

Appendix 1: The Need for Primary School Places 2023-26

Heywood

In-flow of pupils has continued to be very low for Reception year. Some in-flow is happening in upper year groups, but there is sufficient spare capacity to meet this demand. Current forecasts show a peak for 2023/24 with intakes decreasing following birth rates through to 2025/26. Too much spare capacity will become an issue after 2023.

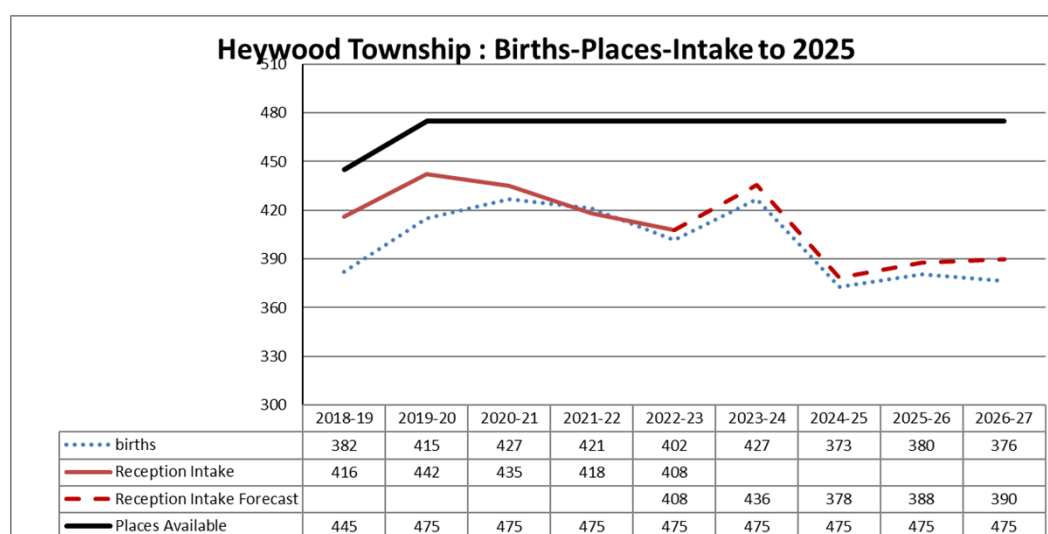


Figure 1: Heywood Reception intake forecast

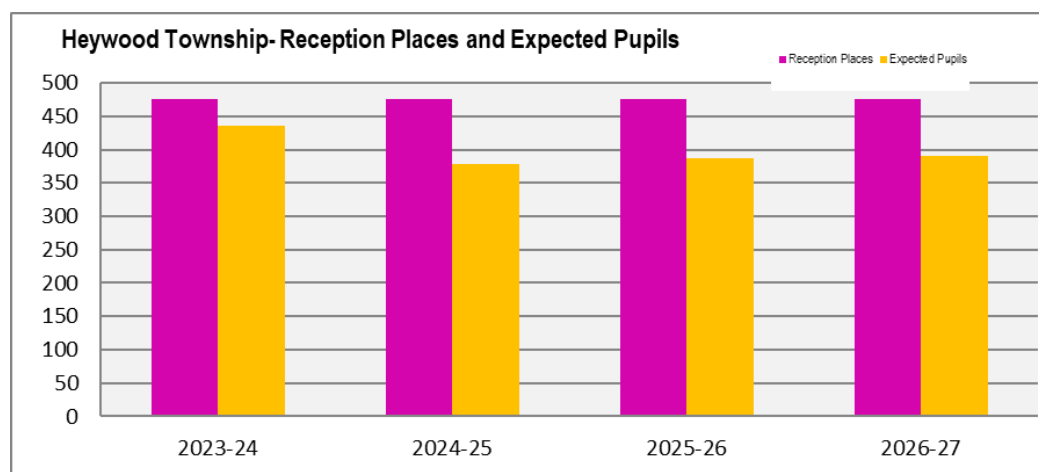


Figure 2: Predicted Reception Places and Expected Pupils for Heywood

The number of Reception class places currently available in Heywood schools in September 2022 is set out in the table 1:

School	Places	School	Places	School	Places
Heap Bridge	25	St Joseph's RC	60	Hopwood	60
Our Lady & St Paul's RC	30	Harwood Park	60	St Michael's CE VA	30

St Margaret's CE VA	30	St Luke's CE VC	60		
Woodland	90	All Souls CE VC	30		

Table 1: Number of Reception places available Heywood

Middleton

Middleton Reception pupil numbers are due to peak again in 2023/24 and numbers of pupils coming from new housing developments have increased massively through 2021/22. Figure 3 also shows school census intake numbers and on roll numbers at and indicate without additional capacity there will be a shortage of places for 2023 intake.

