

Appendix A

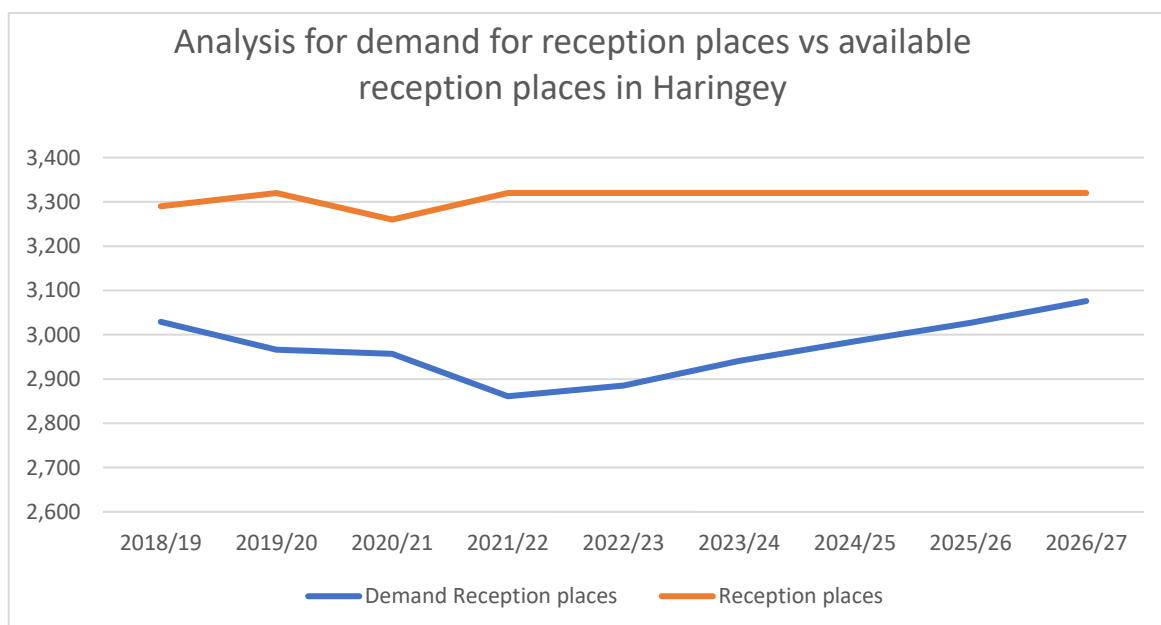
2019-20 Falling Rolls

Haringey Council do not currently fund schools with the roll for our schools. School Place Planning is carried out by Haringey's Education Services, part of Schools and Learning. The place planning projections provide the analysis of places over the next 10 years help Council to project patterns of demand for school places up to 2026/27.

The place planning report is published in July every year to allow council to plan for places and what provision is available now or proposed for the future. The data also include academies, free schools and voluntary aided/foundation schools where possible.

London has seen an overall upward demand for reception places since 2008 but the most recent Do the Maths¹ report from London Councils states that London has seen a reduction in the birth rate of 6% since 2012/2013 which will impact on the number of primary places needed in our primary schools, with a downward demand already evidenced. Overall 45,335 new school places will be required in London over the next five years, with three quarters of these at secondary level². In Haringey this percentage is higher as we move to a high surplus of reception places and a deficit in year 7 places.

The Graph compares the actual/projected demand for reception places against the total available reception places over the next 10 years. The graph shows that demand for reception places is falling over the next 10 years with small increase in year 2024/25 which is mainly due to increase in demand in PA4.



1 <https://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/our-key-themes/children-and-young-people/education-and-school-places/do-maths-2018>

2 London Councils - Do the Maths 2018: London's school places challenge (pages 5 and 7)

A falling rolls fund is permitted as per the 2019/20 DSG operational guidance, with the following conditions:

- Local authorities may set aside schools block funding to create a small fund to support good schools with falling rolls, where local planning data shows that the surplus places will be needed within the next three financial years.
- The schools forum should agree both the value of the fund, and the criteria for allocation, and the local authority should regularly update the schools forum on the use of the funding.
- As with the growth fund, the falling rolls fund is also within the NFF schools block.
- Criteria for allocating falling rolls funding should contain clear objective trigger points for qualification, and a clear formula for calculating allocations. Differences in allocation methodology are permitted

In Haringey, our school place planning projections show that, on a borough wide basis, demand will continue to be lower than the recent peaks seen between 2013 to 2016 as far as our existing projections extend which is 2026/27. However, in one of our five planning areas, planning area 4 (Tottenham Green, Tottenham Hale, White Hart Lane, Bruce Grove Northumberland Park), our 2019 SPPR projects that this planning area will move from a position of surplus, to one of deficit in 2024. The current position in the planning area is one of significant surplus – 134 surplus places in 2018/19 out of a possible 958 places (14%). To comply with the DSG operational guidance, we will monitor supply and demand in this planning area and, if surplus hasn't been reduced in line with our projections by 2021, we will consider bringing a report to schools forum in that year in respect of a falling roll fund. In the short term, however, the surplus of places should be managed by an adjustment of PAN which would effectively mitigate against the impact of too many surplus places in the planning area.

To aid any future considerations of a report asking for any falling roll support via the DSG, we are likely to use the following criteria in any consideration:

- support is available only for schools judged good or outstanding at their last Ofsted inspection (this is a mandatory requirement);
- surplus capacity exceeds a minimum number of pupils, or a percentage of the published admission number;
- local planning data shows a requirement for a minimum percentage of the surplus places within the next three years;
- formula funding available to the school will not support provision of an appropriate curriculum for the existing cohort
- the school will need to make redundancies in order to contain spending within its formula budget

In addition to the above, and to respond the falling rolls in our schools, particularly in PA1, 2, 3, and 5, we have following strategies for the next 10 years based on birth rate predictions:

- Reduction in PAN (temporary or permanently) to respond to falling demand for places at the school.
- Use of executive headship where warranted e.g. one form entry schools) and with the agreement of the relevant governing bodies.
- Amalgamation of schools where warranted and with the agreement of relevant governing bodies.