

SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING STATEMENT 2023/24

Executive Summary

INTRODUCTION

1. Torbay Local Authority (LA) has a statutory duty to ensure all children of school age can access education. Pupil projections are prepared to determine the future school population for the area so that the LA can plan to ensure it has sufficient capacity. The projections are estimates based on historical trends; the assumption is that patterns and trends affecting current pupil numbers in the area will continue as they are. The projections are updated bi-annually to ensure they reflect current data and local intelligence.
2. This Executive Summary provides an overview of the current and projected pupil numbers for Torbay across the primary and secondary sectors. It is broken down into three Planning Areas: Torquay, Paignton and Brixham, providing an overview of the current projections, implications for school places and the LA's actions for managing future provision.

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PLANNING AREA: TORQUAY

ACTUAL NUMBERS ON ROLL

YEAR	PRIMARY								SECONDARY					
	PAN	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	PAN	7	8	9	10	11
Sept 17	790	729	775	768	766	704	753	704	961	870	884	858	784	745
Sept 18	790	763	737	780	757	787	704	752	961	955	889	887	841	762
Sept 19	790	732	753	723	771	745	781	701	981	1000	955	891	867	825
Sept 20	790	680	729	749	712	748	758	765	961	977	996	941	869	855
Sept 21	760	644	690	719	739	710	753	757	961	984	958	987	893	860
Sept 22	760	648	660	695	728	748	720	757	1021	1026	978	955	952	898

PROJECTED NUMBERS ON ROLL

Sept 23	745	602	661	658	695	731	756	721	991	1000	1013	972	914	950
Sept 24	735	519	614	659	658	698	739	757	961	953	987	1007	930	912
Sept 25	735	531	529	612	658	661	705	740	991	1000	941	981	963	928
Sept 26	735	551	541	528	612	661	668	707	961	978	987	935	939	961
Sept 27	735	533	561	539	527	614	668	669	961	933	966	981	895	936
Sept 28	735	538	544	560	539	530	621	670	961	883	921	960	939	892

(Shading indicates how a cohort moves through the educational system and this can be applied to each year group)

Proposed housing developments in Torquay with an anticipated pupil yield above historical level:

Edginswell	approx. 550 homes - mixture of starter and family homes
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OVERVIEW

- Current projections show there is sufficient capacity at primary level for the foreseeable future; however, the LA is considering how to manage the increasing levels of surplus.
- There is still potential growth from the Edginswell development.
- There is short-term pressure in the secondary sector as the LA manages large cohorts of pupils alongside the high levels of inward migration to the selective schools.

ACTIONS/PROJECTS

- The LA is continuing discussions with all partners to explore options for temporarily reducing primary capacity, including temporarily reducing planned admission numbers and re-utilising surplus accommodation for the delivery of other key services, including specialist provision.
- The LA is monitoring the proposed Edginswell development to understand likely timescales, delivery rates and impact on current surplus capacity.
- At secondary level, an agreement has been reached with St Cuthbert Maybe School to take a bulge class of 30 pupils in September 2025. The LA is supporting the school with a significant capital investment to ensure it has suitable accommodation; this work completes Autumn 2023. Discussions are underway to find a similar solution for 2026.

PLANNING AREA:

PAIGNTON

ACTUAL NUMBERS ON ROLL

YEAR	PRIMARY								SECONDARY					
	PAN	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	PAN	7	8	9	10	11
Sept 17	507	512	494	492	491	501	482	466	300	271	291	288	215	212
Sept 18	507	518	513	496	503	481	496	484	300	298	267	298	245	216
Sept 19	507	472	526	512	512	508	485	498	360	295	294	266	273	247
Sept 20	507	492	475	517	512	507	503	475	360	312	289	293	239	267
Sept 21	537	439	492	477	522	519	506	500	360	338	319	294	257	242
Sept 22	537	471	449	489	485	536	521	511	360	320	325	322	237	258

PROJECTED NUMBERS ON ROLL

Sept 23	537	461	476	449	495	495	537	522	360	390	317	329	271	239
Sept 24	537	425	466	476	455	505	495	538	360	353	387	322	277	273
Sept 25	537	417	430	465	482	464	506	496	360	363	350	392	271	279
Sept 26	537	434	422	429	472	492	464	507	360	335	360	355	330	273
Sept 27	537	425	439	421	435	481	492	465	360	343	333	365	298	333
Sept 28	537	425	430	439	427	444	482	493	360	314	340	337	307	301

(Shading indicates how a cohort moves through the educational system and this can be applied to each year group)

Proposed housing developments with an anticipated pupil yield above historical level:

Inglewood	370 houses mixture of starter and family homes – planning approved
Collaton Area	335+ houses – pending decision/decision being appealed

OVERVIEW

- Paignton continues to be an area of significant economic investment and large housing developments; however, latest primary projections indicate that there is sufficient capacity to meet current and forecast demand.
- At secondary level, demand exceeds capacity in 2023 and 2025.
- Paignton Academy has been expanded to create an additional 300 secondary places in the area, however, unusually high transfer levels at Year 7 are placing significant pressure on secondary capacity and demand is forecast to exceed capacity in 2023 and 2025.