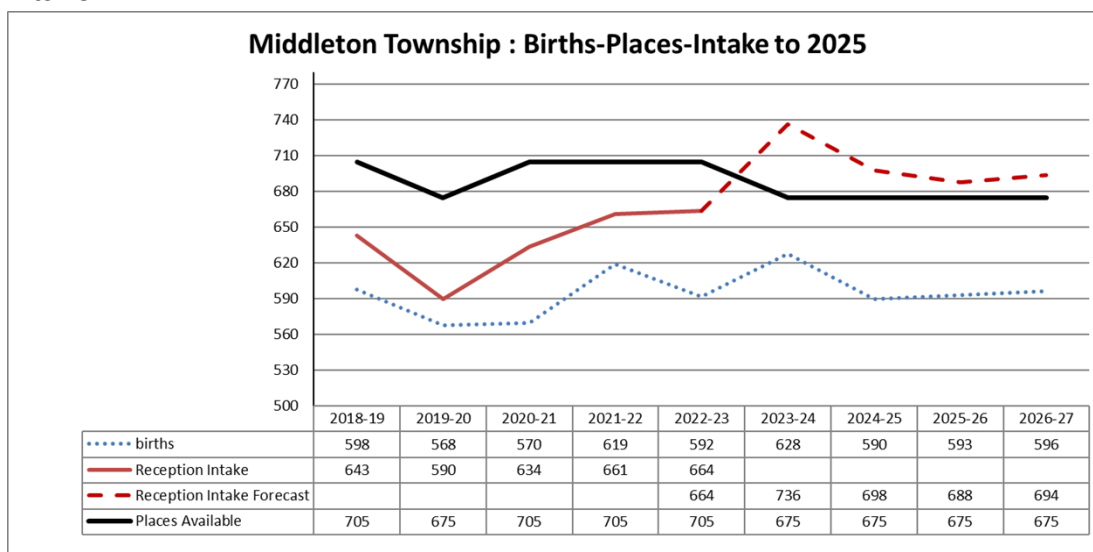


Figure 3: Middleton Reception Intake forecast data

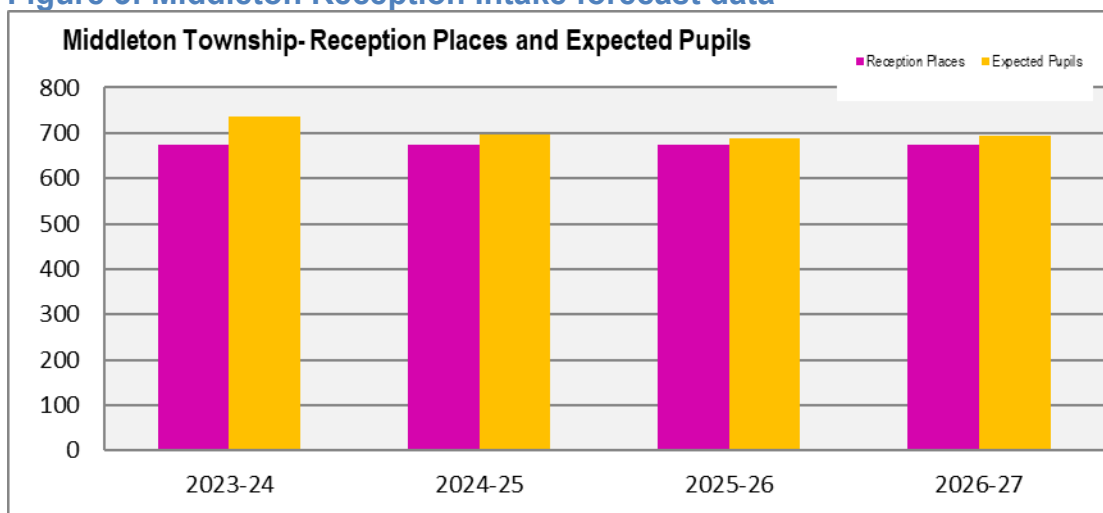


Figure 4: Reception Places and Expected Pupil numbers for Middleton

The number of Reception class places currently available in Middleton schools in September 2022 is set out in the table 2:

School	Places	School	Places	School	Places
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St John Fisher RC	30	Middleton Parish CE VA	60	St Peter's RC	30
Hollin	60	Parkfield	30	Alkington	60
Boarshaw	60	Elm Wood	60	St Thomas More RC	45
Bowlee Park	120	Little Heaton CE VC	30	St Michael's CE VA	30
St Mary's RC	60	St Gabriel's CE VC	30		

Table 2: Reception Places available Middleton September 2022

Pennine

The applications to schools in north Pennines have dropped significantly for 2021, but have now picked up slightly (figure 5), but are due to drop again in 2024. It is believed this is due to local factors; including a temporary drop in the number of new house completions, the rebuilding of Littleborough Primary and the delay in the new Secondary school. The current spare capacity will be kept under review.

