



Tower Hamlets LA Report on the Latest School Roll Projections

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1. Executive Summary

This latest Tower Hamlets report on school roll projections highlights the increasing surplus of primary school places across the borough, with all six planning areas projected to experience a decline in pupil numbers over the next five years. This leads to a 20% surplus capacity in several planning areas. The 2027/28 academic year is forecast to produce the smallest reception cohort over the next five years, however, demand for reception school places expected to increase slightly over the subsequent years.

Current projections suggest that the demand for secondary school places peaked in 2023/24 and the potential surplus capacity is anticipated to rise to 15% by 2028/29. From the 2024/25, the declining primary cohorts are expected to transition into the secondary sector until the 2034/35 (2027/28 reception cohort).

The report is based on the 2024 round of Greater London Authority (GLA) pupil projections for Tower Hamlets. It shows that the overall borough primary and secondary school roll projections continue to be very accurate. The borough pupil projections for 2023/24 bear out the accuracy of previous years, as projected pupil numbers were forecast to within a 1% variance of the actual numbers recorded at the January 2024 census.

GLA data indicates that birth rates in Tower Hamlets and across London are expected to continue to fall, mirroring the national trend. Additionally, Tower Hamlets is experiencing a declining trend in the total fertility rate across the borough, which has now reached a historical low.

All six planning areas are experiencing falling reception numbers, while future demand is forecast to decline further due to the falling birth rates and young families leaving the borough. The new housing developments in the east of the borough are forecast to produce fewer primary pupils than previously anticipated, consequently, the demand for primary places in the Isle of Dogs and Poplar is not expected to increase. Bethnal Green continues to be the planning area with the greatest capacity concerns, as the current surplus of 27% is projected to rise to 36% within the next five years, generating inevitable school sustainability issues.

Further analysis into falling primary numbers at a ward level has been completed to identify whether surplus capacity is concentrated in specific areas. The review highlighted that despite the falling rolls within the borough, in 2023/24, 15 out of the 20 wards were operating with a surplus below 15%. In contrast, the GLA projections suggest that the surplus levels will increase over the next five years resulting in 15 wards operating with a capacity surplus above 15%.

The Local Authority (LA) established the School Organisation Strategy Group (SOSG) in collaboration with school leaders and key stakeholders, to review and

plan appropriate sustainability strategies to mitigate the issue of falling reception numbers. The SOSG performed a sustainability review of the school estate in 2023, and subsequently initiated financial viability discussions with the relevant schools in partnership with Schools Finance and specialist consultants. As a result, the SOSG has assisted five schools to secure critical LA funding through Licensed Deficit Budgets and also ensured a total of 11 schools received support with their short-term financial planning.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this report on school roll projections is to provide the latest position on the supply of school places in Tower Hamlets, by looking at recent pupil population trends, in addition to projected future demand. The LA has a statutory responsibility to ensure that there are sufficient and sustainable school places for all borough resident children of statutory school age.

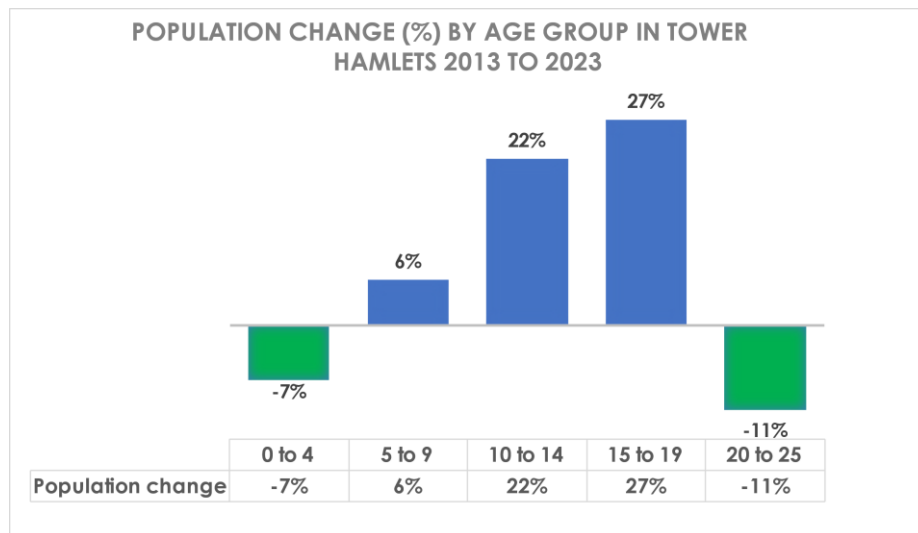
In order to inform the LA's school place planning annual assessment, the continuous monitoring and analysis of pupil population data and trends is required. This report therefore investigates issues and identifies current and future challenges.

The report has been prepared by the Tower Hamlets Education Division using projections data provided by the Greater London Authority (GLA) and the Office of National Statistics (ONS). The expected numbers covered in this report are projections – they are the numbers mathematically calculated based on clearly stated theories. This is different from forecasts, where outcomes are based on what you assume will actually happen in the future, given certain conditions, local knowledge, plans and intentions.

3. Background

The demand for school places is driven by birth rates, pupil population growth, migration levels and housing development. From 2013 to 2023, the pre-school population (0-4 age group) in Tower Hamlets, has experienced a 7% decrease, as can be seen from Figure 1 below.

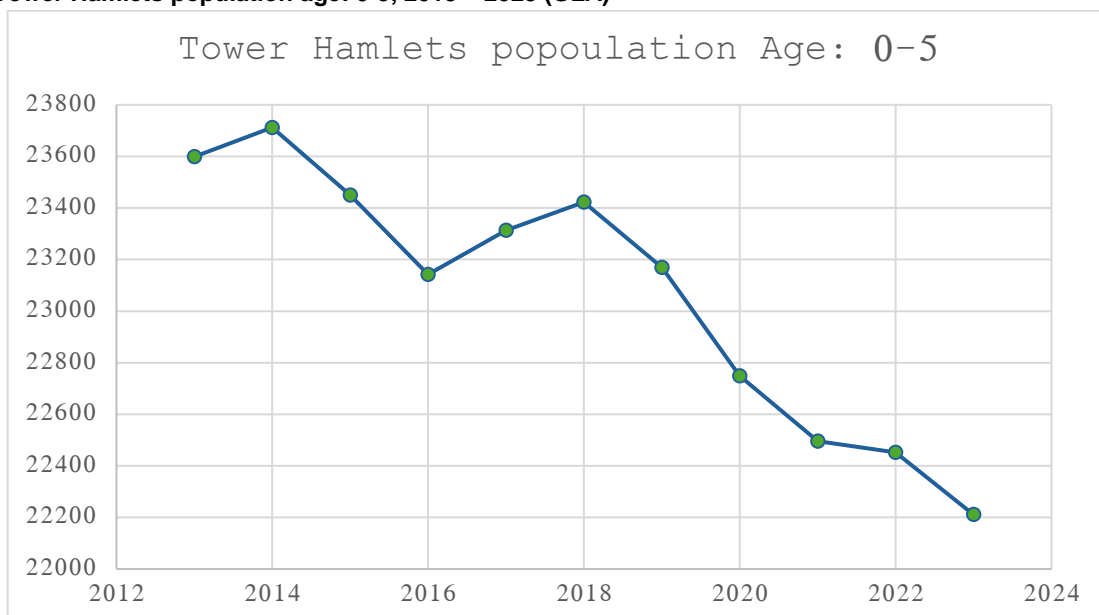
Fig. 1. Population changes by age group, Tower Hamlets, 2013 – 2023 (GLA)



The primary pupil numbers in Tower Hamlets have been on the decline since the 2018/19 academic year, this downward trajectory is anticipated to continue over the next five years. In 2023/24, the total number of primary school children in Tower Hamlets decreased to 22,399, representing a 2.6% annual reduction in total primary children on roll.

The decline in primary pupil numbers can be attributed to diminishing birth rates, coupled with the net outflow of primary-aged pupils from the borough. Further causes are related to Brexit, smaller pupil yields from the borough's social and affordable housing, the Covid pandemic, and the displacement of some sections of the local population through the impact of the welfare reforms.

Fig. 2. Tower Hamlets population age: 0-5, 2013 – 2023 (GLA)



Tower Hamlets experienced an 8.8% increase in its secondary school population, rising from 13,820 in 2016/17 to 15,038 in 2022/23. The annual increases to the year 7 cohort size peaked in 2023/24 at 3,021 and the reduced primary numbers are expected to transition into the secondary phase from 2024/25 onwards. Secondary numbers are therefore likely to reduce in the future, despite the positive net migration in the borough's 10–15-year-old age range.

4. Projection Methodology and Planning Areas

Tower Hamlets commissions school roll projections from the Greater London Authority (GLA), along with most London boroughs. The GLA has access to data on all pupils in London (via the National Pupil Database), which enables it to model movements across borough boundaries in a way that would be difficult for an individual local authority. Projections are run each year by the GLA, using information based on demographic trends (e.g. births, migration); the borough's housing development trajectory; school census data; and the flow of pupils from their ward of residence (including those out of borough) to each school.

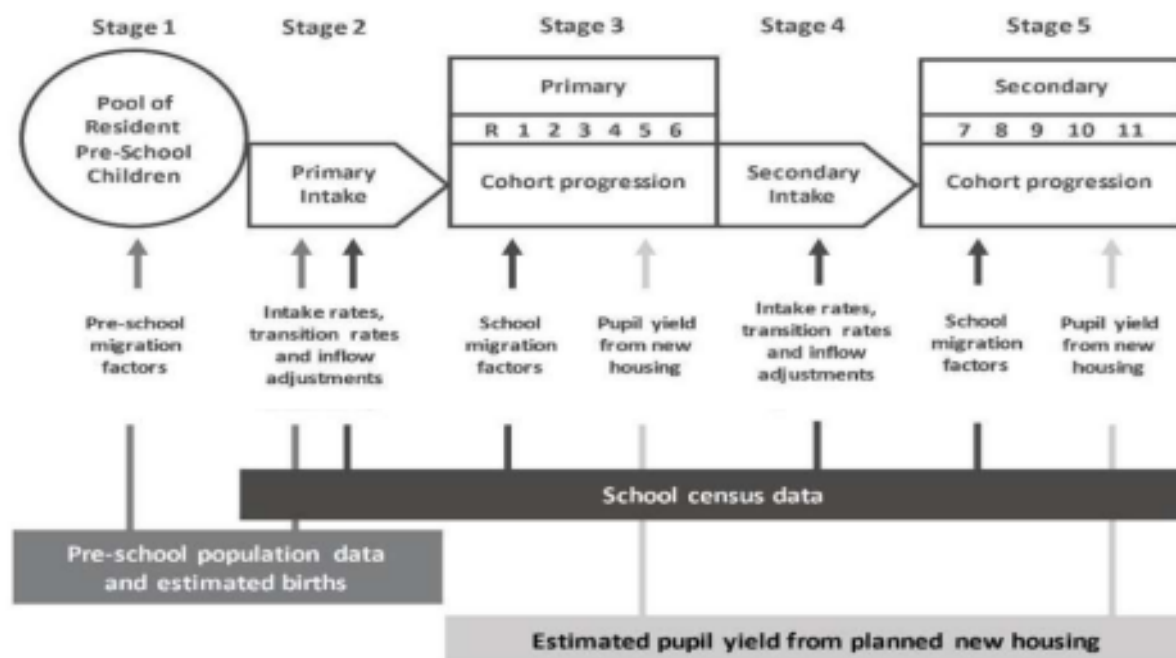
Since 2022 the GLA's population projections have estimated the number of pupils in each borough ward by taking the average of the previous years' patterns. This change to the methodology adds a small element of risk to Tower Hamlets' pupil projections going forward, given the currently observed variances at Planning Area level.

The proportion of the children attending each mainstream state school is calculated, using the National Curriculum year (reception to year 11), and sex, per ward of residence in London. These proportions are carried forward as the pupils age through the school in the years being projected.

For new pupils entering a school in future years, for example at reception, proportions are calculated as averages over the latest years of actuals, with four being the standard number of years used (2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024). The same approach is used at years 7 and 12, even if the school is an all through school as it is assumed that there will be significant changes in the cohort at this point.

The rolled forward and calculated new intake proportions for future years are applied to the population projections to give projections of the number of children on roll by school by age and sex. Due to lower retention rates, sixth form projections are calculated using a survival ratio as the cohort ages through sixth form. School level projections are then aggregated to planning areas and borough totals.

Fig. 2. The flow of the Tower Hamlets Projections Model



4.1. Primary Planning Areas

Tower Hamlets is divided into six planning areas for primary schools. A map showing the planning areas and the list of schools in each is provided as Appendix 1.

Table 1. Primary school roll projections are split into the six Planning (catchment) Areas

Primary School Planning (Catchment) Areas					
PA1	PA2	PA3	PA4	PA5	PA6
Stepney	Bow	Poplar	Isle of Dogs	Wapping	Bethnal Green

NB. Both Bonner Primary Schools are in PA1 for planning purposes.

4.2. Secondary Planning Areas

Secondary school roll projections are calculated on a borough-wide basis as the intakes for individual schools often extend beyond a planning area, with pupils travelling to schools across and outside the borough. A map showing the location of all the borough's secondary schools is provided as Appendix 2.

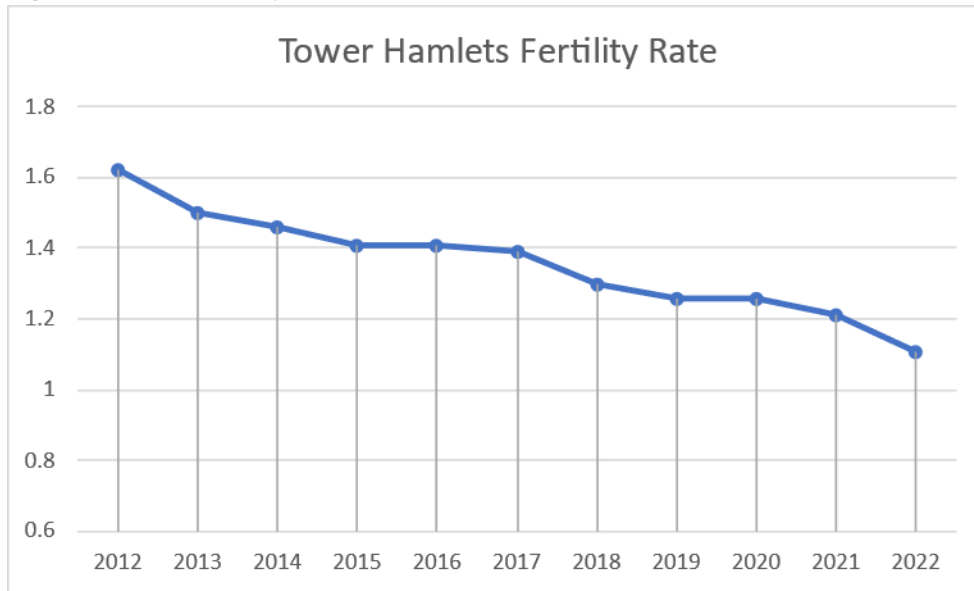
5. Fertility, Birth Rates and Reception Take Up

The starting point for the pupil projection model is capturing the number of births, and the cohort 'survival rate' for children starting in reception four years later.

5.1. Fertility and Birth Rates

The fertility rate in Tower Hamlets has been in steady decline for almost two decades, reaching a historical low of 1.11 in 2021-22.

Fig. 3. Historical Fertility Rates (ONS)



The number of live births in Tower Hamlets has fallen by 481 (10%) in the ten-year period from 2013. London birth rates fell at a similar rate over the same period, despite a brief revival in 2021, Tower Hamlets birth rates fell again in 2022.

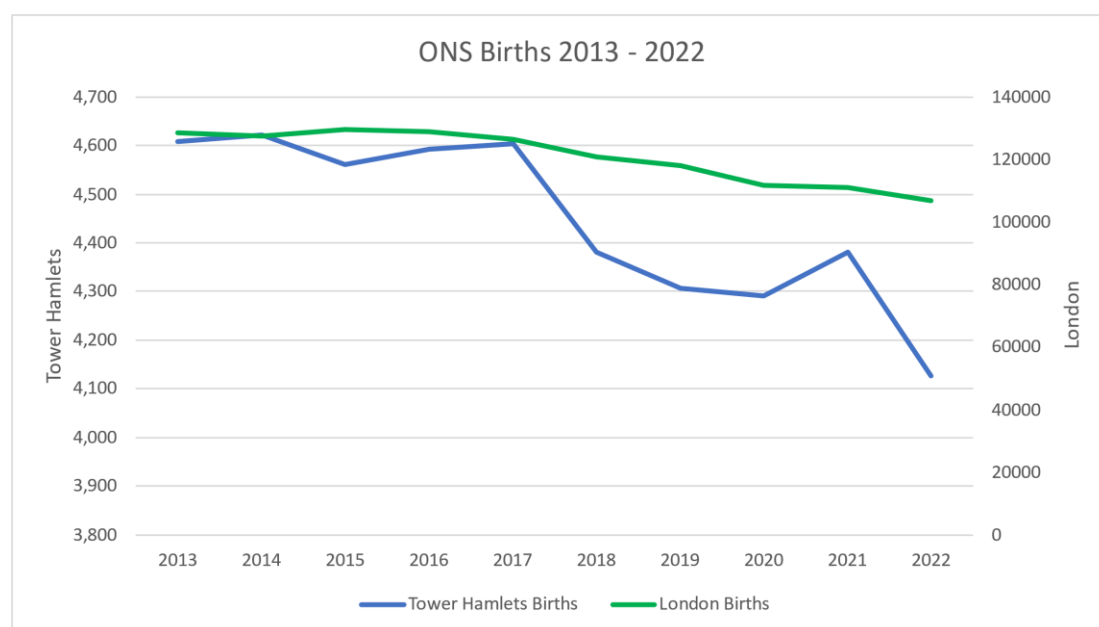
Table 2. LBTH Births Actual Births 2013 to 2022 (ONS)

Area	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 ¹
LBTH	4,608	4,622	4,560	4,592	4,604	4,381	4,307	4,291	4,381	4,127
London	128,332	127,399	129,615	128,803	126,308	120,673	117,897	111,688	110,961	106,696

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<https://www.ons.gov.uk/file?uri=/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/livebirths/datasets/birthsummarytables/2022/birthsummary2022workbook.xlsx>

Fig. 4. Actual Births (ONS) 2013 to 2022



The GLA previously projected 4,115 Tower Hamlets births in 2022, which was close to the actual number of 4,127. The GLA projects that the Tower Hamlets birth rate will fall below 4100 and remain at around this level over the next five-year period (2023-2027), following a similar pattern to the rest of London. Tower Hamlets and London births are then expected to increase steadily from 2028 onwards.