ACTION/PROJECTS

- The opening of St Michael's Academy provides sufficient primary capacity within the area for the immediate need and creates the required surplus to meet parental preference.
- The LA will monitor delivery of local housing developments, particularly in the Western Corridor, to evaluate their impact on in-migration and the possible need for a second new primary school.
- A site for a new primary school is included in the S106 agreement for Inglewood and the LA will seek to retain that site for as long as possible or until more certainty is known about the growth from new housing.
- The LA has brokered an agreement for Paignton Academy to admit a bulge class in September 2023.
- Options are still being explored for 2025; this could be a combined option to also address Brixham's shortfall.

PLANNING AREA:

BRIXHAM

ACTUAL NUMBERS ON ROLL

YEAR	PRIMARY								SECONDARY					
	PAN	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	PAN	7	8	9	10	11
Sept 17	190	161	183	173	169	193	165	181	360	343	345	358	336	338
Sept 18	190	165	164	183	171	172	191	166	360	359	341	345	352	334
Sept 19	190	145	170	165	184	179	163	189	360	346	355	341	319	349
Sept 20	190	154	139	166	166	184	178	161	360	348	354	356	325	320
Sept 21	190	141	153	139	165	163	187	177	360	332	349	352	348	317
Sept 22	190	150	145	158	148	170	168	196	360	362	347	351	337	349

PROJECTED NUMBERS ON ROLL

Sept 23	180	123	152	147	163	149	174	172	360	390	371	347	340	333
Sept 24	180	112	124	154	152	164	152	178	360	352	399	371	336	336
Sept 25	180	106	114	126	159	153	167	156	360	365	361	399	359	332
Sept 26	180	114	107	115	130	160	156	171	360	320	374	361	386	355
Sept 27	180	111	115	109	119	130	163	160	360	351	327	374	349	382
Sept 28	180	110	112	117	112	120	133	167	360	328	360	327	362	345

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OVERVIEW

- Brixham continues to face falling primary cohorts in line with the fall in birth rates. With no current or proposed housing developments above historical levels, this position is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future.
- Some schools have already elected to temporarily reduce their planned admission number to better manage their roll and budgets.
- Place planning at secondary level continues to be challenging due to the high level of inward migration to the Grammar School; the LA is currently projecting a shortfall of capacity in 2023 and 2025.

ACTIONS/PROJECTS

- The LA is continuing to explore options to reduce primary surplus including temporarily reducing planned admission numbers and re-purposing surplus accommodation for the delivery of other key services including specialist provision.
- The LA has brokered an agreement for Brixham College to go above PAN for 2023. This will ensure sufficient capacity for that year.
- Options need to be identified for 2025; this could be a combined option to also address Paignton's shortfall.

Schools in each Planning Area with Planned Admission Number (PAN)

TORQUAY

Primary	PAN
All Saints Babbacombe Church of England Primary School	30
Barton Hill Academy	90
Cockington Primary School	45
Ellacombe Academy	60
Homelands Primary School	30
Ilsham Church of England Primary School	25
Our Lady of the Angels Roman Catholic Primary School	30
Priory Roman Catholic Primary School	30
Sherwell Valley Primary School	90
Shiphay Learning Academy	60
St Margaret's Academy	60
St Marychurch Church of England Primary School	45
Torre Church of England Primary School	45
Upton St James Church of England Primary School	15
Warberry Church of England Primary School	60
Watcombe Primary School	30
Secondary	PAN
St Cuthbert Mayne Joint Catholic & Church of England School	195
The Spires College	220
Torquay Academy	240
Torquay Boys' Grammar School	156
Torquay Girls' Grammar School	150

PAIGNTON

Primary	PAN
Collaton St Mary Church of England Primary School	30
Curledge Street Academy	60
Hayes School	57
Kings Ash Academy	60
Oldway Primary School	90
Preston Primary School	45
Roselands Primary School	45
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School	30
St Michael's Academy	30
White Rock Primary School	90
Secondary	PAN
Paignton Academy	360

BRIXHAM

Primary	PAN
Brixham Church of England Primary School	30
Eden Park Primary School	60
Furzeham Primary School	30
Galmpton Church of England Primary School	30
St Margaret Clitherow Primary School	30
Secondary	PAN
Brixham College	210
Churston Ferrers Grammar School	150