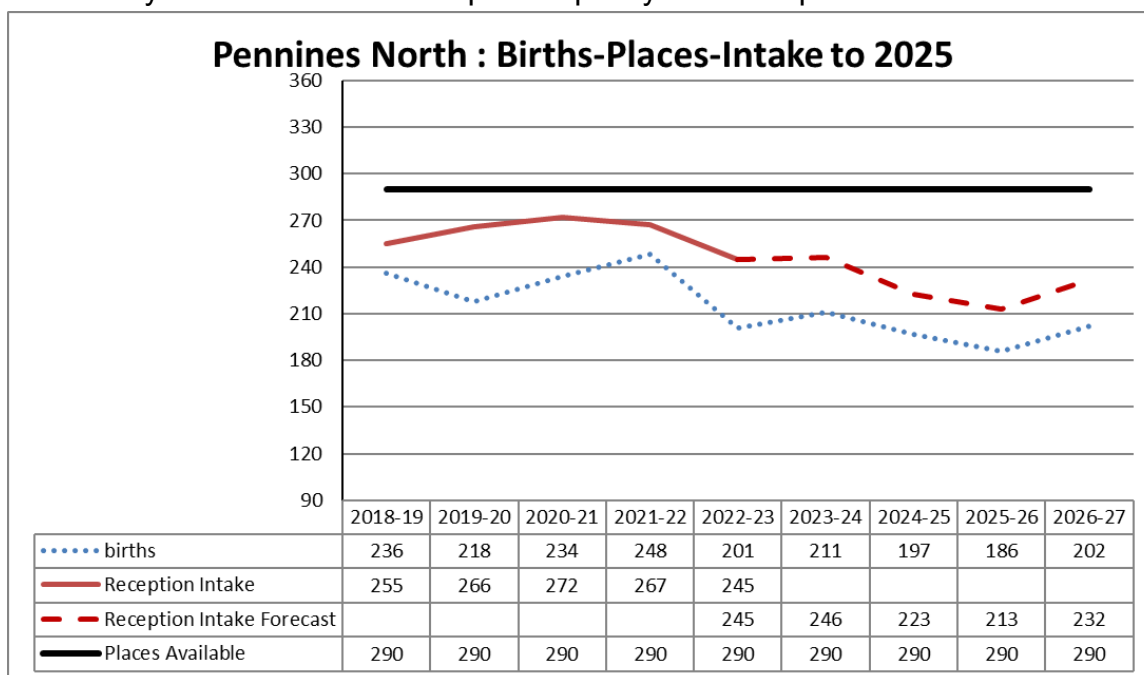


Figure 5: Reception Intake forecast for Pennines North

Schools in south Pennines have in the past seen intakes closer to the underlying birth rates and there the current capacity is sufficient to meet the underlying birth rates (figure 6). Capacity will be kept under review.