Table 3. Projected Births 2023 – 2032 (GLA)²

Area	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
LBTH	4,043	4,065	4,075	4,080	4,094	4,120	4,158	4,209	4,256	4,303
London	107,646	107,822	107,810	107,723	107,839	108,208	108,876	109,851	110,889	112,032

5.2. Take Up Rates

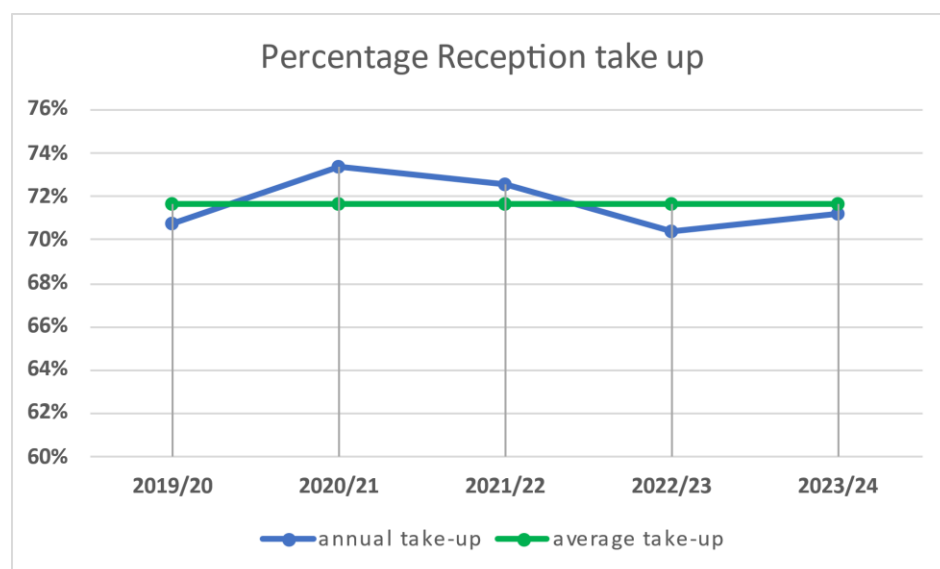
The cohort survival rate/take up rate (the difference between live births and reception year numbers, four years later) was 71.2% for the 2023/24 reception cohort. Even if the take up rate remains stable over the next few years, overall reception numbers will be down, given the current low birth rate.

² <https://apps.london.gov.uk/population-projections/>

Table 4. LBTH Percentage Reception Take up 2019-2023

LBTH Percentage Reception Take up 2019-2023				
School Year of Birth	Mid-year Births ³	Reception Entry	Reception Number	Percentage Take up
2014/15	4,591	2019/20	3,230	70.8%
2015/16	4,597	2020/21	3,349	73.4%
2016/17	4,600	2021/22	3,316	72.6%
2017/18	4,497	2022/23	3,139	70.4%
2018/19	4,333	2023/24	3,055	71.2%

Fig. 5. LBTH Percentage Reception Take up 2019-2023



6. Pupil Migration

Tower Hamlets, historically, has higher rates of net migration when compared to most of London this is therefore an important factor in the borough projections.

6.1. Pre-School and Primary Age Pupil Net Migration

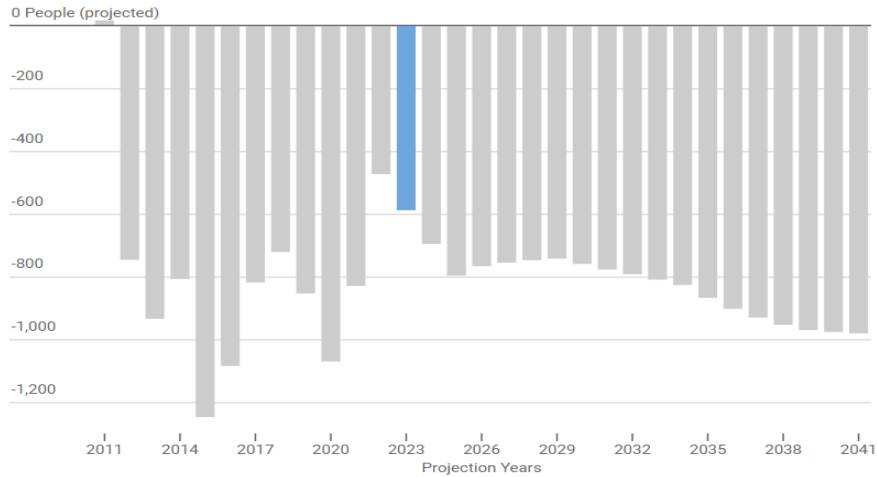
The two charts below show the GLA's most recent data on the borough's previous and projected pupil net migration rate for both the pre-school and primary age range. We can see the negative (outward) net migration rate for this age group, confirming that more pre-school and primary age children are moving out of Tower Hamlets than moving in. This negative net migration trend is expected to continue to impact primary school rolls over the coming years.

³ [Numbers of live births by local authority and MSOA, England and Wales: mid-year 1992 to mid-year 2021 - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandlife/birthsdeathsandmarriages/births)

Fig. 6. Total Net Migration Projection: Tower Hamlets (age 0-4)

Total Net Migration Projection: Tower Hamlets

Identified Capacity, Borough Total, All Persons, 0 - 4

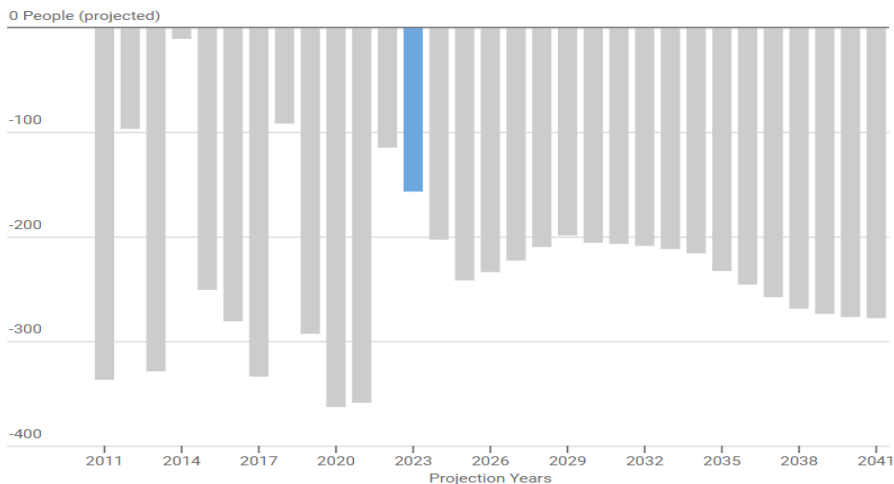


Source: GLA Demography 2020-based Population Projections
Graphic by GLA City Intelligence

Fig. 7. Total Net Migration Projection: Tower Hamlets (age 5-10)

Total Net Migration Projection: Tower Hamlets

Identified Capacity, Borough Total, All Persons, 5 - 10



Source: GLA Demography 2020-based Population Projections
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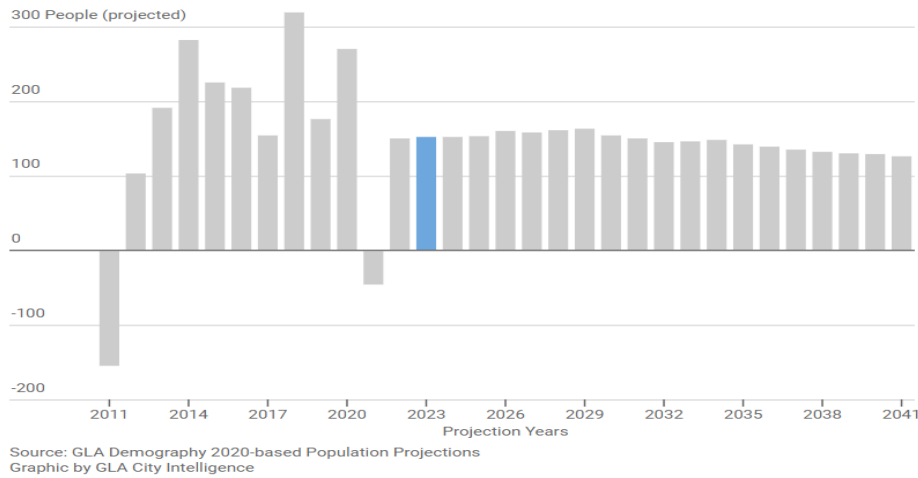
6.2. Secondary Age Children Net Migration

In the secondary age range the net migration situation is reversed. With the exception of the 2021 (due to the travel restrictions during the pandemic), we should continue to see a positive net migration, based on the GLA's projections. This means more secondary aged children moving into the borough than out. This could lessen the impact of the smaller cohorts from the primary sector moving into the secondary sector.

Currently, it is unclear why positive net migration occurs at the secondary age range, whereas the younger age groups experience the opposite. The LA is still seeking to understand this migration flows anomaly, especially as neighbouring LAs are not displaying the same historical trends.

Fig. 8. Total Net Migration Projection: Tower Hamlets (age 11-15)

Total Net Migration Projection: Tower Hamlets
 Identified Capacity, Borough Total, All Persons, 11 - 15



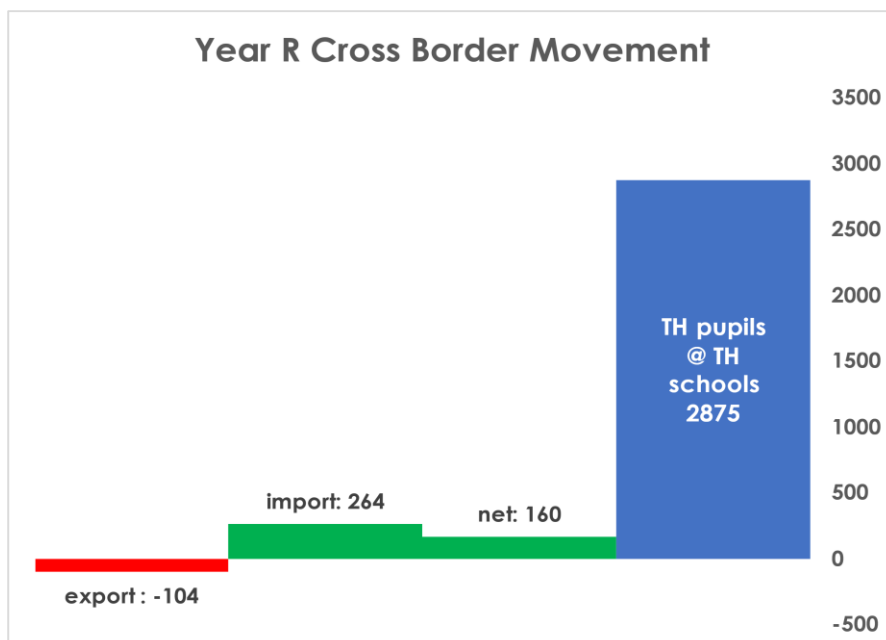
7. Cross Border Movement

Migration data covers the movement of children moving in and out of the borough, but there are also Tower Hamlets pupils who cross its borders to attend schools in neighbouring boroughs. Likewise, children living in neighbouring boroughs will cross borders to attend schools in Tower Hamlets.

7.1. Primary Cross Border Movement

In 2023/24, Tower Hamlets was a net importer of reception pupils, 4% of Tower Hamlets resident pupils started reception at an out-borough school. In contrast, 8% of the pupils starting reception in Tower Hamlets were out-borough residents.

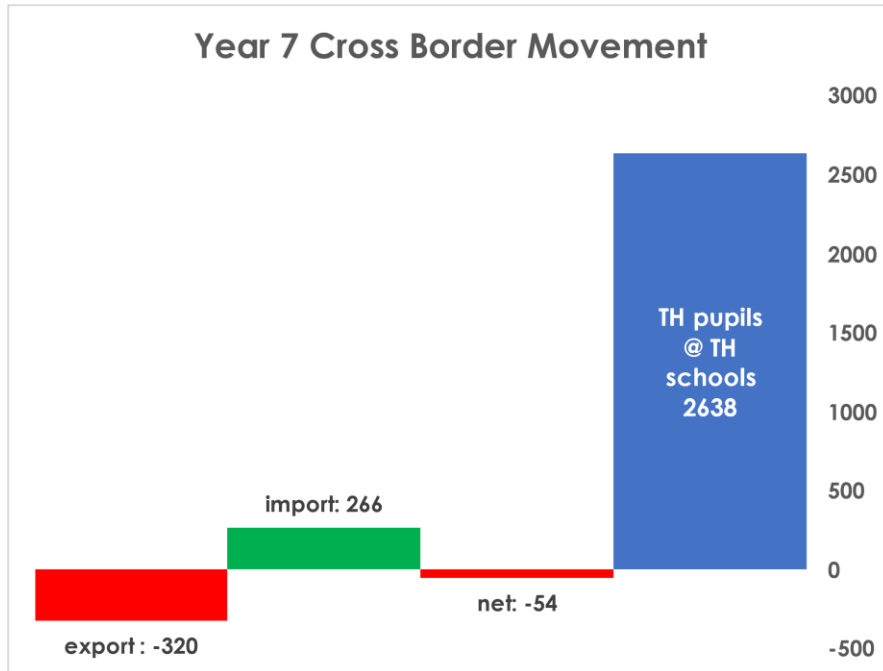
Fig. 9. Primary Cross Border Movement



7.2. Secondary Cross Border Movement

In 2023/24 Tower Hamlets was a net exporter of Year 7 pupils, 11% of borough resident pupils chose to attend a secondary school outside of the borough. In contrast 9% of the Year 7 cohort at Tower Hamlets secondary schools were out-borough residents.

Fig. 10. Secondary Cross Border Movement



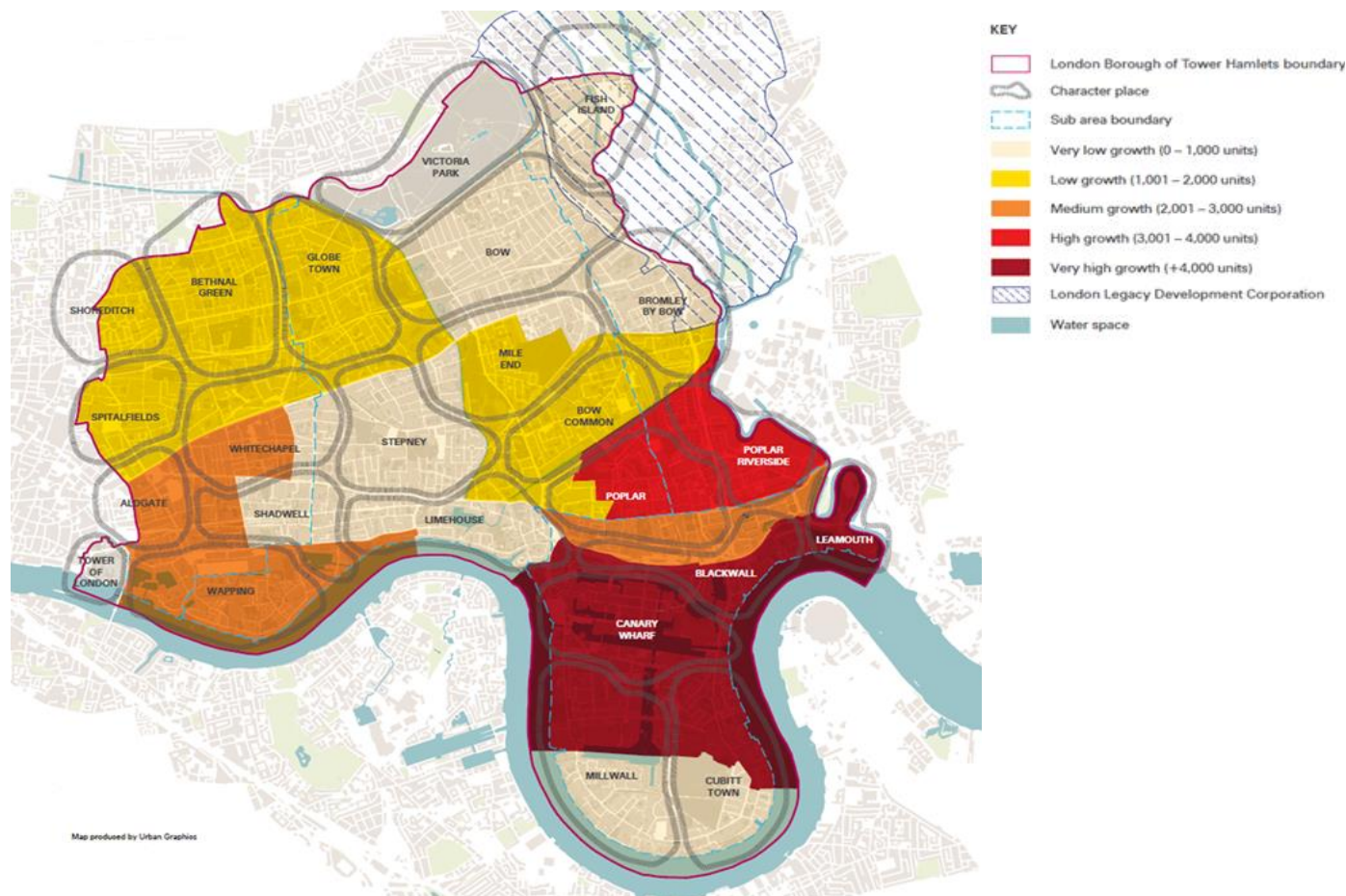
8. Housing Development and Pupil Yield Factor

The primary 'pupil yield' factor provides the basis for calculating the average number of primary pupils that a new housing development can be expected to generate. It is based on the borough's Housing Development Trajectory, which is then factored into the projection model, alongside school rolls, birth data, migration flows and the cohort survival/take up rates. Tower Hamlets has an indicative net housing target of around 34,700 additional homes to be built in the borough between 2020 – 2029, based on the GLA's 2021 London Plan. The map below shows where these new housing developments are planned, with most major developments concentrated in the southeast of the borough.

