

SEVENOAKS

Primary

The 2012 Kent Commissioning Plan identified the need for up to 85 additional places in Year R for September 2013. This objective has been achieved for September 2013, with four schools permanently expanding. The schools are Lady Boswell's Church of England Primary School, St John's Church of England Primary School, Otford Primary School and Sevenoaks Primary School.

The additional places commissioned for September 2013 have accommodated much of the demand in the Sevenoaks planning area, but forecasts indicate that demand will continue to increase, resulting in there being no surplus capacity across the planning area for September 2015. It is expected an additional 15-30 places will need to be commissioned for September 2015.

Ryewood Development

The Ryewood development in Dunton Green is currently underway and will create a demand in the Dunton Green/Riverhead area in addition to the forecasted numbers. The local authority will approach the relevant schools to see who could accommodate the increase in demand.

Edenbridge

There are several small housing developments, particularly in the Edenbridge area which may require the local authority to increase capacity by between 0.5 – 1FE as necessary to meet the demand.

Fort Halstead

The Fort Halstead site has been the subject of applications for housing development. The number of dwellings has not been decided yet, but is understood to be in excess of 600. Once planning permission has been decided the local authority will consider options.

Secondary

The number of Year 7 places on offer in Sevenoaks is 510. Forecasts indicate an increase in Year 7 intakes for the next seven years. The increase is exacerbated by two factors. Firstly, increases in the forecasts for Year 7 students in Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge, where 1150 of Sevenoaks children travel to receive their education. Secondly, there is negligible numbers of students who travel from the north part of the district to the south and vice versa. As demand increases in these areas, the local authority will need to increase the provision.

Sevenoaks Grammar School Annexe

In response to local demand, Kent County Council has been pursuing proposals to provide a grammar school for boys and girls in the Sevenoaks area. A number of options are being considered. The most popular is for an existing grammar school to expand and manage a satellite co-educational provision. The Secretary of State is currently considering expansion applications but if this proposal is approved it will help to solve the capacity issues in Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

Sevenoaks Trinity Free School

This is a co-educational secondary school which opened on Wednesday 4 September to provide 120 non-selective secondary places with a total capacity of 600. The school is temporarily sited at Ryedale Court, London Road, Sevenoaks but longer term the school will relocate onto a more suitable site.

Sixth Form

Almost 1,000 sixth formers travel out of the district to learn. The Post-16 population is forecast to remain consistent with minor fluctuations throughout the short, medium and long-term. However, these figures do not take into account the effect of Raising the Participation Age (RPA) which may increase numbers in sixth forms.