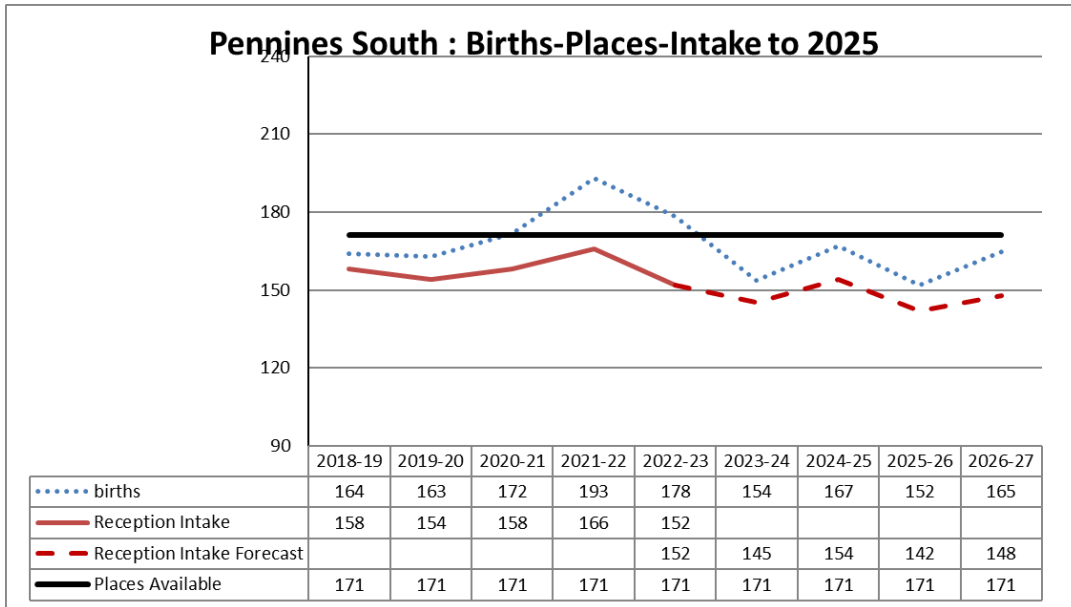


Figure 6: Reception Intake forecast for Pennines South

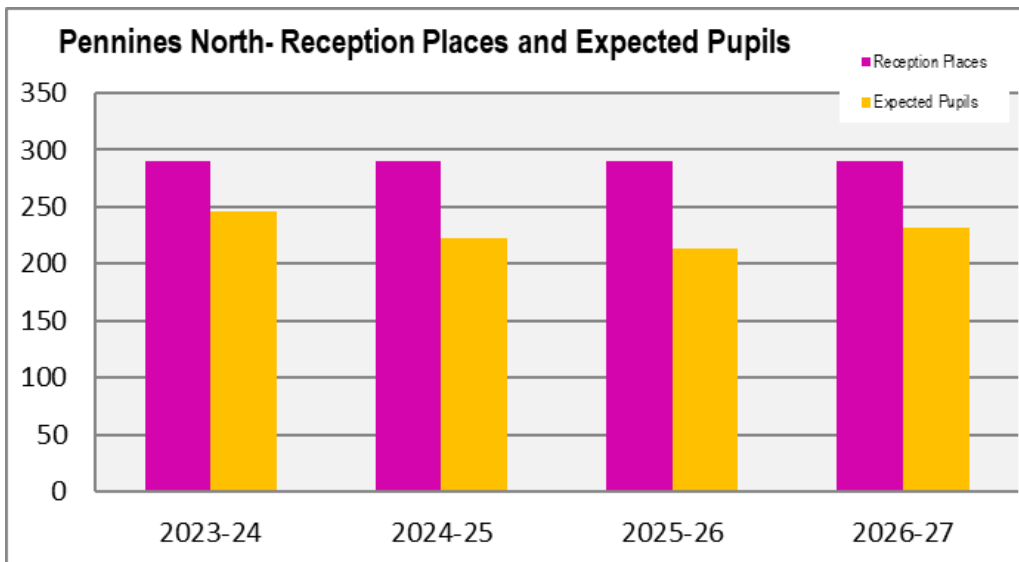


Figure 7: Places and Expected Pupils Pennines North

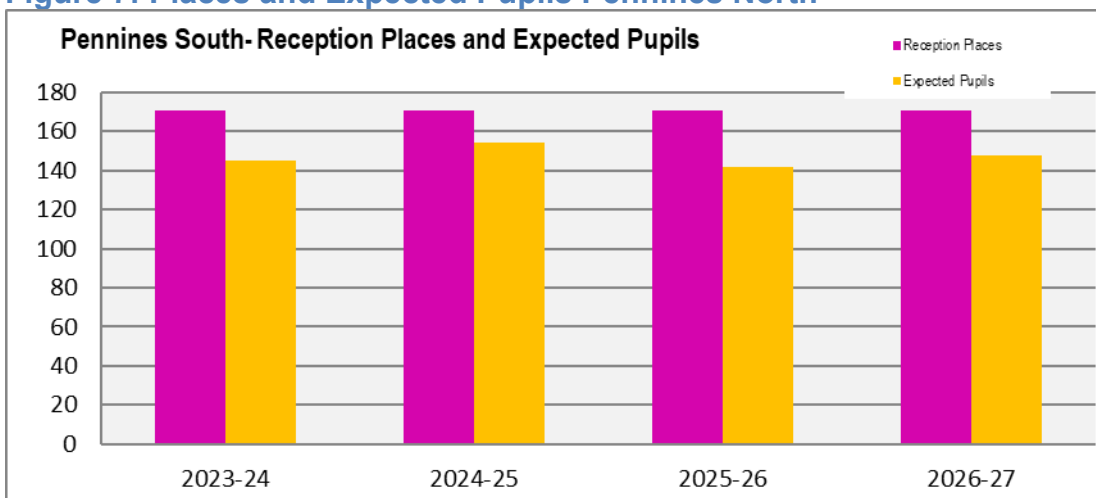


Figure 8: Places and expected pupils Pennines South

The number of Reception class places currently available in Pennine schools in September 2022 is set out in the following table:

School	Places	School	Places	School	Places
Stansfield Hall CE VC	20	St Andrew's CE VC	60	Moorhouse	30
Littleborough	60	Smithy Bridge	60	Crossgates	45
Holy Trinity CE VA	30	Hamer	45	Milnrow Parish CE VA	30
St Mary's RC	30	Kentmere Academy	45	Newhey	45
St James' CE F	30	Alice Ingham RC	24	St Thomas' CE VA	21

Table 3: Pennines Schools Places September 2022

Rochdale

Rochdale Township includes almost half of children educated in Rochdale Borough. For school place planning purposes this has been split up into four areas as shown in figure 9 below. Data is shown for two zones; North West and North East Rochdale combined and Central and South West Rochdale combined.

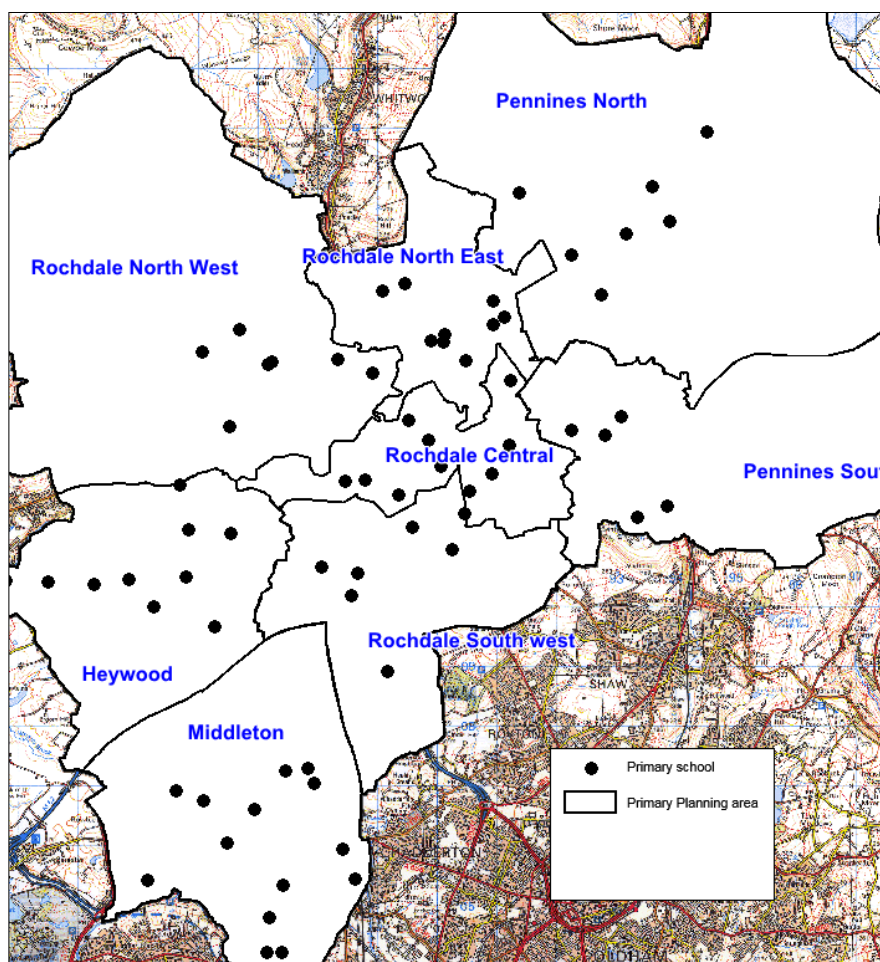


Figure 9: Rochdale Borough Primary Planning Areas

Rochdale NE and NW

Underlying birth rates in NE Rochdale indicate that current cohorts are due to slowly rise to 2026. In the NW Rochdale area births numbers have dropped and the forecast predicts only 331 pupils for 390 places. This suggests a current level of spare capacity in NW Rochdale that would be unsustainable.