Over the ten-year period between 2013 and 2022, Tower Hamlets has seen a significant reduction in its primary pupil yield from new developments, from 0.14 per dwelling in 2013 to 0.12 per dwelling in 2022. This has meant that, for every 1500 new homes in the borough, the expected number of primary aged children reduced from 210 to 180. The equivalent of one form of school entry. The reduction in the pupil yield, along with the fall in birth rates and negative net migration, are the main reasons for the decline in primary pupil numbers.

Going forward the borough's ambition to provide more social and affordable housing, may see its pupil yield factor increase back to previous levels.

Fig. 11. Tower Hamlets Housing Development Plan



<1,000 units	1,001 - 2,000 units	2,001 - 3,000 units	3,001- 4,000 units	>4,000 units
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9. Previous Year Pupil Projections and their Accuracy

A new set of pupil projections are produced each year. This set is compared to the actual pupil numbers to assess the accuracy of forecasts as well as identify and correct any issues.

There was less than a 1% variance in the borough's overall school roll projections, where the forecast was 345 fewer pupils than in the 2024 January census (Table 5). In Year 7 the projected number was 38 pupils above the actual number in the census. The decline in total secondary pupils has occurred a year earlier than expected, as the GLA had projected an increase from 15,038 in 2022/23 to 15,139 in 2023/24, however, total secondary pupils on roll decreased by 189.

Overall, the GLA continues to produce highly accurate projections, which is the foundational data source for future school place planning strategy.

Table 5. Breakdown of the Previous Year's Pupil Projections

	Previous Year Projection (2024 census)	Actual No. (2024 census)	Variance (No. of Pupils)	Variance (FE) ⁴	Variance (%)
Reception	3,040	3,055	15	0.5	0.5%
Primary	22,555	22,399	-156	-5.2	-0.7%
Year 7	3,059	3,021	-38	-1.3	-1.3%
Secondary	15,139	14,950	-189	-6.3	-1.3%
All Pupils	37,694	37,349	-345	-11.5	-0.9%

The reception year forecasts at four of the six individual primary planning areas were accurate to within a 1FE variance, while the projections for Stepney and Isle of Dogs were within a 1.5FE variance of the actual number. (Table 6).

Table 6. Reception Year Forecasts vs Actual numbers per Area

Reception Year Forecasts vs Actual numbers by Planning Area							
LBTH Primary Planning Area	Stepney	Bow	Poplar	Isle of Dogs	Wapping	Bethnal Green	Total
2024 Projection	591	348	815	457	381	448	3,040
2024 Actual	630	376	800	415	393	441	3,055
Variance (pupils)	-39	-28	15	42	-12	7	-15
Variance (FE)	-1.3	-0.9	0.5	1.4	-0.4	0.2	-0.5
% Variance	-6.2%	-7.4%	1.9%	10.1%	-3.1%	1.6%	-0.5%

10. Reception and Primary School Rolls

The growth in the borough's general population has not resulted in a need for additional primary school places. The reception roll numbers have fallen by 9.2%

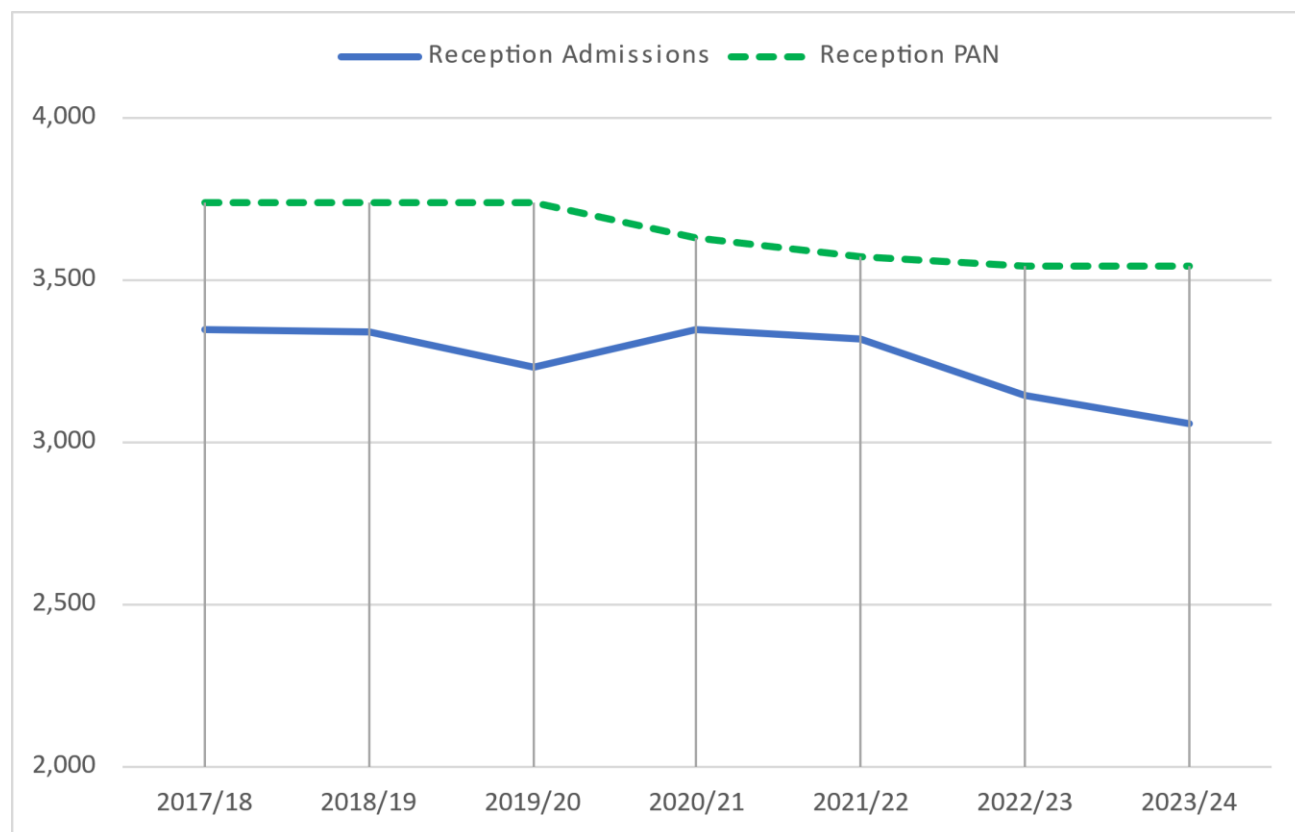
⁴ FE (Forms of Entry) is the ratio between the pupils' variance and 30 (which is a class size)

between 2017/2018 and 2023/24, however, 7.9% of the decline has occurred in the past two years. This is the lowest reception roll in the borough for over fifteen years and this trend is projected to continue until 2027/28.

Table 7. Reception Roll Numbers 2017-2023

Reception Roll Numbers 2017-2024							
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Reception Rolls (Jan Census)	3,347	3,340	3,230	3,347	3,316	3,139	3,055

Fig. 12. LBTH Reception Pupil Numbers 2017-2023 and PAN⁵



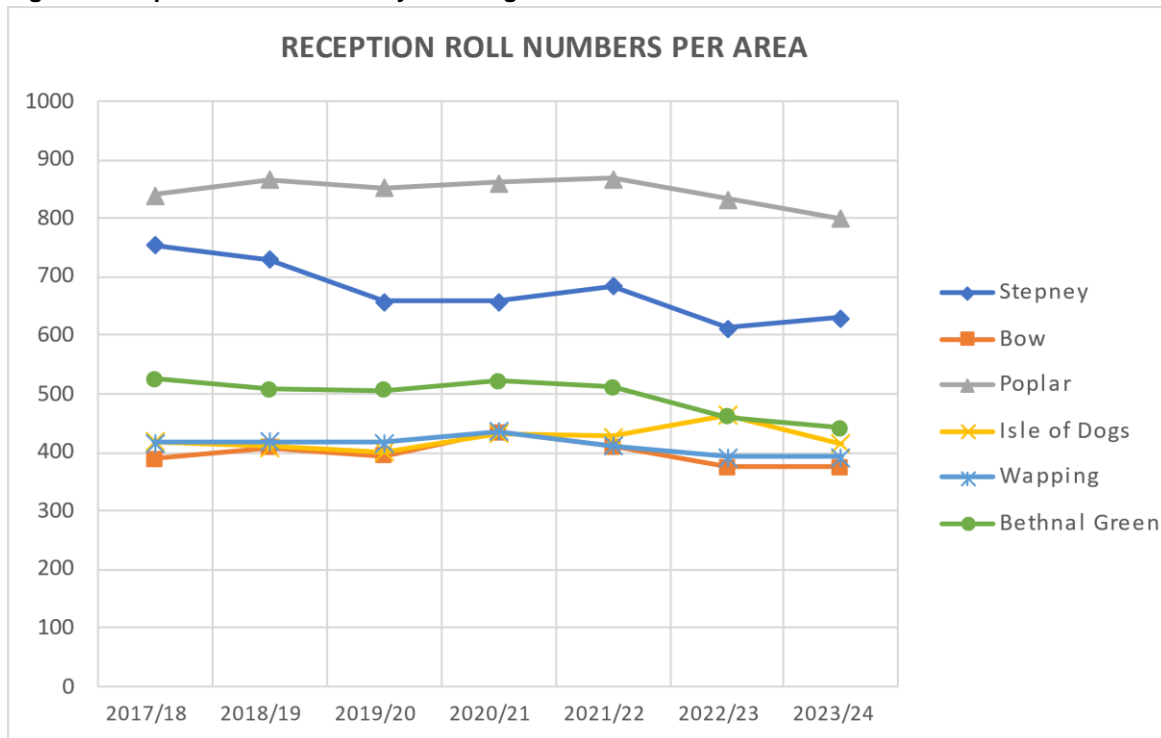
⁵ Total Planned Admissions Number for the reception year

The decline in reception rolls is affecting schools in in both the east and west of the borough. There has been a significant drop in the west, with both Stepney and Bethnal Green experiencing falling reception rolls, equivalent to 7FE combined across both areas.

Table 8. Reception Roll Numbers by Planning Area (2017-2023)

Reception Roll Numbers per Area (2017-2023)							
Year	Stepney	Bow	Poplar	Isle of Dogs	Wapping	Bethnal Green	Total
2017/18	755	389	841	419	417	526	3,347
2018/19	730	408	866	410	418	508	3,340
2019/20	659	394	852	402	417	506	3,230
2020/21	659	435	861	433	437	522	3,347
2021/22	685	410	869	428	412	512	3,316
2022/23	613	376	833	464	392	461	3,139
2023/24	630	376	800	415	393	441	3,055

Fig. 13. Reception Roll Numbers by Planning Area



The table below shows the percentage of surplus reception places by planning area for each of the past five years. Despite the LA and schools managing to reduce this surplus to a sustainable level over the four-year period up until 2022, however, since 2022/23 the surplus capacity levels have sharply risen.

Table 9. Percentage of Surplus Reception Places by Planning Area

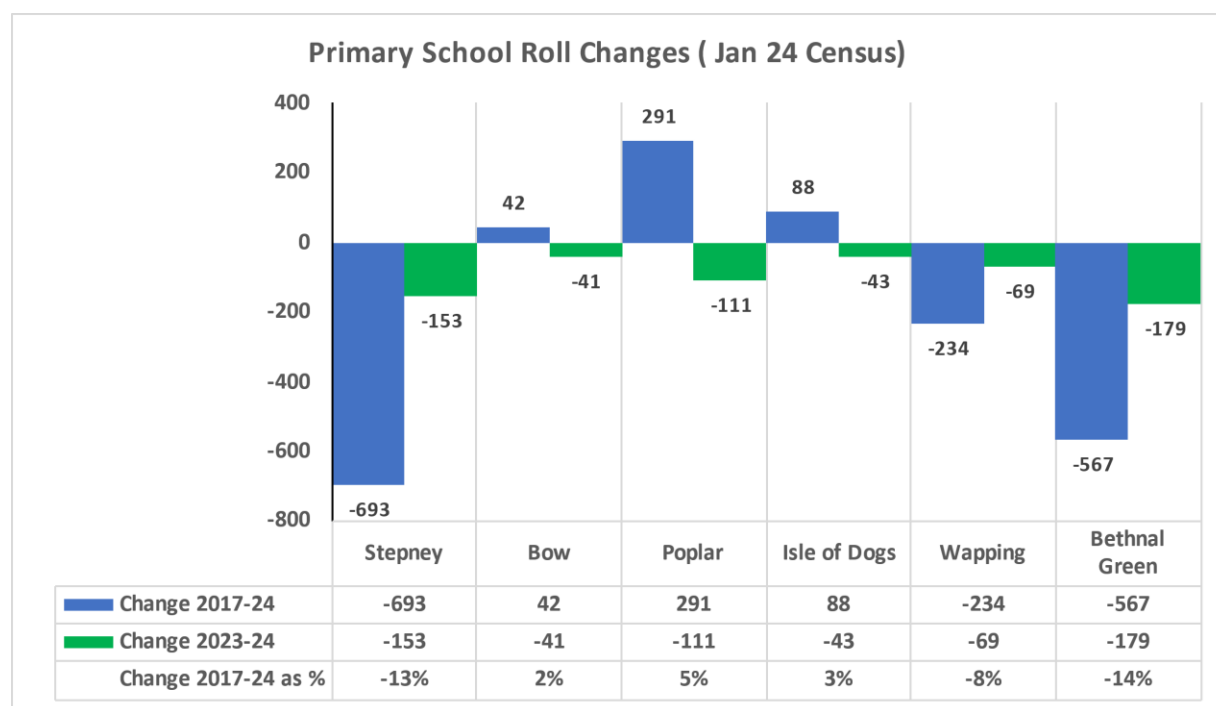
Percentage of Surplus Reception Places by Planning Area					
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Stepney	16%	11%	7%	14%	11%
Bow	12%	6%	6%	7%	7%
Poplar	4%	3%	2%	6%	10%
Isle of Dogs	9%	2%	3%	7%	17%
Wapping	9%	6%	5%	10%	10%
Bethnal Green	23%	17%	15%	23%	27%

The primary school rolls in Stepney and Bethnal Green have experienced a significant decline in pupil numbers in the five years from 2019/20, with Bethnal Green seeing over a quarter of all places at reception remaining unfilled in 2023/24. The borough's primary school rolls fell to 22,399 pupils, representing the smallest Tower Hamlets primary sector since 22,044 pupils in 2012/13.

Table 10. Actual Primary School Rolls by Planning Area 2017 – 2023

Primary School Rolls by Planning Area 2017 – 2023									
Year	Stepney	Bow	Poplar	Isle of Dogs	Wapping	Bethnal Green	Total	+/-	%
2017/18	5,405	2,687	5,582	2,769	3,046	3,983	23,472	27	0.1%
2018/19	5,417	2,709	5,722	2,787	3,014	3,860	23,509	37	0.2%
2019/20	5,240	2,732	5,800	2,804	2,952	3,742	23,270	-239	-1.0%
2020/21	5,003	2,745	5,979	2,844	2,970	3,803	23,344	74	0.3%
2021/22	5,074	2,795	5,992	2,843	2,957	3,780	23,441	97	0.4%
2022/23	4,865	2,770	5,984	2,900	2,881	3,595	22,995	-446	-1.9%
2023/24	4,712	2,729	5,873	2,857	2,812	3,416	22,399	-596	-2.6%
								-1073 ⁶	-4.6% ⁷

Fig. 14 Primary School Roll Changes (January 2024 Census)



The table below shows the change to primary rolls from reception to year 6 over the past seven years.

⁶ The difference between the total numbers of primary school rolls in 2023/24 and 2017/18

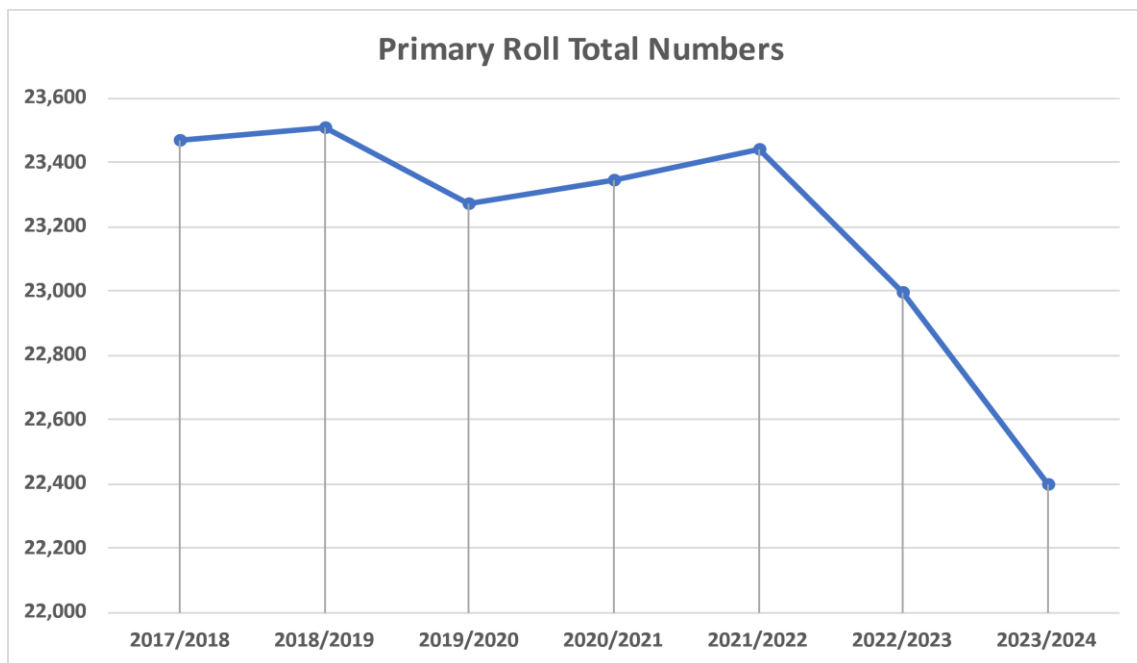
⁷ The percentage of difference between the total numbers of primary school rolls in 2023/24 and 2017/18

Table 11. Primary Rolls by Year Group 2017-2023

Primary Rolls (R-Y6) 2017-2023										
Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	+/-	%
2017/2018	3,347	3,522	3,383	3,370	3,293	3,331	3,226	23,472	27	0.12%
2018/2019	3,340	3,339	3,507	3,345	3,346	3,308	3,324	23,509	37	0.16%
2019/2020	3,230	3,342	3,300	3,456	3,309	3,333	3,300	23,270	-239	-1.02%
2020/2021	3,349	3,234	3,335	3,317	3,450	3,321	3,338	23,344	74	0.31%
2021/2022	3,316	3,428	3,228	3,326	3,320	3,483	3,340	23,441	97	0.42%
2022/2023	3,139	3,319	3,399	3,144	3,266	3,290	3,438	22,995	-446	-1.9%
2023/2024	3,055	3,110	3,293	3,333	3,093	3,257	3,258	22,399	-596	-2.6%
									-1073 ⁸	-4.6% ⁹

This is the trajectory of primary rolls over the same period. Up until 2018/19 primary school rolls had been on a consistent upward trend, but this is no longer the case.

