24: +15.6%
- Current percentage of unfilled secondary places 2022/23: 16%\*
- Anticipated change in secondary pupil numbers 2023/24 to 2024/25: +4.3%

\* These are generally sixth-form places

## 5 Quality

5.1 The percentage of new places created in good and outstanding schools between 2021/22 and 2022/23.

### Primary

- New places created in good and outstanding primary schools in Medway: 100%
- New places created in good and outstanding primary schools in England: 94.1%

### Secondary

- New places created in good and outstanding secondary schools in Medway: 100%
- New places created in good and outstanding secondary schools in England: 87.6%

## 6 Cost

6.1 The average cost of additional mainstream school places, based on local authority reported projects between 2015/16 and 2017/18.

6.2 There is no local authority level data available for this period through the scorecard, however where relevant the bracketed figure is Medway's most recent costs per place. The average costs for England and the South East are:

### Primary – cost per place

- New school
  - England - £23,865
  - South East - £26,967
- Permanent Expansion

- England - £19,989
- South East - £22,587 (Medway £15,030 – two schools)
  
- Temporary expansion
  - England - £9,450
  - South East - £10,679

### **Secondary – cost per place**

- New school
  - England - £28,912
  - South East - £32,670
  
- Permanent Expansion
  - England - £27,492
  - South East - £31,066 (Medway £25,788 – two schools)
  
- Temporary expansion
  - England - £10,609
  - South East - £11,988

## **7 Further information**

- 7.1 The full scorecard is available online at <https://department-for-education.shinyapps.io/la-school-places-scorecards>