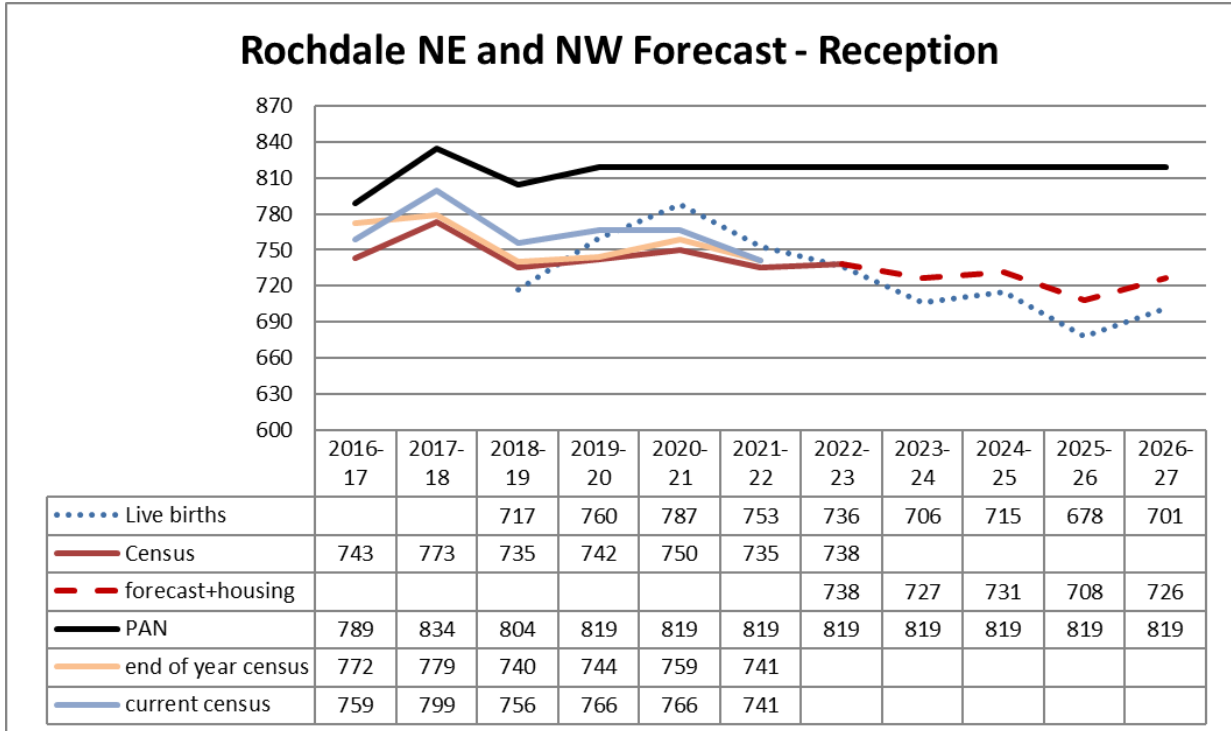


Figure 10: Forecast for North East and North West areas of Rochdale Township.