Fig. 15. Primary Rolls (R-Y6) 2017-2023



⁸ The difference between the total numbers of primary school rolls in 2023/24 and 2017/18

⁹ The percentage of difference between the total numbers of primary school rolls in 2023/24 and 2017/18

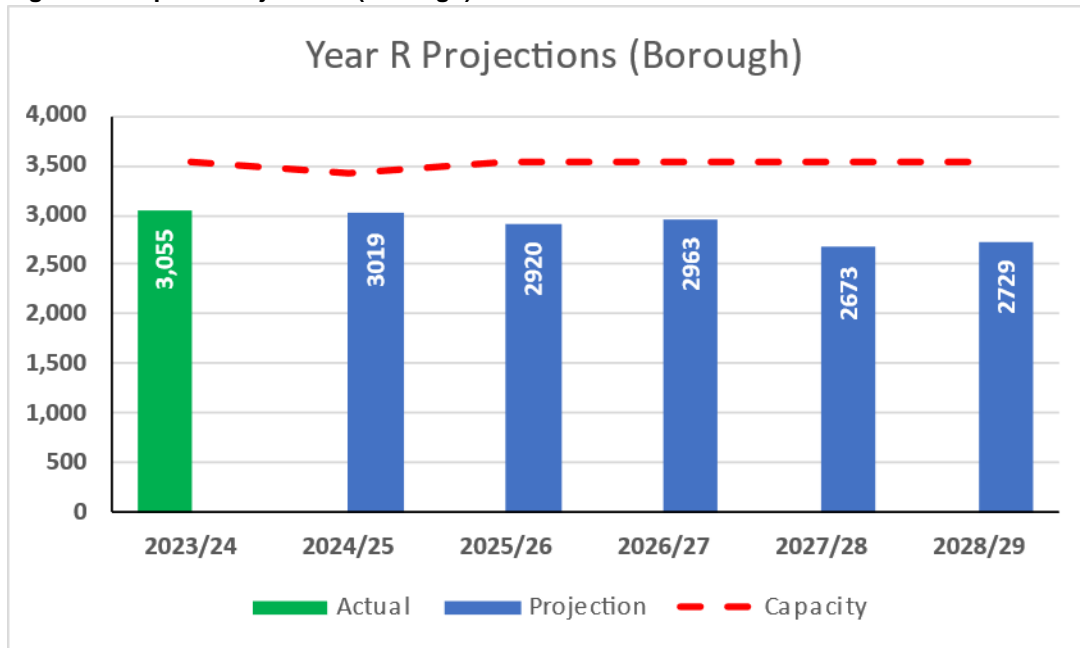
10.1. School Roll Projections for the Reception Year

For the school year (2023/24) there was minor underestimate in reception numbers. The projected numbers for reception were 3,040 compared to 3,055 (Jan 24 census), meaning that the borough's actual reception school roll was only 0.5% more than the projection. Therefore, the borough's overall reception year surplus for 2023/24 was 14%.

Table 10. Reception Projections (Borough)

Reception Projections (Borough)							
		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Actual		3,055					
Projection		3,040	3019	2920	2963	2673	2729
Capacity		3,541	3,420	3,540	3,540	3,540	3,540
Variance	Pupils	486	401	620	577	867	811
	FE	16.2	13.4	20.7	19.2	28.9	27.0
	%	14%	12%	18%	16%	24%	23%

Fig. 14. Reception Projections (Borough)



11. Reception School Roll Projections by Planning Area

Below is a summary of the position in each of the borough's primary school planning areas.

11.1. Planning Area 1 (Stepney)

In January 2024 there were 80 unfilled places in Stepney, a decrease on the 97 in January 2023. The latest round of pupil projections for Stepney indicates that the surplus will likely continue to increase over the next few years, reaching as high as 27% by January 2027. Currently, the planning area is operating with a manageable surplus, as several school leaders realised plans to reduce capacity and/or implement more sustainable operating models. However, the LA and schools will need to plan for future significant capacity issues forecast to arise in the area.

Table 11. Planning Area 1 – Stepney (INCLUDES BOTH BONNER SCHOOL SITES)

Planning Area 1 – Stepney (INCLUDES BOTH BONNER SCHOOL SITES)							
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	
Actual	630						
Projection	590	595	570	579	516	520	
Capacity	710	650	710	710	710	710	
Variance	Pupils	80	55	140	131	194	190
	FE	2.7	1.8	4.7	4.4	6.5	6.3
	%	11%	8%	20%	18%	27%	27%

Fig. 15. Planning Area 1 – Stepney Reception Projections

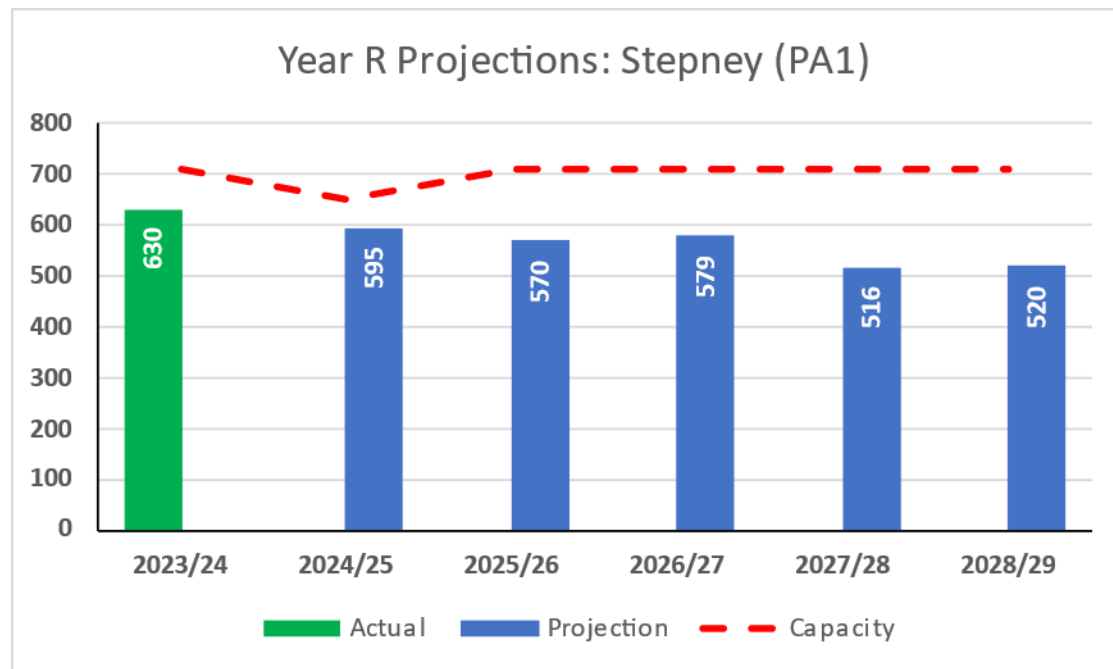
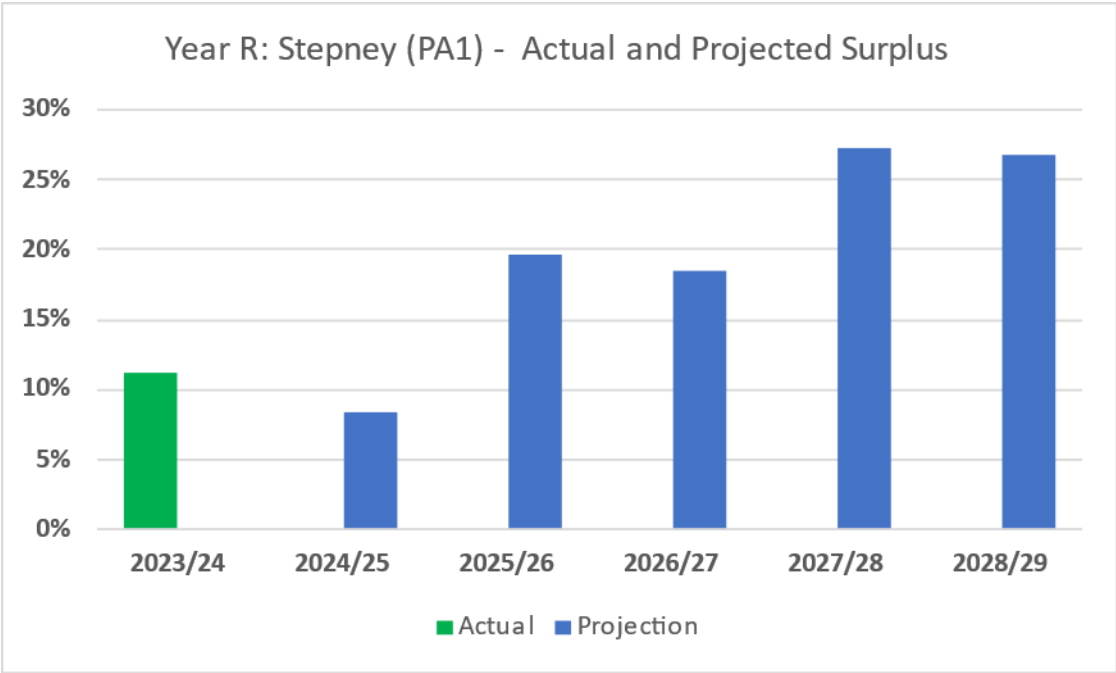


Fig. 16. Planning Area 1 – Stepney Projected Reception Surplus



11.2. Planning Area 2 (Bow)

In January 2024 there were 30 unfilled reception places, resulting in a surplus of only 7%, over the next three years the demand for school places should ensure that 95% of the available school capacity is accessed. Nevertheless, over a five-year period the surplus of reception places is forecast to significantly increase reaching 15% by schools is by January 2028. The LA and school leaders may need to take measures to reduce the capacity for the schools in this planning area in the future.

Table 12 Planning Area 2 – Bow

Planning Area 2 - Bow							
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	
Actual	375						
Projection	348	388	387	389	343	349	
Capacity	405	405	405	405	405	405	
Variance	Pupils	30	17	18	16	62	56
	FE	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.5	2.1	1.9
	%	7%	4%	4%	4%	15%	14%

Fig. 17. Planning Area 2– Bow Reception Projections

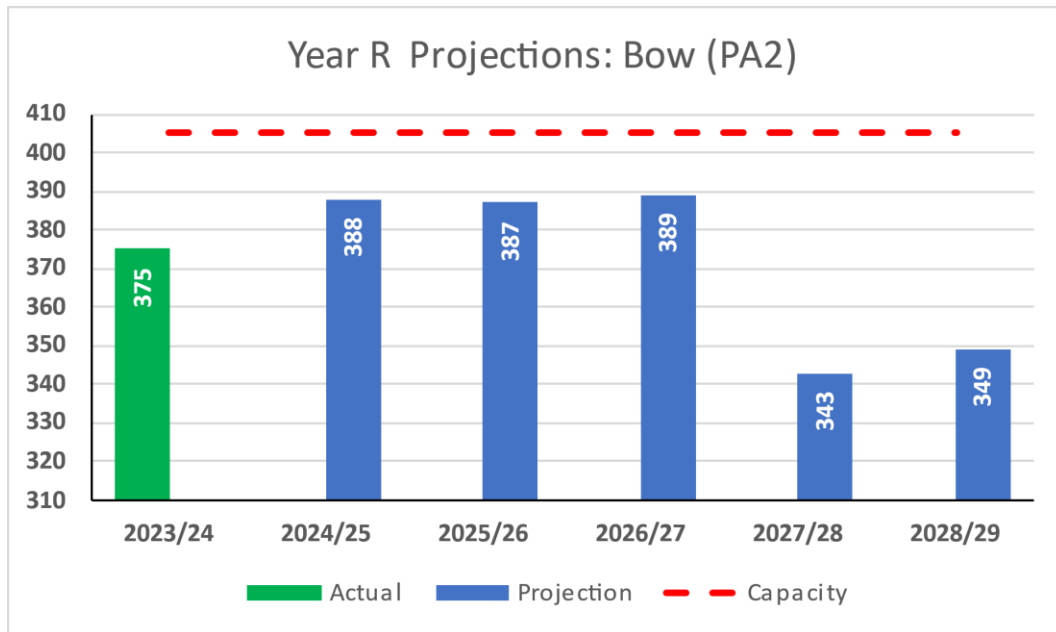
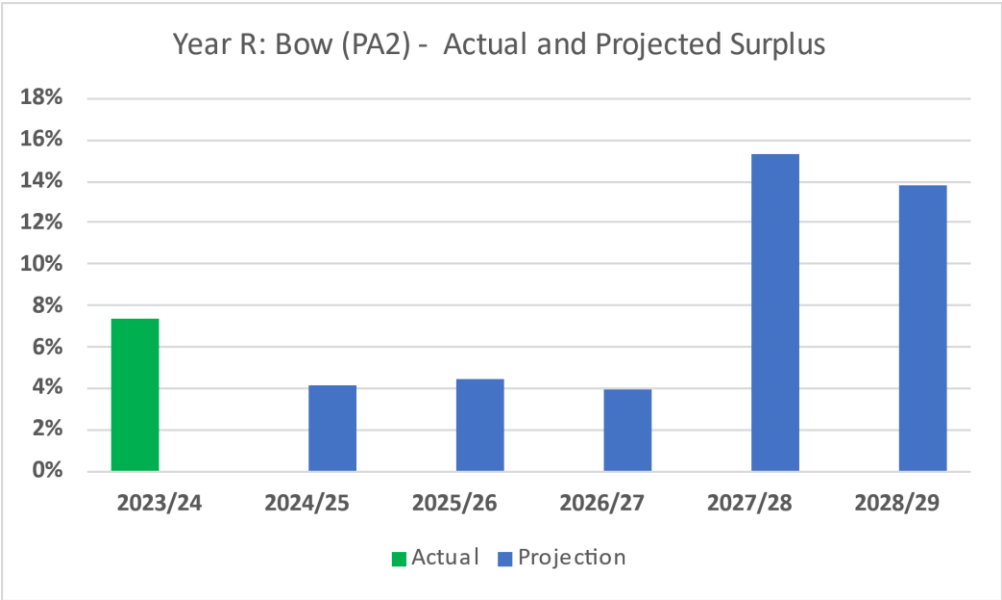


Fig. 18. Planning Area 2 - Bow Projected Reception Surplus



11.3. Planning Area 3 (Poplar)

There are currently 892 Reception places in the Poplar area. In January 2024, 92 places were unfilled. The 2024 iteration of GLA projections suggest that the large-scale housing developments in Poplar are no longer anticipated to generate significant new demand for school places. Current projections anticipate that the demand for reception places will continue to decline in the planning area resulting in 20% surplus by January 2028. The LA's plans to significantly increase the volume of social and affordable housing in Poplar may halt this projected decline in pupil numbers. However, delivery will be reliant upon developers and their timescales. Therefore, the LA and school leaders will need to consider measures to reduce the capacity for the schools in this planning area in the future.

