

North Whiteley Forum – 14 July 2021

1. Providing school places for new developments.
2. In-year admissions on N Whiteley.
3. Future school provision for Whiteley and N Whiteley.

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Providing new schools for major new developments

- Expanding educational provision or building a new school for a new development almost always begins with provision for the intake year (year R in a primary school) and that provision moves up through the school over a number of years. It is rare that new classes higher up the school, e.g. a new Year 3/4 class, are launched 'in-year'. For that to happen there would need to be no nearby alternative school places.
- We have been provided with the developers' anticipated build out and occupation rates and used their advice to make assumptions on the timescales that will apply to further new school provision.

In Year Admissions- Primary School Provision.

- Cornerstone is the local school. At this moment there are school places in Years R (10 spaces), 1 (4 spaces), 4 (3 spaces) , 5 (6 spaces) at Cornerstone for an immediate start.
- Year 2 and 3 have no spaces.
- Year 6 has 30 children on roll but if a child did move this late in the school year we would be able to provide a place at Cornerstone under the Fair Access Protocol.
- Children not able to gain a place at Cornerstone are referred to the nearest available places.
- For September Cornerstone will be in its new building. The new building accommodates 3 classes in each year group.
- Also for September Cornerstone, which currently runs with 1 class in each year group, will have a 2nd Reception class. At the time of writing there are only 32 expected to take up a place, therefore plenty of room for children in that year group moving to the area.

In Year Admissions- Primary School Provision

The rolled forward year groups already at Cornerstone will have spaces in September in Years 1, 2, 5 and 6. Only Years 3 and 4 (in September) are full.

Schools with available places for Year 3 in September:

- Locks Heath Junior School
- Titchfield Primary School
- St Anthony's Primary School

Schools with available places for Year 4 in September :

- Sarisbury Junior School
- Titchfield Primary School
- St John the Baptist, Titchfield Common

- Children referred to next nearest school places such as Sarisbury Junior School may be eligible for local authority funded transport assistance.
- The authority will, in collaboration with the Governing Body of Cornerstone Primary School, begin a consultation which proposes that houses in North Whiteley are given catchment priority at Cornerstone starting from September 2023.
- Currently houses are in the catchment area of either Sarisbury Infant and Junior Schools or Botley CE Primary School.

In Year Admissions- Secondary School Provision

- Children moving into completed North Whiteley houses are moving into Brookfield School and Wildern School catchment areas.
- Wildern School is full in all year groups.
- Currently Brookfield School has spaces only in Years 9, 10 and 11.
- Other nearby schools, such as Swanmore School, have spaces.
- Secondary age children moving into North Whiteley attending the nearest school with a space will be eligible for local authority funded transport assistance.

Future school provision for Whiteley and N Whiteley.

A second new primary school for North Whiteley

There is a proposal for a further primary school, the site for the school will be released following 1700 occupations. This is a trigger point specified in the S106 agreement. (Assuming 1700 occupations at the end of 2025 this would lead to the new primary school being started on site Easter 2026, completion Summer 2027 at the earliest opening for its first Year R intake in September 2027).

Secondary school

There is a proposal for a secondary school, the site for the school will be released following 1100 occupations. This is a trigger point specified in the S106 agreement. (Assuming 1100 occupations at the end of 2023 this would lead to the new secondary school being started on site Easter 2024, completion Summer 2026 at the earliest opening for its first Year 7 intake in September 2026). The authority will begin a consultation which proposes that houses in North Whiteley are given catchment priority at Henry Cort School starting from September 2023. Statutory timetables mean, that this is the earliest date by which the change can be made. This will enable the supply of school places to be managed pending the eventual decisions on providing secondary phase places on the extended Whiteley development.