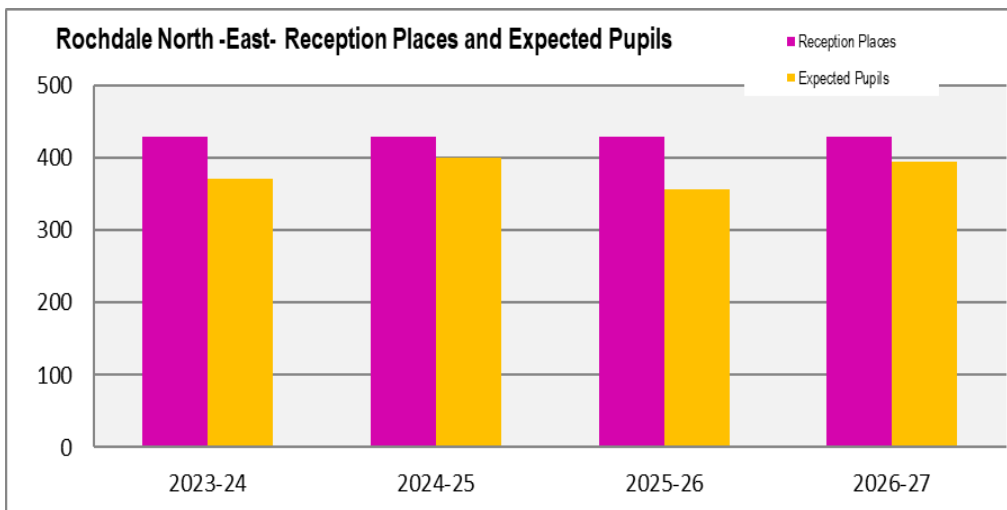


Figure 11: Spaces and Expected pupils in North-east Rochdale

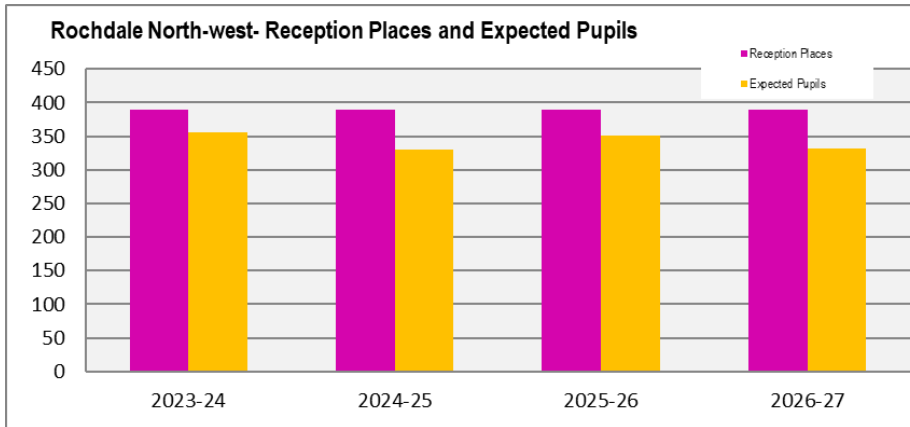


Figure 12: Spaces and expected pupils North-west Rochdale

Rochdale Central and SW

The birth rate in the SW and Central Rochdale area has zigzagged for several years and pupil numbers have not followed this trend. Birth data is not a good forecaster of numbers. There is currently forecast to be too much spare capacity which may be unsustainable.

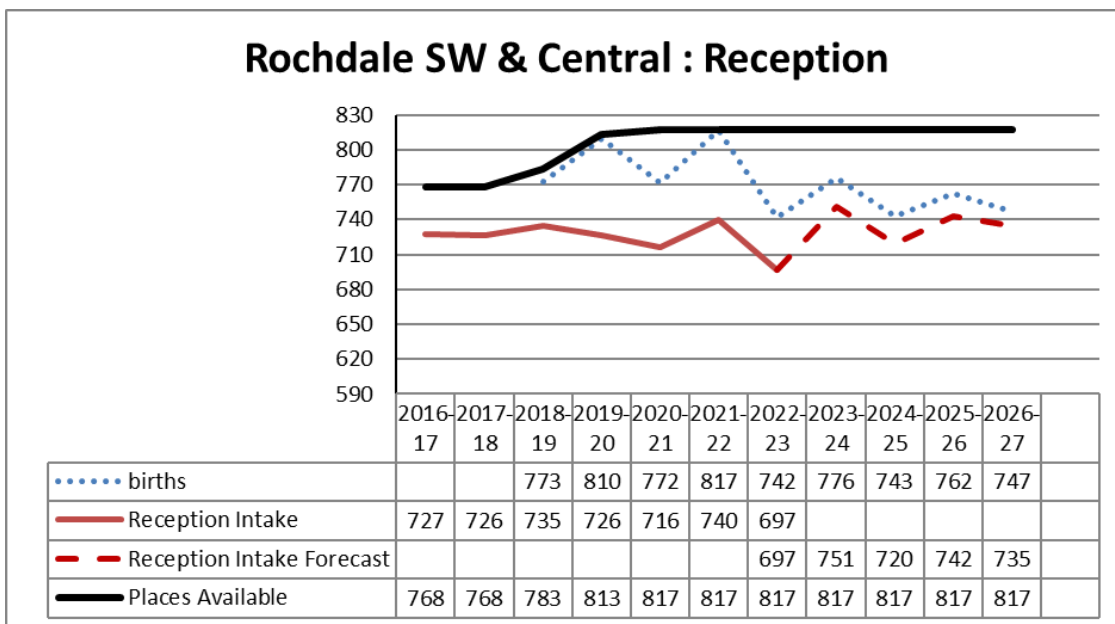


Figure 13: Reception Forecast for Rochdale Central and South-West areas.

In SW Rochdale classes are forecasted to have reducing spare capacity for the next 4 years (figure 15) and some spare capacity needs to be maintained because of in year applications and new housing coming forward in the SW area.