Table 13 Planning Area 3 – Poplar

Planning Area 3 – Poplar							
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	
Actual	800						
Projection	816	791	757	797	712	733	
Capacity	892	892	892	892	892	892	
Variance	Pupils	92	101	135	95	180	159
	FE	3.1	3.4	4.5	3.2	6.0	5.3
	%	10%	11%	15%	11%	20%	18%

Fig. 19. Planning Area 3 – Poplar Reception Projections

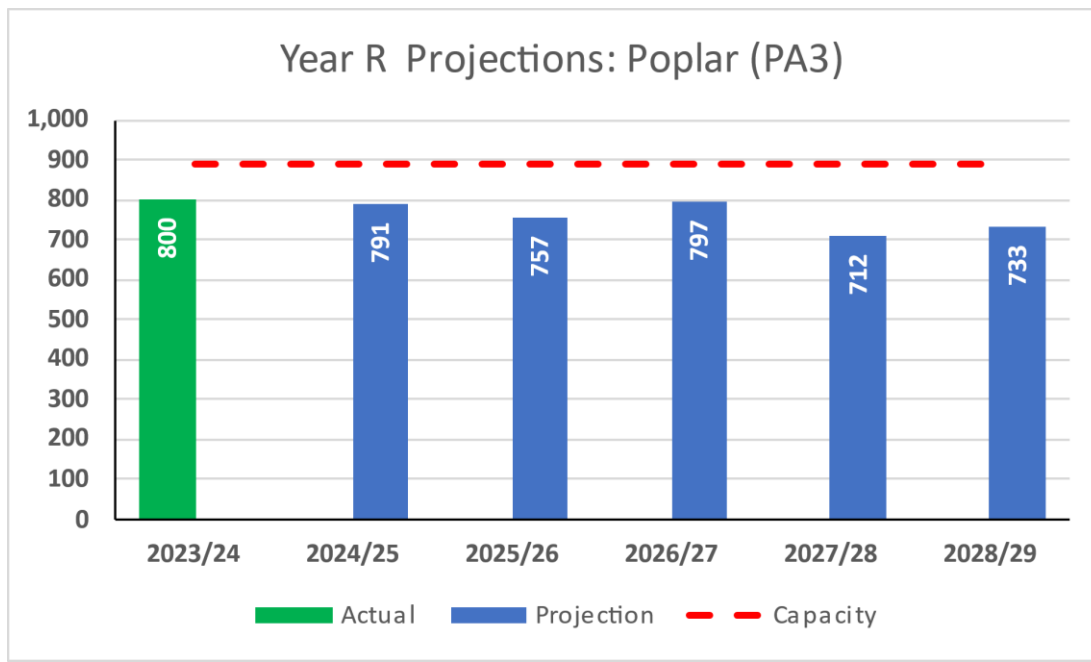
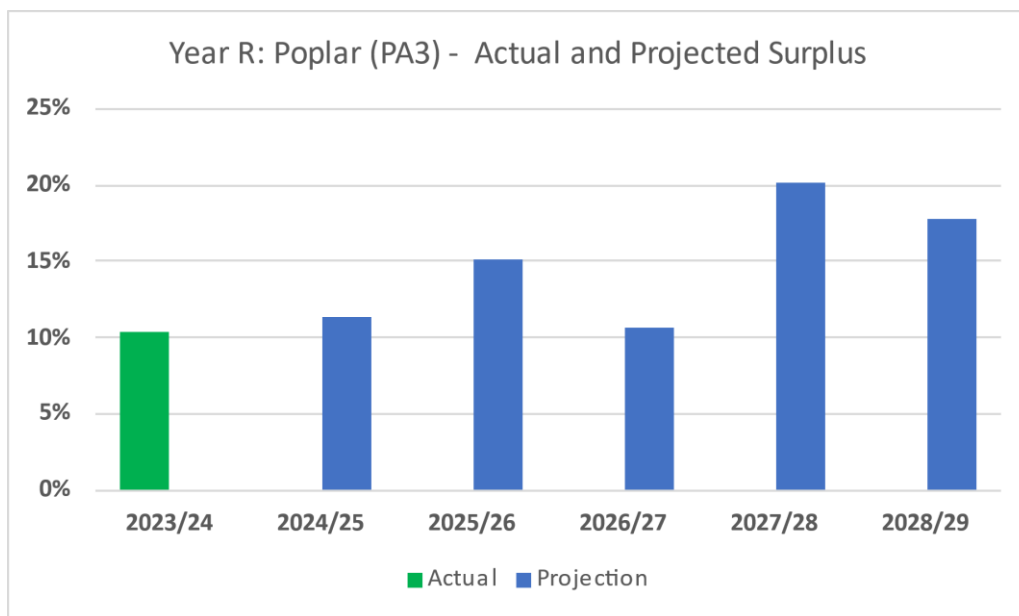


Fig. 20. Planning Area 3 - Poplar Projected Reception Surpluses



11.4. Planning Area 4 (Isle of Dogs)

In 2023/24, the actual number of reception children accessing a school place in the planning was 10% less than the 2023 projected figure. Despite the highest density of new housing developments being situated in the Isle of Dogs the LA does not expect to see significant growth in pupil numbers over the longer period. The latest projections indicate that demand is anticipated to remain consistent over the next five years, resulting in the surplus remaining around 17% by 2028/29. The LA and school leaders will now need to consider measures to reduce the capacity for the schools in this planning area for the future.

Table 14 Planning Area 4 - Isle of Dogs

Planning Area 4 - Isle of Dogs							
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	
Actual	415						
Projection	457	432	408	419	395	408	
Capacity	501	463	493	493	493	493	
Variance	Pupils	86	31	85	74	98	85
	FE	2.9	1.0	2.8	2.5	3.3	2.8
	%	17%	7%	17%	15%	20%	17%

Fig. 21. Planning Area 4 - Isle of Dogs Reception Projections

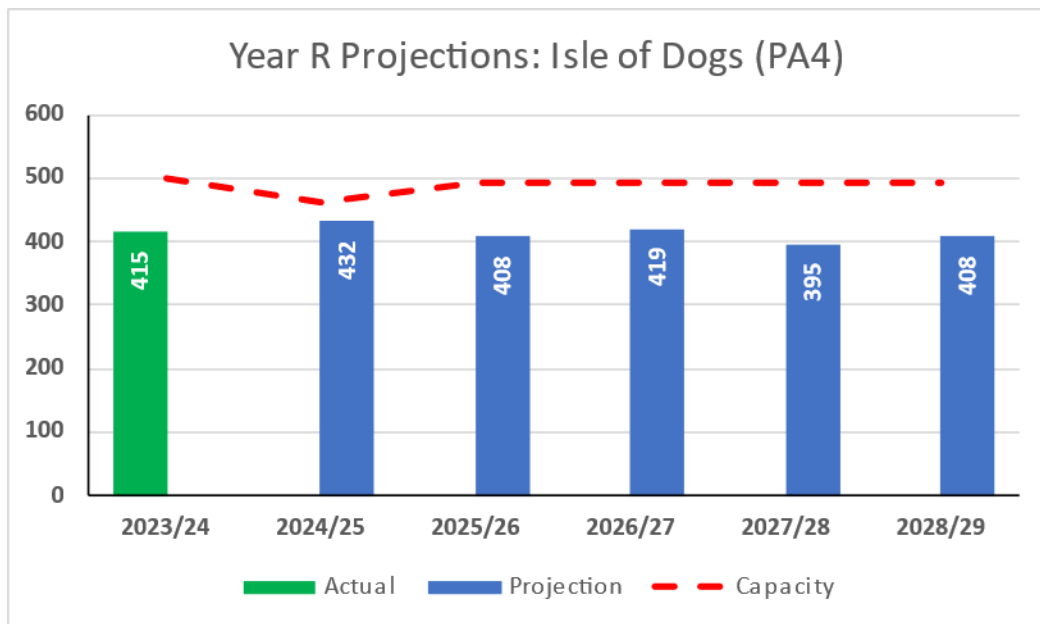
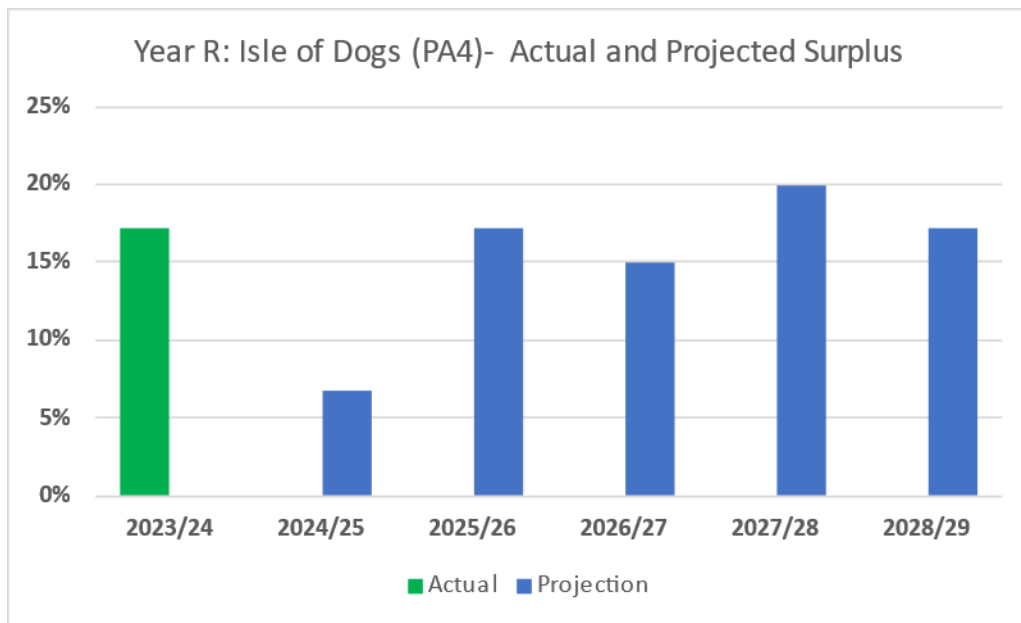


Fig. 22. Planning Area 4 - Isle of Dogs Projected Reception Surpluses



11.5. Planning Area 5 (Wapping)

There are 435 reception places available in the Wapping catchment area, with 42 unfilled places in January 2024, representing a 10% capacity surplus that is projected to reach 25% surplus by January 2028. The Wapping area is earmarked for new social and affordable family housing, although the timescale for the delivery of these developments will be controlled by the developers not the LA. Whilst the LA will continue to monitor the progress of these developments to see how the roll out and occupation affects the demand for school places in this area going forward, it is evident that the LA and schools will need to plan reductions to future significant capacity issues forecast to arise in the area.

Table 15 Planning Area 5 - Wapping

Planning Area 5 – Wapping		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Actual		393					
Projection		381	365	369	358	326	331
Capacity		435	435	435	435	435	435
Variance	Pupils	42	70	66	77	109	104
	FE	1.4	2.3	2.2	2.6	3.6	3.5
	%	10%	16%	15%	18%	25%	24%

Fig. 23. Planning Area 5 – Wapping Reception Projections

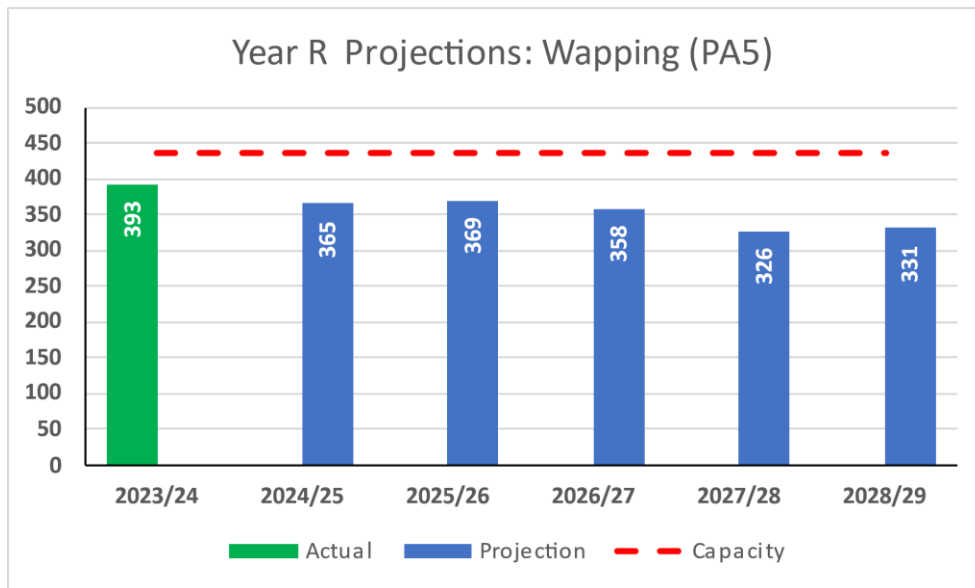
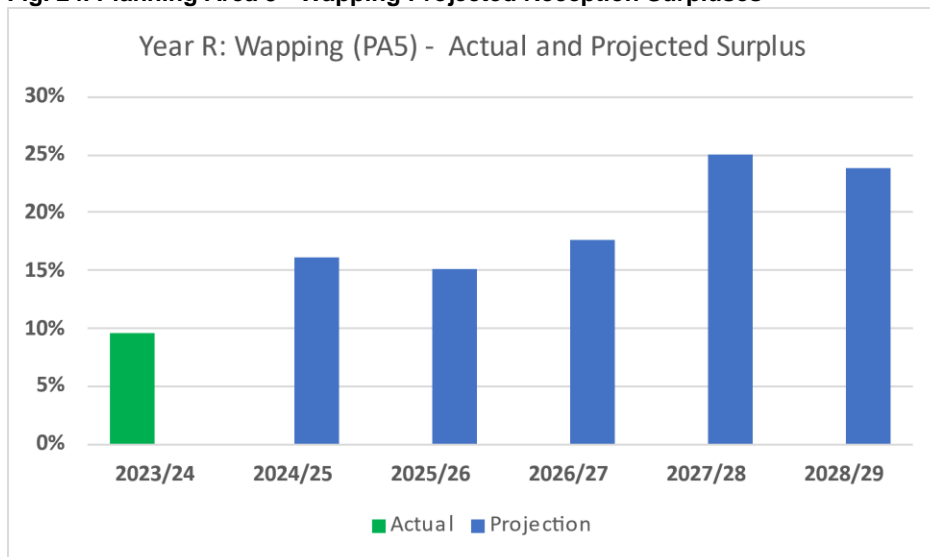


Fig. 24. Planning Area 5 - Wapping Projected Reception Surpluses



11.6. Planning Area 6 (Bethnal Green)

In January 2024 there were 159 unfilled places in Bethnal Green, an increase from the 139 unfilled places in January 2023. The number of reception pupils in Bethnal Green is expected to further decrease over the next five years, with the surplus capacity expected to exceed 35% by January 2028. Most of the housing development in this area is already in delivery and any uplift in pupil numbers is unlikely to significantly reduce the surplus going forward.

The SOSG is prioritising solutions to address the unsustainable surplus capacity that exists in the planning area. Following on from SOSG discussions, schools within the planning area have begun to explore a range of school organisation options to improve their financial viability and sustainability. Nonetheless, as the demand for reception places is unlikely to increase in the area over the next five years, it is necessary for measures to be actioned to reduce the surplus capacity over the longer term.

Table 16 Planning Area 6 – Bethnal Green

Planning Area 6 – Bethnal Green		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Actual		441					
Projection		448	448	431	422	382	387
Capacity		600	570	600	600	600	600
Variance	Pupils	159	122	169	178	218	213
	FE	5.3	4.1	5.6	5.9	7.3	7.1
	%	27%	21%	28%	30%	36%	36%

Fig. 27. Planning Area 6 – Bethnal Green Reception Projections

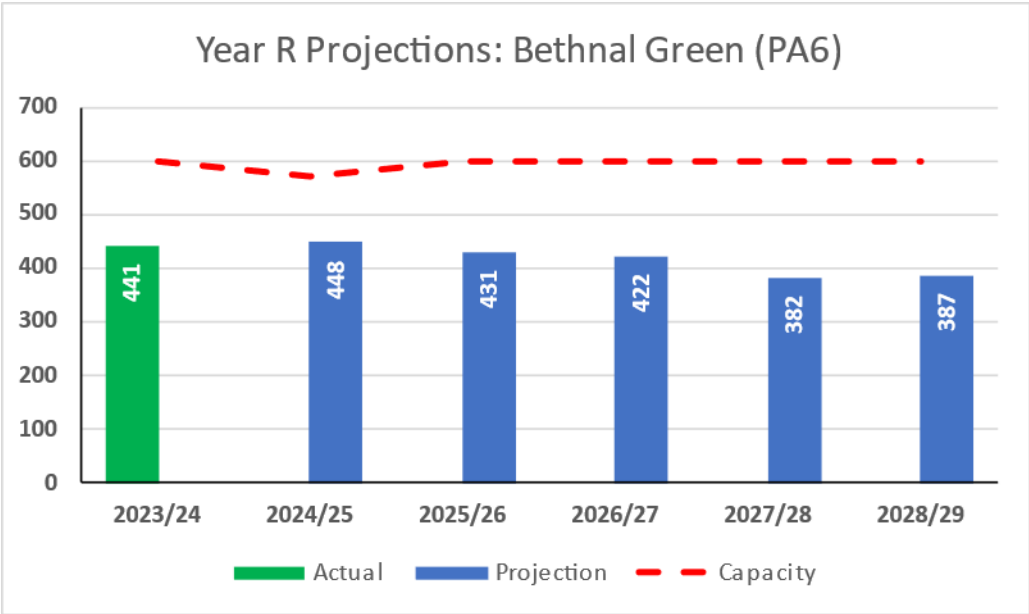
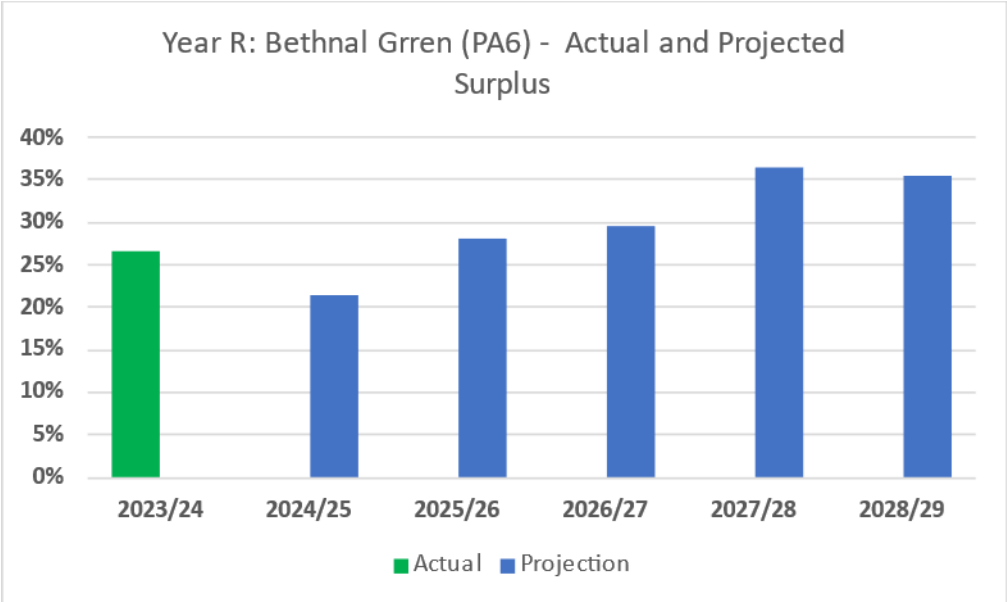


