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**SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING STATEMENT 2024**

**Executive Summary**

# INTRODUCTION

1. Torbay Local Authority (LA) has a statutory duty to ensure all children of school age can access education. Pupil projections enable the LA to plan and ensure it has the capacity to meet demand. By providing an indicator for the expected school population over the coming 5 years 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 the most up to date 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.
3. There are three key observations affecting Torbay’s current projections:
	* Persistent low number of births across all three planning areas,
	* The reduced impact of population growth,
	* Local secondary transfer rates remain at an all-time high as more pupils remain in area,
	* High migration at secondary level into the bays three selective schools.
4. As a result, the current challenges facing the are managing the surplus primary capacity and meeting the increased demand within the secondary sector.

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# PLANNING AREA: TORQUAY

### ACTUAL & PROJECTED NUMBERS ON ROLL

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  | PRIMARY | SECONDARY |
|  |  | PAN | R | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | PAN | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| ACTUAL NOR | 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 |
| Sept 2**3** | 745 | 631 | 655 | 657 | 690 | 729 | 750 | 729 | 991 | 992  | 1019 | 972  | 924  | 934  |
| PROJECTIONSS | Sept 24 | 735 | 531 | 642 | 656 | 659 | 695 | 735 | 757 | 971 | 1010  | 986  | 1014  | 939  | 918  |
| Sept 25 | 735 | 543 | 540 | 643 | 658 | 663 | 700 | 742 | 971 | 1020  | 1003  | 981  | 980  | 933  |
| Sept 26 | 735 | 496 | 552 | 541 | 645 | 662 | 669 | 707 | 971 | 1000  | 1013  | 999  | 948  | 973  |
| Sept 27 | 735 | 523 | 504 | 553 | 542 | 649 | 668 | 675 | 971 | 953  | 993  | 1009  | 965  | 941  |
| Sept 28 | 735 | 550 | 532 | 505 | 554 | 546 | 655 | 674 | 971 | 909 | 946 | 989 | 974 | 958 |

*(Shading indicates how a cohort moves through the educational system)*

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

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| Edginswell | approx. 550 homes - mixture of starter and family homes; planning approval expected summer 2024 |

### 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

* The LA will continue discussions with all partners to explore options including temporarily reducing planned admission numbers and reutilising surplus accommodation for the delivery of other key services, including specialist provision. Some schools have already reduced their PAN for 2024.
* The LA will continue a dialogue with planners over the proposed Edginswell development to understand the size of the development and delivery dates to ensure sufficient capacity is maintained.
* An agreement has been reached with St Cuthbert Maybe School to take a bulge class of 15 pupils in September 2024 and a further 30 in September 2025. The LA is supporting the school with a significant capital investment to ensure it has fit for purpose accommodation; this work completed in January 2024.
* Discussions are underway to find a similar solution for 2026.

# PLANNING AREA: PAIGNTON

### ACTUAL & PROJECTED NUMBERS ON ROLL

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  | PRIMARY | SECONDARY |
|  |  | PAN | R | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | PAN | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| ACTUAL NOR | 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 |
| Sept 23 | 537 | 452  | 473  | 462  | 494  | 483  | 534  | 531  | 390 | 385  | 327  | 325  | 266  | 225  |
| PROJECTIONS | Sept 24 | 537  | 429  | 458  | 478  | 468  | 500  | 483  | 542  | 360 | 361  | 382  | 329  | 265  | 260  |
| Sept 25 | 537  | 421  | 435  | 463  | 485  | 474  | 500  | 490  | 360 | 388  | 358  | 384  | 268  | 259  |
| Sept 26 | 537  | 421  | 427  | 440  | 470  | 490  | 474  | 507  | 360 | 351  | 385  | 360  | 313  | 262  |
| Sept 27 | 537  | 424  | 427  | 431  | 446  | 475  | 490 | 480  | 360 | 363  | 348  | 387  | 294  | 306  |
| Sept 28 | 537  | 430  | 429  | 431  | 437  | 451  | 475  | 498  | 360 | 344  | 360  | 350  | 316  | 287 |

 *(Shading indicates how a cohort moves through the educational system)*

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

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| Inglewood | 373 houses mixture of starter and family homes – planning approved |
| Collaton Area | Total of 539 houses; permission has been granted for 204 to date |

### 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 2025 and 2027; 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 still forecast to peak in 2023 and 2025.

### ACTIONS

* St Michael’s Academy has provided sufficient capacity for current and future demand; the second free school will not be delivered.
* The LA will maintain a watching brief on the delivery of local housing developments, particularly in the Western Corridor and retain the second school site at Inglewood for as long as contractually possible.
* Paignton Academy will admit above its PAN for September 2024 utilising vacant accommodation from smaller older year groups.
* Options need to be identified for 2025; the LA is considering an option which addresses both Paignton and Brixham as numbers exceed capacity in both areas before dropping to more manageable levels in 2026.
* From 2026, surplus in Brixham will be available as an alternative to local families on the edges of Paignton; and from 2027 surplus in Torquay will be an alternative.
* The LA will maintain a watching brief on local transfer rates and the movement of pupils between areas.

# PLANNING AREA: BRIXHAM

### ACTUAL & PROJECTED NUMBERS ON ROLL

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  | PRIMARY | SECONDARY |
|  |  | PAN | R | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | PAN | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| ACTUAL NOR | 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 |
| Sept 23 | 180  | 125  | 152  | 140  | 160  | 144  | 168  | 163  | 360 | 365  | 362  | 344  | 320  | 334  |
| PROJECTIONS | Sept 24 | 180  | 116  | 128  | 152  | 145  | 160  | 145  | 170  | 370 | 370  | 373  | 361  | 321  | 319  |
| Sept 25 | 180  | 109  | 118  | 127  | 158  | 146  | 162  | 147  | 360 | 350  | 378  | 373  | 338  | 321  |
| Sept 26 | 180  | 112  | 111  | 118  | 132  | 158  | 147  | 163  | 360 | 303  | 358  | 378  | 348  | 337  |
| Sept 27 | 180  | 112  | 115  | 111  | 123  | 133  | 159  | 148  | 360 | 337  | 310  | 358  | 353  | 347  |
| Sept 28 | 180  | 111  | 115  | 115  | 115  | 123  | 134  | 161  | 360 | 307  | 345  | 309  | 334  | 352 |

 *(Shading indicates how a cohort moves through the educational system)*

### 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 2024.

### ACTIONS

* The LA is in dialogue with local heads and reviewing options for managing the surplus primary capacity. This includes re-purposing surplus accommodation for the delivery of other key services including specialist provision. There are no plans to remove any accommodation.
* The selective school temporarily increased its PAN by 10 for 2024; this ensured sufficient capacity for that intake year.
* No further action is needed.

## Schools in each Planning Area with Planned Admission Number (PAN) for September 2025

### TORQUAY

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Primary** | **PAN** |
| All Saints Babbacombe Church of England Primary School | 30 |
| Barton Hill Academy | 90 |
| Cockington Primary School | 60 |
| Ellacombe Academy | 50 |
| 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 | 30 |
| 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 | 210 |
| Torquay Academy | 240 |
| Torquay Boys’ Grammar School | 168 |
| Torquay Girls’ Grammar School | 160 |

### PAIGNTON

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| **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

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| --- | --- |
| **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 |