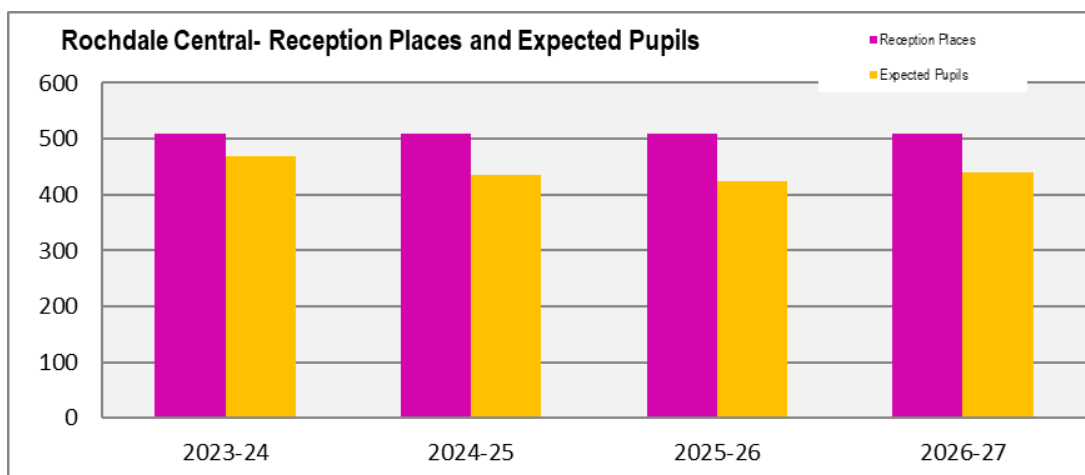


Figure 14: Spaces and expected pupils in the Central Rochdale area

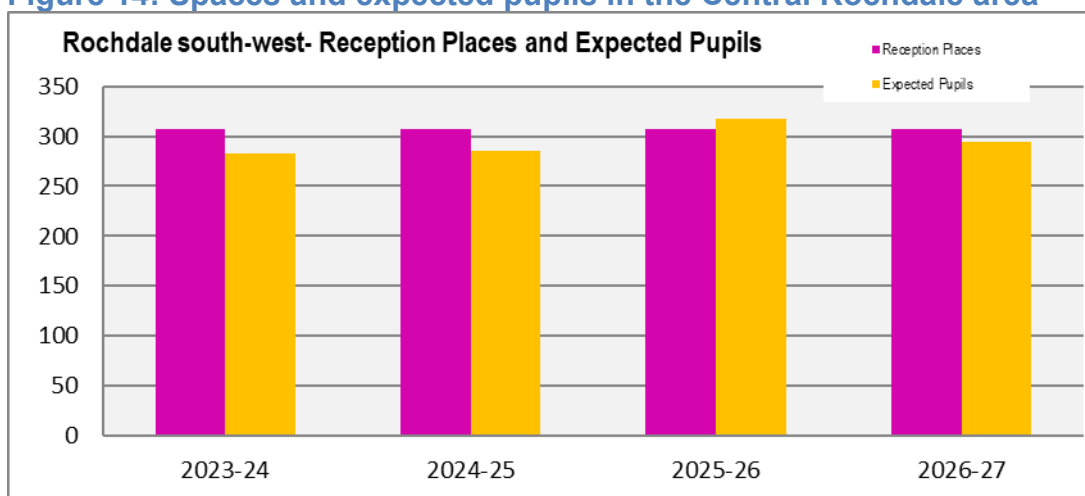


Figure 15: Spaces and expected pupils in the South-west Rochdale area

The number of Reception class places currently available in Rochdale Township schools in September 2021 is set out in the following table:

School	Places	School	Places	School	Places
Healey F	30	Whittaker Moss	60	Marland Hill	60
Shawclough	60	St Vincent's RC	60	Brimrod	30
All Saints CE VA	30	Bamford Academy	60	Ashfield Valley	30
Greenbank	60	Belfield	60	St Mary's CE VC	30
St Patrick's RC	45	Sacred Heart RC	30	Sandbrook	90
Heybrook	90	Broadfield	60	Holy Family RC	30
Meanwood	60	St John's RC	30	St Edward's CE VC	52
Norden	60	Deeplish Academy	60	Castleton	60
Spotland	60	St Peter's CE VC	60	St Gabriel's RC	30
Caldershaw	30	Lowerplace	90	St John's CE T'ham	15

Table 4: Places in Rochdale Township in September 2022