Fig. 25. Planning Area 6 - Bethnal Green Projected Reception Surpluses



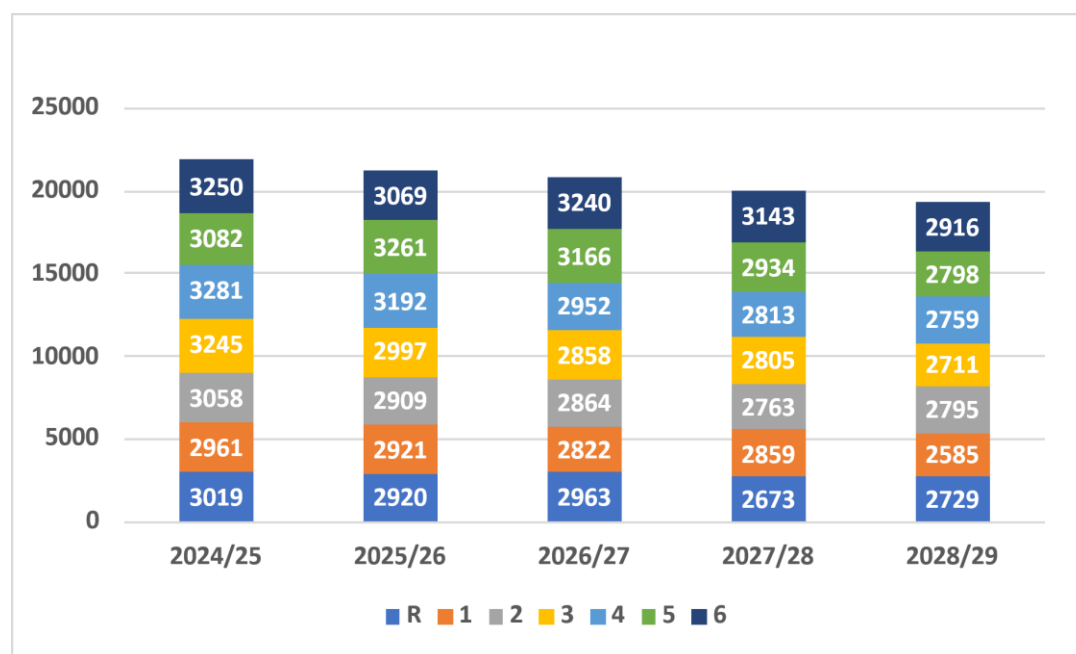
12. Total Primary School Roll Projections

The table below with projections for each National Curriculum Year (NCY), show each cohort as it moves through the primary phase. Cohort sizes are projected to get smaller, as the classes enter a new NCY. The total primary number is therefore expected to reduce to 19,293 by January 2029, due to the decline in births, negative net migration and the lower pupil yield from new housing development. The LA and school leaders face a significant challenge, given the correlation between pupil numbers, school funding and the ability to sustain high quality of education. Some schools are considering alternative operational models to identify sustainability solutions including vertical grouping.

Table 17. Primary Rolls Projections by NCY

Primary Rolls (R-Y6) projections 2024-2029								
Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
2024/25	3019	2961	3058	3245	3281	3082	3250	21896
2025/26	2920	2921	2909	2997	3192	3261	3069	21269
2026/27	2963	2822	2864	2858	2952	3166	3240	20865
2027/28	2673	2859	2763	2805	2813	2934	3143	19990
2028/29	2729	2585	2795	2711	2759	2798	2916	19293

Fig. 26. Primary Rolls Projections by NCY



13. Secondary Rolls and Year 7 Projections

The demand for secondary school provision is assessed and planned for on a borough wide basis.

13.1. Historic Secondary School Rolls

Historically, secondary rolls (Y7 -Y11) have increased year on year, however, 2023/24 signified a trend shift with overall secondary rolls beginning to decline as a consequence of the reduced primary cohorts transitioning into the secondary sector.

Table 18. Secondary Rolls (Y7-Y11) 2017-2023

Secondary Rolls (Y7-Y11) 2017-2023								
Year	7	8	9	10	11	Total	+/-	%
2017/2018	2,952	2,869	2,929	2,818	2,625	14,193	373	2.7%
2018/2019	2,908	2,978	2,906	2,933	2,762	14,487	294	2.0%
2019/2020	3,007	2,902	2,954	2,846	2,856	14,565	78	0.5%
2020/2021	2,974	3,051	2,927	2,965	2,816	14,733	168	1.1%
2021/2022	2,919	2,963	3,103	2,978	2,940	14,903	144	0.9%
2022/2023	2,904	2,951	3,003	3,147	3,033	15,038	135	0.9%
2023/2024	3,021	2,909	2,955	3,009	3,056	14,950	-88	-0.6%
							757	5.3%

Fig. 32. Growth Trajectory of Secondary School Rolls from 2017 – 2023 by Year Group

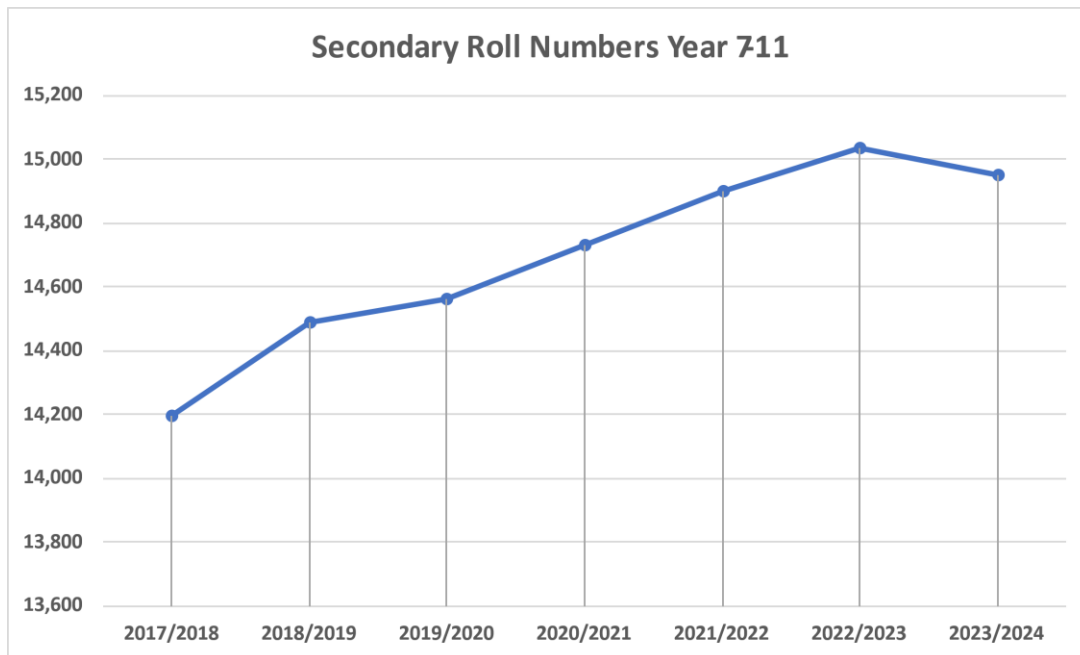
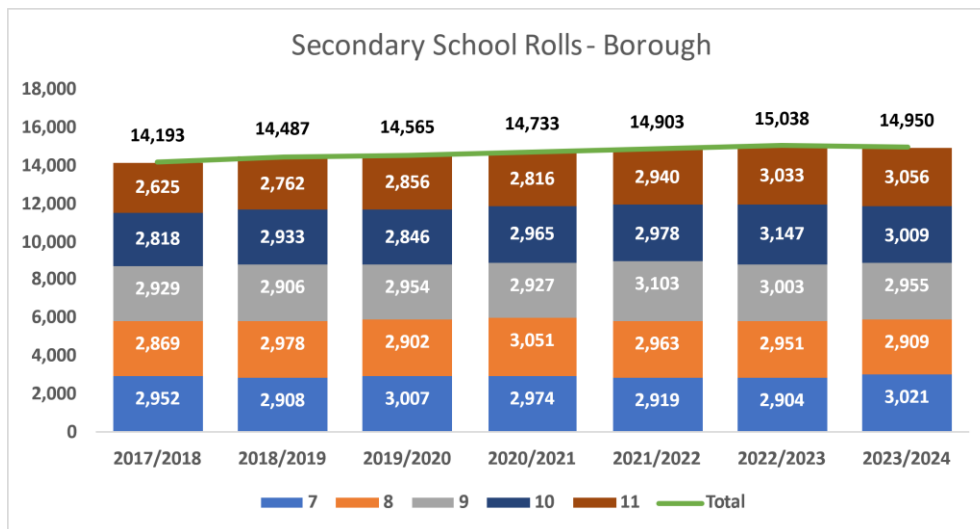


Fig. 33. Growth Trajectory of Secondary School Rolls from 2017 – 2024 by Year Group



Secondary rolls were projected to peak in 2023/24, however a 3% decline in the Year 10 cohort transitioning to Year 11 decline resulted in the largest secondary roll being recorded in 2022/23. The decline in primary rolls is expected to impact on secondary schools with year 7 rolls projected to decrease despite the continued levels of positive net migration in this phase.

13.2. School Roll Projections for Year 7

This report specifically looks at future demand at the point of entry in Year 7. Secondary projections indicate that the current growth trend will end in 2023/24, where Year 7 pupil numbers are projected to reach 3,059 before decreasing over the next four-year period.

When assessing the need for school places, there is an expectation that the LA includes a level of planned surplus to enable a reasonable degree of parental preference and to allow for unforeseen rises in the pupil population, mainly due to the continued positive net migration at secondary.

It is also important to consider the inter-year volatility in the popularity of Tower Hamlets secondary schools. This is an important factor that cannot be accurately projected for, given that it rests on parental/child preferences, changes in Ofsted ratings, parental perception and other factors not linked to demography, migration and birth rates.

The latest secondary school 'capacity' figures take account of the confirmed opening of the new school at London Dock in September 2024. The additional places provided by this 6FE school will remove the risk of any shortfall in 2024/25.

The LA can also be reasonably confident that the planned capacity for Year 7 entry from September 2024 onwards will provide sufficient secondary school places for children in Tower Hamlets. A further secondary school site had previously been earmarked for development in the borough. Considering the current capacity and projected numbers, there are no plans to move forward with the development of this site at this time.

Table 19. Year 7 Pupil Projections

Year 7 Pupil Projections		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Actual		3,021					
Projection		3,059	2890	2798	2809	2867	2784
Capacity		3,083	3,263	3,143	3,143	3,143	3,143
Variance	Pupils	62	373	345	334	276	359
	FE	2.1	12.4	11.5	11.1	9.2	12.0
	%	2%	11%	11%	11%	9%	11%

* The opening of the new 6FE Mulberry Academy London Dock School in September 2024.

** Bishop Challoner's School PAN reduction from 270 to 150 from September 2025 onwards.

Fig. 34. Actual and Projected Year 7 Rolls

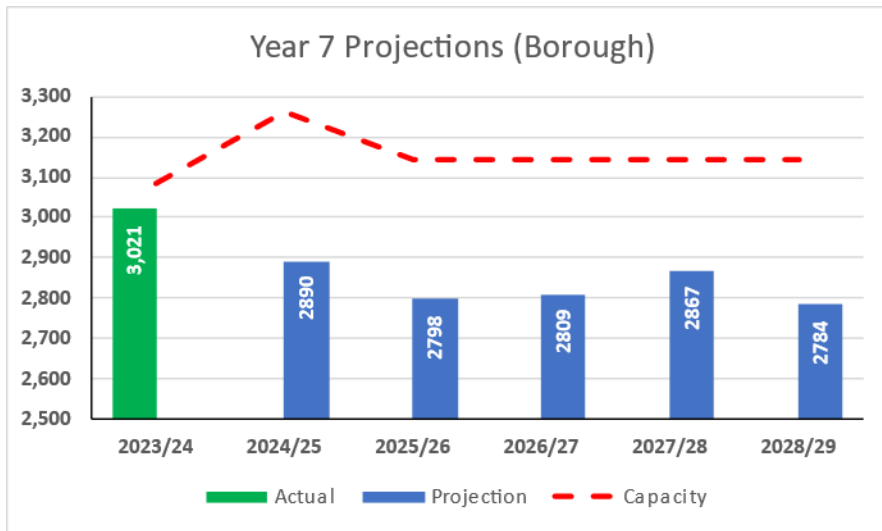


Fig. 35. Year 7 Surpluses

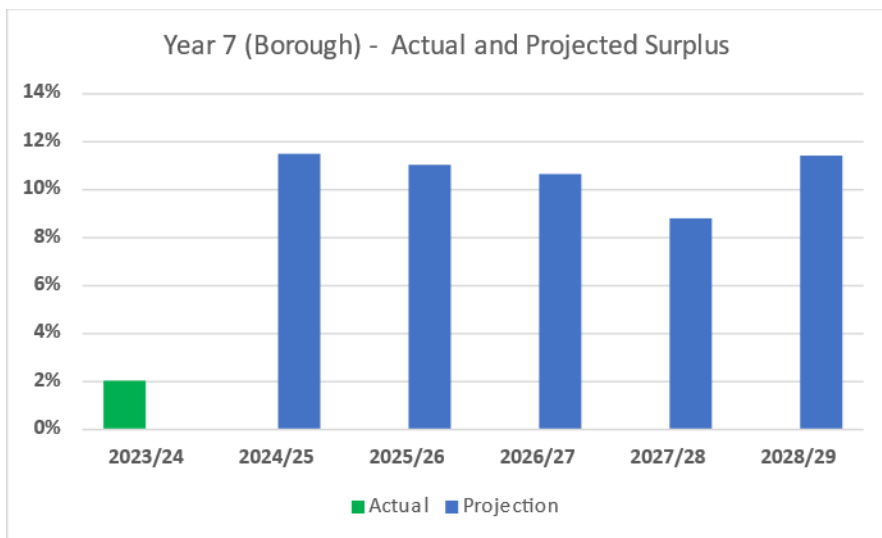
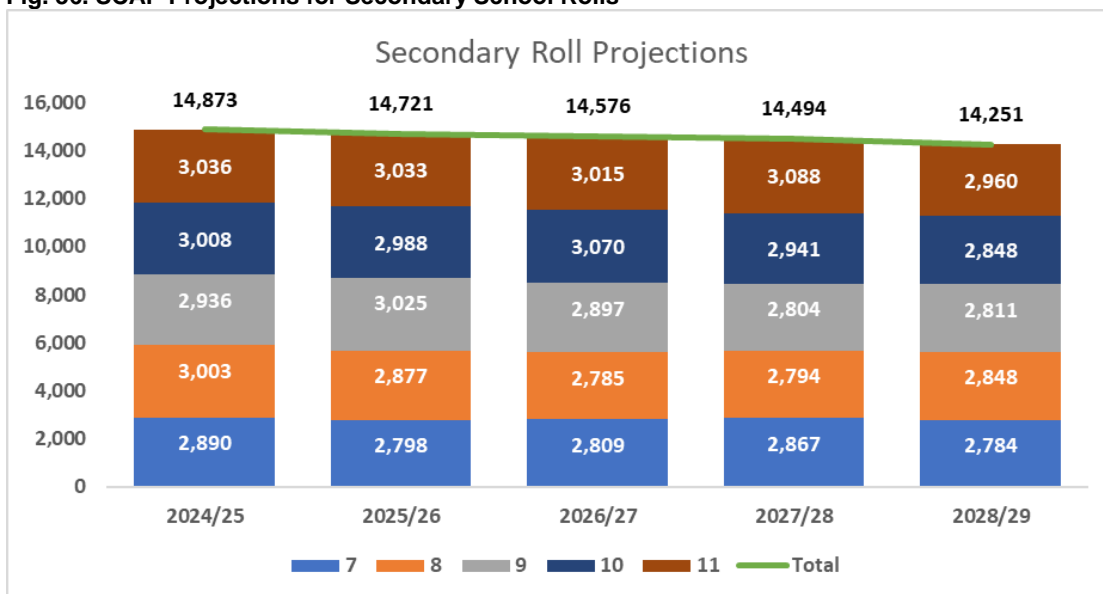


Fig. 36. SCAP Projections for Secondary School Rolls



14. Post 16 School Rolls, Capacity and Projections

There are currently 14 Secondary Schools with 6th Forms in Tower Hamlets.

Table 20. Secondary Schools in Tower Hamlets

Secondary Schools			
	Secondary (11-16)	Secondary (11-19)	UTC (14-19)
Community/Voluntary Controlled	0	6	0
Voluntary Aided	0	3	0
Academy/Free School	3	4	1
Foundation	0	0	0
Total	3	13	1

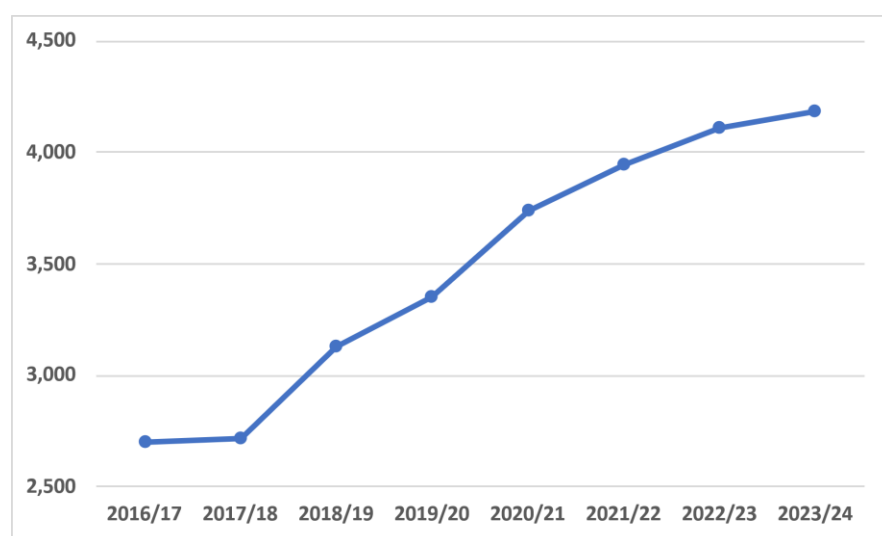
14.1. Historic Post 16 School Rolls

In common with the increase in the 11 to 16 pupil population we have seen a significant increase in Post 16 rolls. These have increased by 55% from 2,696 to 4,186 between January 2017 and January 2024, as individual schools opened new 6th forms or expanded/developed their existing 6th form provision.

Table 21. Post 16 Roll Numbers LBTH Secondary Schools

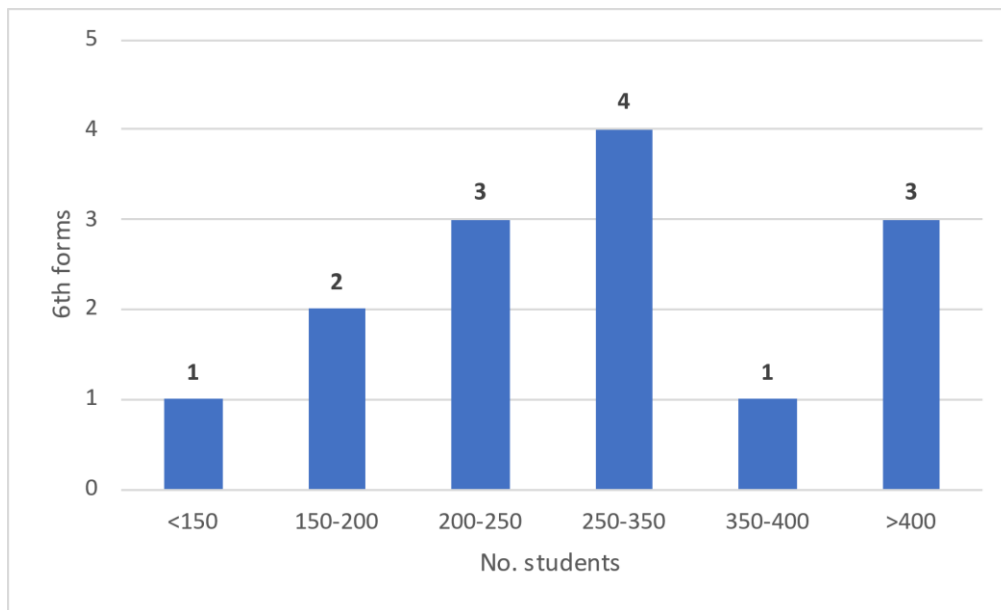
Post 16 Roll Numbers LBTH Secondary Schools								
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Post 16 Roll Numbers (2022 Census)	2,696	2,715	3,130	3,348	3,737	3,942	4,110	4,186

Fig. 37. Post 16 Rolls Growth 2016 – 2023



There is significant variance in 6th Form size. The chart below shows the number of sixth forms by size. The sixth form size in 11 of the 14 schools is above 200 students. The remaining three sixth forms have fewer than 200 pupils, including one with less than 150 students.

Fig. 38. Tower Hamlets School Sixth Forms by size



The Department for Education (DfE) recommends that schools maintain sixth forms with at least 200 students and offer a minimum of 15 A-level subjects, either independently or through partnerships. At the same time, it is recognised that smaller school sixth forms can still provide access to a wide range of courses to meet students' interests or specific needs.

14.2. School Roll Projections for Post 16

They were 4,186 Post 16 students recorded in the January 2024 census, an increase of 76 students on the previous year. The latest round of projections does not anticipate significant growth to occur in the 6th form sector, as only 4,179 students are forecast by January 2029.

The Borough's 6th Form capacity in 2023/24 was at 4,750, but it will be increasing as recently opened 11-19 secondary schools¹⁰ have their first 6th form intakes at relevant points in the future, and existing schools expand their sixth form provision in response to their increasing rolls through Y7 – Y11¹¹.

With these increases it is evident there is already sufficient 6th provision going forward for the borough. Therefore, plans or proposals to add further post-16 provision will only be taken forward if it can be demonstrated that they will address a genuine need to improve the overall quality and diversity of educational provision in the area.

¹⁰ Canary Wharf College sixth form planned for 2026/27 and Mulberry London Dock sixth form opens 2029/30

¹¹ St Paul's Way Trust expansion from 2024/25 and Central Foundation Girls expansion from 2025/26

The LA intends to establish a new sixth form provision designed at improving A-level attainment for resident pupils. The new provision is scheduled to open for 2025/26 school year and is currently at the presumption tendering stage.

Table 22. Post 16 Pupil Projections: Borough Secondary Schools

Post 16 Pupil Projections: Borough Secondary Schools							
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	
Actual	4,186						
Projection	4,087	4,070	4,121	4,149	4,139	4,179	
Capacity	4,750	4,790	4,880	5,080	5,230	5,230	
Variance	Pupils	564	720	759	931	1,091	1,051
	FE	18.8	24.0	25.3	31.0	36.4	35.0
	%	12%	15%	16%	18%	21%	20%

Fig. 39. Post 16 Projections: Borough Secondary Schools

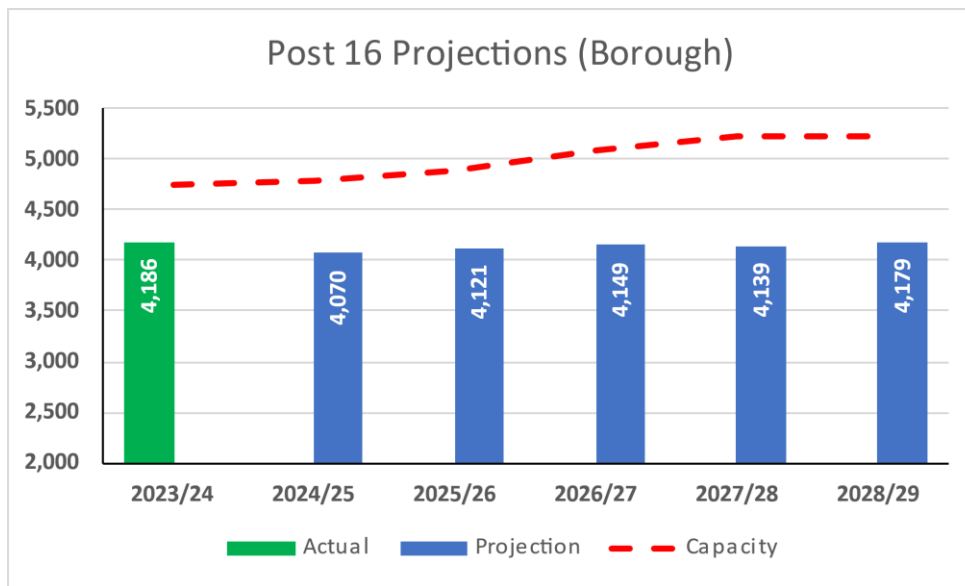
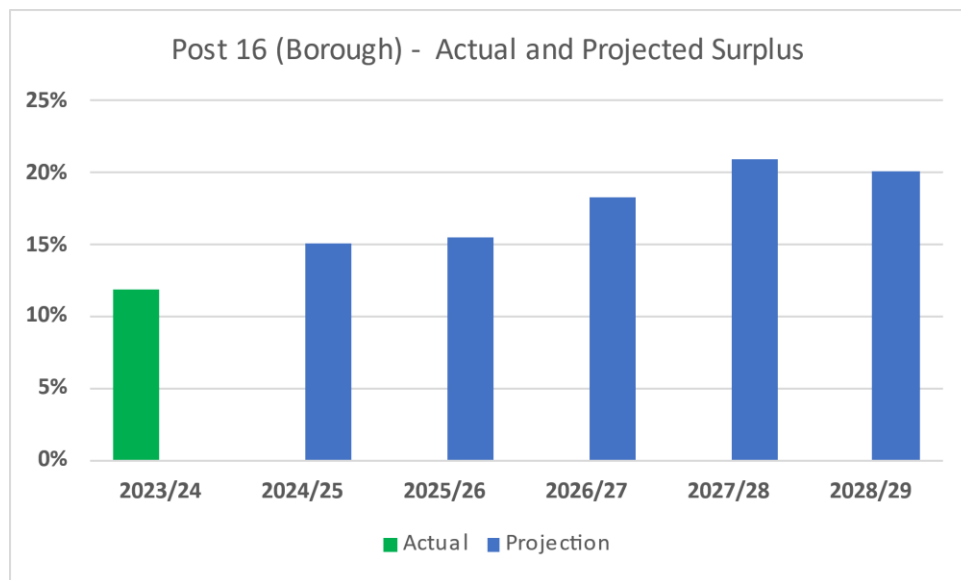


Fig. 40. Post 16 Surpluses



15. Conclusion

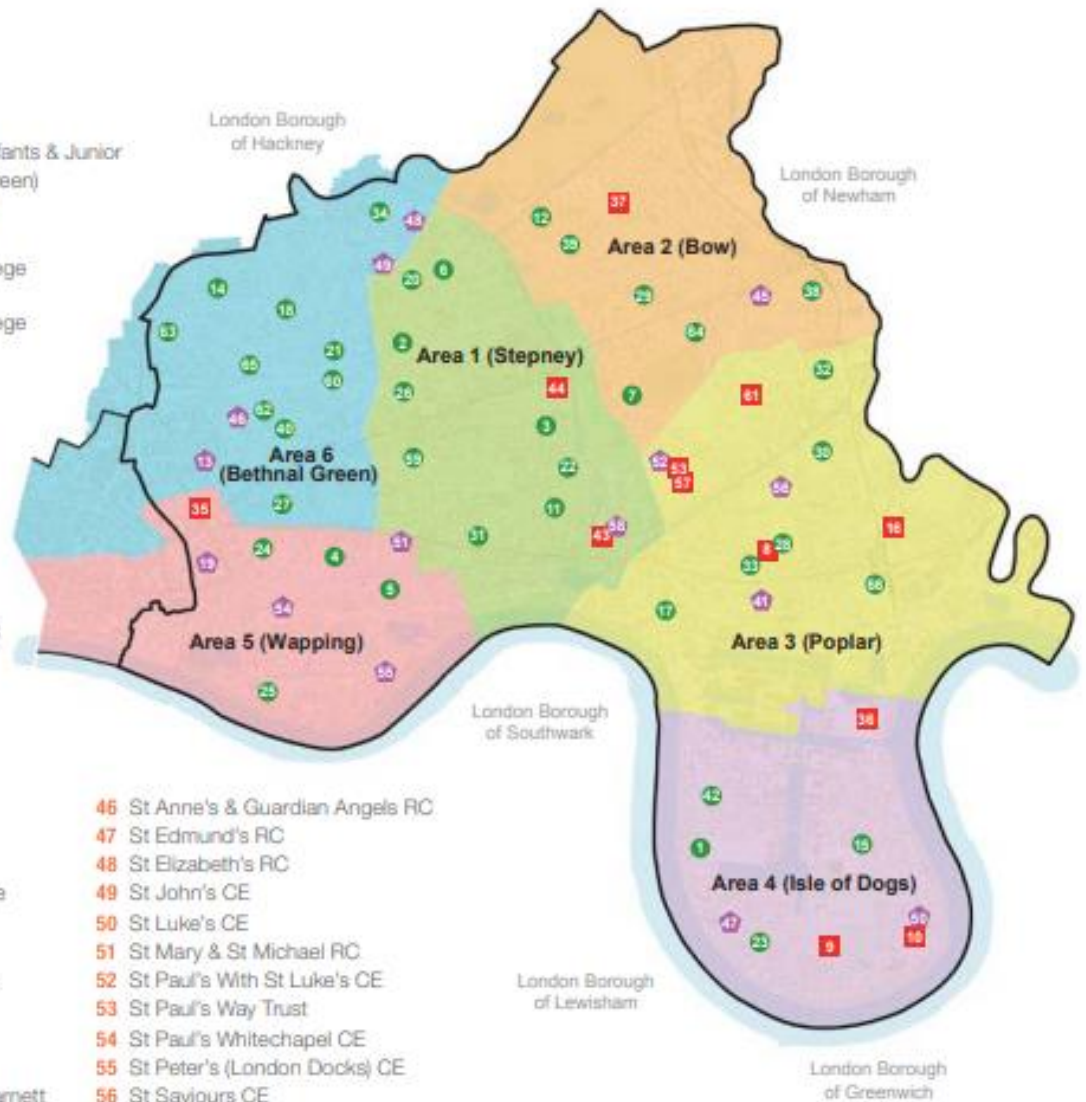
These school roll projections are based on current GLA analysis. It is recognised there is always some level of uncertainty around this type of evaluation, but it is evident from previous iterations that this information has proven to be a reliable basis to inform school organisation activities and their decision making.

The LA and its school leadership will continue to meet the challenge of falling school rolls, including exploring ways to make surplus places in primary school sustainable. This is being undertaken as part of the LA's School Organisation and Capital Investment Strategy. The strategy sets out the key principles and direction that the LA is taking to meet its statutory duty to provide suitable, sufficient and sustainable school places and is overseen by the School Organisation Stakeholders Group (SOSG). This group consists of representatives from all of the key stakeholders, including LA maintained schools, academy trust leaders and the relevant diocesan bodies. It monitors activities across early years, 4 - 16, Post 16 and SEND and reviews the overall strategic development in the context of the LA's statutory duties. The SOSG also advises the LA on options for school organisation, place planning and education capital investment.

Appendix 1 - LBTH Primary School Planning Areas

- 1 Arnhem Wharf
- 2 Bangabandhu
- 3 Ben Jonson
- 4 Bigland Green
- 5 Blue Gate Fields Infants & Junior
- 6 Bonner (Bethnal Green)
- 7 Bonner (Mile End)
- 8 Bygrove
- 9 Canary Wharf College East Ferry
- 10 Canary Wharf College Glenworth
- 11 Cayley
- 12 Chisenhale
- 13 Christ Church CE
- 14 Columbia
- 15 Cubitt Town
- 16 Culloden
- 17 Cyril Jackson
- 18 Elizabeth Selby & Lawdale Junior
- 19 English Martyrs RC
- 20 Globe
- 21 Hague
- 22 Halley
- 23 Harbinger
- 24 Harry Gosling
- 25 Hermitage
- 26 John Scurr
- 27 Kobi Nazrul
- 28 Lansbury Lawrence
- 29 Malmesbury
- 30 Manorfield
- 31 Marion Richardson
- 32 Mamer
- 33 Mayflower
- 34 Mowlam
- 35 Mulberry Canon Barnett
- 36 Mulberry Wood Wharf
- 37 Old Ford
- 38 Old Palace
- 39 Olga
- 40 Osmani
- 41 Our Lady & St Joseph
- 42 Seven Mills
- 43 Sir William Burrough
- 44 Solebay Primary School
- 45 St Agnes RC

- 46 St Anne's & Guardian Angels RC
- 47 St Edmund's RC
- 48 St Elizabeth's RC
- 49 St John's CE
- 50 St Luke's CE
- 51 St Mary & St Michael RC
- 52 St Paul's With St Luke's CE
- 53 St Paul's Way Trust
- 54 St Paul's Whitechapel CE
- 55 St Peter's (London Docks) CE
- 56 St Saviours CE
- 57 Stebon
- 58 Stepney Greencoat CE
- 59 Stepney Park
- 60 Stewart Headlam
- 61 The Clara Grant
- 62 Thomas Buxton
- 63 Virginia
- 64 Wellington
- 65 William Davis
- 66 Woolmore



- Free/Academy/Foundation Trust Schools
- Community Primary Schools
- Voluntary Aided Primary Schools
- Borough Boundary

Appendix 2 – Map of Secondary Schools In LBTH



Secondary schools

- A Bishop Challoner Catholic Federation of Schools
- B Bow School
- C Canary Wharf College Crossharbour
- E George Green's School
- F Langdon Park School
- G London Enterprise Academy
- H Morpeth School
- I Mulberry Academy London Dock
- J Mulberry Academy Shoreditch
- K Mulberry School for Girls
- L Mulberry Stepney Green Maths, Computing and Science College
- M Oaklands School
- N Stepney All Saints CofE Secondary School
- O St Paul's Way Trust School
- P Swanlea School
- Q Wapping High School

14-19 provision

- 1 East London Arts & Music
- 2 London East Alternative Provision (LEAP)
- 3 Mulberry University Technical College
- 4 New City College - Tower Hamlets

Registered independent secondary schools

- R Darul Hadis Latifiah
- S Jamiatul Ummah
- T London East Academy
- U London Islamic School
- V Madani Secondary Girls' School
- W Mahazirul Ulbom London
- X River House Montessori School
- Y The Complete Works Independent School

Special schools

- S1 Beatrice Tate School
- S2 Ian Mikardo High School
- S3 Phoenix School

Appendix 3 - Tower Hamlets Ward Outlook

Despite the declining reception numbers across the borough, the LA has been able to manage an increasing surplus capacity. The Primary Review in 2020 was pivotal in redressing the balance between capacity and demand for reception places. However, as demand in the borough has continued to decline a concentrated oversupply of places has arisen in specific wards. The table below shows the surplus levels across the 20 wards over the past five years.

Fig. 41. Year R Surplus Levels across wards 2019-24

2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24		
<15%	15-25%	>25%	<15%	15-25%	>25%	<15%	15-25%	>25%	<15%	15-25%	>25%	<15%	15-25%	>25%
14	3	3	17	2	1	17	1	2	13	5	2	15	2	3

Over the five-year period between 2019-24 the majority of wards have been operating with a Year R occupancy rate above 85%, in 2023/24 only five wards had surplus capacity exceeding 15%. Last year there were three wards with a surplus capacity above 25%, Spitalfields & Banglatown, St Peter's and St Dunstan's, these wards also had a surplus above 15 % in 2022/23. Furthermore, Spitalfields & Banglatown is of particular concern as it is the only ward that has a surplus capacity that has continually surpassed 15% over the past five years.

16.1 West Region Primary Schools

Fig. 42. Year R Surplus Rating Key

Surplus Rating	Colour
Below 15% surplus	
Between 15-25% surplus	
Above 25% surplus	

Bethnal Green

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Bangabandhu Primary School	30	Bethnal Green	Stepney	31	32	55	30	43
Bonner Primary School	120	Bethnal Green	Stepney	119	119	104	79	93
Globe Primary School	45	Bethnal Green	Stepney	51	47	45	46	45
John Scurr Primary School	60	Bethnal Green	Stepney	52	55	59	48	58

Mile End (West)

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Sir William Burrough Primary School	45	Mile End	Stepney	45	44	45	45	45

Stepney Greencoat Church of England Primary School	30	Mile End	Stepney	27	24	25	25	12
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Shadwell

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Bigland Green Primary School	60	Shadwell	Wapping	57	60	60	60	60
Blue Gate Fields Infant School	90	Shadwell	Wapping	90	88	90	88	90
St Marys & St Michaels RC School	60	Shadwell	Wapping	52	59	57	49	47

Spitalfields & Banglatown

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Christ Church CofE School	30	Spitalfields & Banglatown	Bethnal Green	29	24	23	17	16
Osmani Primary School	60	Spitalfields & Banglatown	Bethnal Green	42	60	53	56	51
St Anne's and Guardian Angels CPS	60	Spitalfields & Banglatown	Bethnal Green	46	24	27	27	23
Thomas Buxton Primary School	60	Spitalfields & Banglatown	Bethnal Green	59	62	49	53	49
Mulberry Canon Barnett Primary School	30	Spitalfields & Banglatown	Wapping	25	25	24	20	20

St Dunstan's

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Ben Jonson Primary School	90	St Dunstan's	Stepney	71	87	81	89	70
Cayley Primary School	60	St Dunstan's	Stepney	51	58	60	55	59
Halley Primary School	30	St Dunstan's	Stepney	26	30	28	29	16
Solebay Primary Academy	50	St Dunstan's	Stepney	16	26	34	20	12

St Katharine's & Wapping

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Hermitage Primary School	45	St Katharine's & Wapping	Wapping	38	43	37	33	35
St Peters London Docks C of E Primary School	30	St Katharine's & Wapping	Wapping	30	30	31	29	30

St Peter's

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Elizabeth Selby Infants' School	60	St Peter's	Bethnal Green	54	59	60	56	49

Hague Primary School	30	St Peter's	Bethnal Green	30	30	30	20	24
Mowlem Primary School	30	St Peter's	Bethnal Green	25	29	30	29	30
St Elizabeth Catholic Primary School	60	St Peter's	Bethnal Green	48	39	47	33	35
St John's Church of England Primary School	30	St Peter's	Bethnal Green	11	13	18	16	16
Stewart Headlam Primary School	30	St Peter's	Bethnal Green	28	30	30	20	18

Stepney Green

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Marion Richardson Primary School	60	Stepney Green	Stepney	56	59	59	59	60
Stepney Park Primary School	90	Stepney Green	Stepney	0	78	90	88	78

Weavers

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Columbia Primary School	60	Weavers	Bethnal Green	59	58	58	59	60
Virginia Primary School	30	Weavers	Bethnal Green	29	30	29	30	30
William Davis Primary School	30	Weavers	Bethnal Green	13	25	29	18	17

Whitechapel

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Kobi Nazrul Primary School	30	Whitechapel	Bethnal Green	30	30	29	27	30
English Martyrs RC Primary School	30	Whitechapel	Wapping	29	27	24	26	30
Harry Gosling Primary School	60	Whitechapel	Wapping	55	60	59	57	39
St Pauls Whitechapel CE Primary School	30	Whitechapel	Wapping	28	30	30	30	30

16.2 East Region Primary Schools

Blackwall & Cubitt Town

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Cubitt Town Primary School	90	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	Isle of Dogs	90	89	88	87	84

Bow East

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Old Ford Primary A Paradigm Academy	90	Bow East	Bow	85	86	76	79	80

Bow West

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Chisenhale Primary School	50	Bow West	Bow	44	45	45	47	42
Malmesbury Primary School	60	Bow West	Bow	56	74	55	58	53
Olga Primary School	60	Bow West	Bow	78	87	87	60	60

Bromley North

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Old Palace J, M & I School	60	Bromley North	Bow	60	60	60	54	60
St Agnes RC Primary School	30	Bromley North	Bow	24	30	28	30	30
Wellington Primary School	60	Bromley North	Bow	47	53	59	48	34

Bromley South

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Marnier Primary School	90	Bromley South	Poplar	81	89	90	74	79
The Clara Grant Primary School	60	Bromley South	Poplar	60	60	60	53	56

Canary Wharf

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Arnhem Wharf Primary School	90	Canary Wharf	Isle of Dogs	62	89	89	80	66
Mulberry Wood Wharf	60	Canary Wharf	Isle of Dogs	0	0	0	30	60
Seven Mills Primary School	30	Canary Wharf	Isle of Dogs	29	30	29	29	30

Island Gardens

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Canary Wharf College East Ferry	44	Island Gardens	Isle of Dogs	48	47	47	57	56

Canary Wharf College Glenworth	44	Island Gardens	Isle of Dogs	47	48	50	49	51
Harbinger Primary School	45	Island Gardens	Isle of Dogs	37	41	38	45	13
St Edmund's Catholic Primary School	30	Island Gardens	Isle of Dogs	30	30	29	29	30
St Luke's Church of England Primary School	60	Island Gardens	Isle of Dogs	59	59	58	58	57

Lansbury

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Bygrove Primary School	30	Lansbury	Poplar	30	31	30	30	30
Culloden Primary A Paradigm Academy	90	Lansbury	Poplar	88	90	90	88	88
Lansbury Lawrence Primary School	60	Lansbury	Poplar	58	59	59	59	52
Manorfield Primary School	90	Lansbury	Poplar	89	87	87	89	73
Mayflower Primary School	52	Lansbury	Poplar	49	49	50	49	52
St Saviour's Church of England Primary School	30	Lansbury	Poplar	29	30	30	30	30

Limehouse

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Cyril Jackson Primary School	60	Limehouse	Poplar	57	59	59	59	60

Mile End (East)

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
St Paul with St Luke CofE Primary School	30	Mile End	Poplar	30	16	29	19	28
St Paul's Way Trust School	60	Mile End	Poplar	58	59	58	59	60
Stebon Primary School	90	Mile End	Poplar	78	88	88	79	65

Poplar

School	Year R PAN	Ward	Planning Area	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Our Lady & St Joseph	60	Poplar	Poplar	60	60	60	59	60
Woolmore Primary School	90	Poplar	Poplar	85	84	79	86	81

Appendix 4 – GLA Primary School Projections

Ward Projections

Over the next 5 years, the surplus capacity across the majority of wards is projected to exceed 15%, only five wards are expected to be operating with a surplus below 15% by 2028/29. The 2027/28 school year is forecast to produce the lowest reception cohort, representing the end of falling rolls and an upward trend reversal producing minimal future growth.

Fig. 42. Year R Surplus Levels across wards 2024-29

2024/2025			2025/2026			2026/2027			2027/2028			2028/2029		
<15%	15-25%	>25%	<15%	15-25%	>25%	<15%	15-25%	>25%	<15%	15-25%	>25%	<15%	15-25%	>25%
12	4	4	9	5	6	11	4	5	5	7	8	5	7	8

Bethnal Green

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	226	226	205	210	195	197
Bangabandhu Primary School	43	46	43	43	41	41
Bonner Primary School	93	98	93	97	86	87
Globe Primary School	45	48	44	44	41	41
John Scurr Primary School	58	60	56	56	52	52
Capacity	255	195	195	195	195	195
Surplus %	6%	-29%	-21%	-23%	-13%	-13%

Blackwall & Cubitt Town

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	199	231	211	217	211	223
Cubitt Town Primary School	84	87	81	84	81	85
Capacity	90	90	90	90	90	90
Surplus %	7%	3%	10%	7%	10%	6%

Bow East

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	199	202	229	216	188	193
Old Ford Primary A Paradigm Academy	80	89	96	89	81	82
Capacity	90	90	90	90	90	90
Surplus %	11%	1%	-7%	1%	10%	9%

Bow West

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	143	142	143	141	119	119
Chisenhale Primary School	42	45	46	45	39	40
Malmesbury Primary School	53	59	59	60	51	52
Olga Primary School	60	60	62	60	53	53
Capacity	170	170	170	170	170	170
Surplus %	9%	4%	2%	3%	16%	15%

Bromley North

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	134	161	131	165	137	142
Old Palace J, M & I School	60	66	59	65	57	59
St Agnes RC Primary School	30	26	25	26	23	24
Wellington Primary School	34	42	40	43	37	38
Capacity	150	150	150	150	150	150
Surplus %	17%	11%	17%	11%	22%	19%

Bromley South

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	162	192	150	170	143	147
Marner Primary School	79	83	73	80	70	71
The Clara Grant Primary School	56	58	50	54	47	48
Capacity	150	150	150	150	150	150
Surplus %	10%	6%	18%	11%	22%	21%

Canary Wharf

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	164	194	177	195	186	197
Arnhem Wharf Primary School	66	62	59	62	59	62
Mulberry Wood Wharf	60	36	35	36	32	33
Seven Mills Primary School	30	32	30	33	32	33
Capacity	180	180	180	180	180	180
Surplus %	13%	28%	31%	27%	32%	29%

Island Gardens

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	185	173	161	166	144	144
Canary Wharf College East Ferry	56	51	48	49	44	44
Canary Wharf College Glenworth	51	52	49	50	47	48
Harbinger Primary School	13	25	23	24	22	22
St Edmund's Catholic Primary School	30	29	27	28	26	27
St Luke's Church of England Primary School	57	58	55	56	53	54
Capacity	223	223	223	223	223	223
Surplus %	7%	4%	9%	7%	14%	13%

Lansbury

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	301	280	309	313	279	292
Bygrove Primary School	30	29	30	30	28	28
Culloden Primary A Paradigm Academy	88	73	76	76	70	73
Lansbury Lawrence Primary School	52	57	58	60	54	56
Manorfield Primary School	73	68	71	72	65	68
Mayflower Primary School	52	50	48	50	46	47
St Saviour's Church of England Primary School	30	29	29	30	27	28
Capacity	352	352	352	352	352	352
Surplus %	8%	13%	11%	10%	18%	15%

Limehouse

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	59	60	39	48	42	42
Cyril Jackson Primary School	60	54	45	50	44	45
Capacity	60	60	60	60	60	60
Surplus %	0%	10%	25%	17%	27%	25%

Mile End

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	294	256	243	291	230	233
Sir William Burrough Primary School	45	39	37	39	33	34
St Paul with St Luke CofE Primary School	28	25	25	27	23	23
St Paul's Way Trust School	60	56	53	57	49	50
Stebon Primary School	65	67	64	70	59	60
Stepney Greencoat Church of England Primary School	27	15	14	15	13	13
Capacity	255	255	255	255	255	255
Surplus %	18%	21%	24%	18%	31%	29%

Poplar

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	111	113	96	105	96	99
Our Lady & St Joseph	60	59	58	60	55	57
Woolmore Primary School	81	83	78	81	76	79
Capacity	150	150	150	150	150	150
Surplus %	6%	5%	9%	6%	13%	9%

Shadwell

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	176	158	171	169	140	140
Bigland Green Primary School	60	55	57	54	49	49
Blue Gate Fields Infant School	90	83	87	84	73	74
St Marys & St Michaels RC School	47	48	48	48	43	44
Capacity	210	210	210	210	210	210
Surplus %	6%	11%	9%	11%	21%	20%

Spitalfields & Banglatown

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	124	114	124	119	100	102
Christ Church CofE School	16	17	18	17	15	15
Osmani Primary School	51	48	47	46	41	42
St Anne's and Guardian Angels CPS	23	19	19	19	17	18
Thomas Buxton Primary School	49	43	44	42	38	38
Mulberry Canon Barnett Primary School	20	22	23	21	20	20
Capacity	240	240	240	240	240	240
Surplus %	34%	38%	37%	40%	45%	45%

St Dunstan's

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	172	187	166	161	141	141
Ben Jonson Primary School	70	76	71	69	62	62
Cayley Primary School	59	57	52	53	47	47
Halley Primary School	16	22	20	20	18	18
Solebay Primary Academy	12	15	15	15	14	14
Capacity	230	230	230	230	230	230
Surplus %	32%	26%	31%	32%	39%	39%

St Katharine's & Wapping

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	101	81	78	85	74	77
Hermitage Primary School	35	30	29	29	27	28
St Peters London Docks C of E Primary School	30	25	24	25	22	23
Capacity	75	75	75	75	75	75
Surplus %	13%	27%	29%	28%	35%	32%

St Peter's

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	165	209	173	169	154	156
Elizabeth Selby Infants' School	49	59	52	51	46	47
Hague Primary School	24	31	28	27	25	25
Mowlem Primary School	30	30	26	26	24	24
St Elizabeth Catholic Primary School	35	40	38	37	34	35
St John's Church of England Primary School	16	18	16	16	15	15
Stewart Headlam Primary School	18	13	12	11	10	10
Capacity	240	240	240	240	240	240
Surplus %	28%	20%	28%	30%	36%	35%

Stepney Green

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	173	115	127	142	115	116
Marion Richardson Primary School	60	50	53	53	46	46
Stepney Park Primary School	78	69	72	74	64	65
Capacity	150	150	150	150	150	150
Surplus %	8%	21%	17%	15%	27%	26%

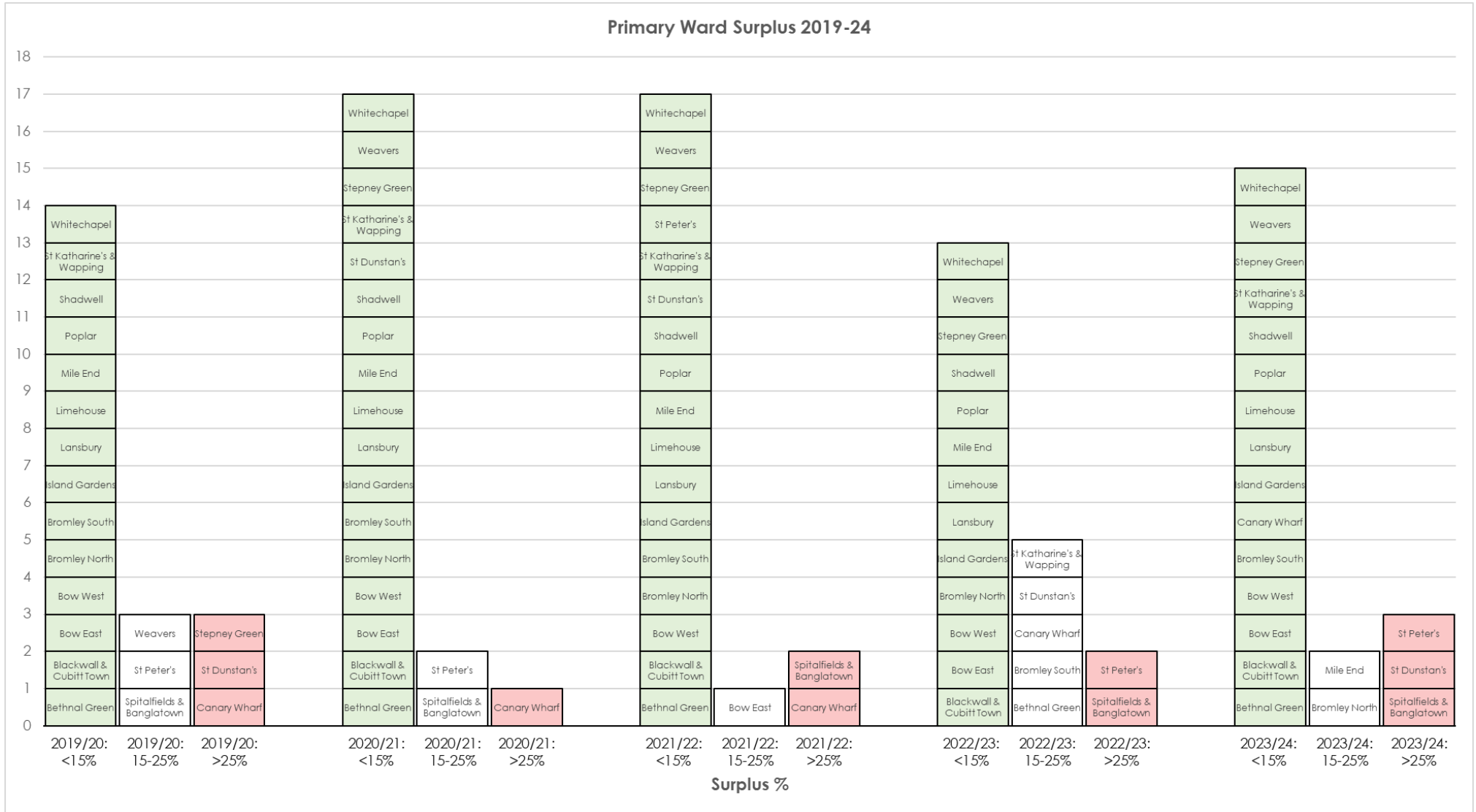
Weavers

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	120	104	114	118	100	103
Columbia Primary School	60	56	56	56	50	51
Virginia Primary School	30	27	28	28	25	25
William Davis Primary School	17	19	20	19	17	17
Capacity	120	120	120	120	120	120
Surplus %	11%	15%	13%	14%	23%	23%

Whitechapel

Year	2023/24	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Year R residents	190	190	183	170	165	169
Kobi Nazrul Primary School	30	28	27	26	25	25
English Martyrs RC Primary School	30	24	23	23	21	22
Harry Gosling Primary School	39	53	52	49	47	48
St Pauls Whitechapel CE Primary School	30	27	26	25	24	25
Capacity	150	150	150	150	150	150
Surplus %	14%	12%	15%	18%	22%	20%

Appendix 5 – Year R Surplus levels across Wards 2019-24



Appendix 6 – Year R Projected Surplus levels across Wards 2024-29

