

COWES AREA

Overview

Isle of Wight Council's forecast in January 2007 for the number of pupils for the Cowes area shows that a combined 5.2 form entry (FE) would be required for the primary sector by 2011. In January this year, the actual pupil numbers were 8.2% higher than predicted. Taking this into account, a combined 6 form entry in primary schools would enable us to provide a good level of choice for parents in Cowes both in the medium and longer term.

Standards achieved by Cowes pupils are generally good at existing primary and middle schools but are below national average at the high school.

A majority of pupils currently attending local primary schools live in the town centre and surrounding areas.

Current Provision

Sector	Available Places	Intake (7 Year Average)
Primary	6.1 FE (182 places)	144 pupils
Middle	6.0 FE (179 places)	166 pupils
High	13.0 FE (350 places)	266 pupils

Proposed Provision

Sector	Available Places	Intake (7 Year Average)
Primary	6.0 FE (180 places)	144 pupils
Secondary	10.0 FE (270 places)	266 pupils

* 7 Year Average Intake calculated from PLASC (annual school census) data.

Cowes Primary School

Edinburgh Close
Cowes
PO31 8HF

Proposal: 2 form entry primary school on existing site with addition to site
Method: Increase upper age limit of existing school

Standards

KS1 results 2007 Pupils achieving Level 2+	School	LA Average	Nat'l Average
Reading	87%	88%	84%
Writing	87%	86%	80%
Mathematics	88%	95%	90%

Ofsted

The overall effectiveness of the school was judged as good (02/02/2006).

Number of Pupils

Current Admission Number:	60
Proposed Admission Number:	60
Current Age Range:	4 – 9
Proposed Age Range:	4 – 11
7 Year Average Intake*	51
Projected Intake 2010	53
Projected Intake 2014	59
Projected Intake 2018	60

Site

The site comprises 11,300 m². This is insufficient for the proposed school; additional adjacent land will be required. A MUGA will be needed to meet playing field guidelines. It may be advantageous to change the main access point to the school.

Existing Buildings

The school buildings date from 1990 and are in good condition. The refurbishment of existing buildings and an extension equivalent to 3 – 4 additional classrooms will be needed.

Location

The school is situated in the heart of Cowes and is within safe walking distance for many of the pupils who attend the school.

Early Years/Childcare Provision

There is on site provision term time only.

Gurnard Primary School

Hilton Road
Gurnard
Cowes
PO31 8JB

Proposal: 1 form entry primary school on Solent Middle site
Method: Increase upper age limit of existing school & relocation

Distance by road between current & proposed site: 1.0 mile

Standards

KS1 results 2007 Pupils achieving Level 2+	School	LA Average	Nat'l Average
Reading	94%	88%	84%
Writing	94%	86%	80%
Mathematics	97%	95%	90%

Ofsted

The overall effectiveness of the school was judged as very effective (03/05/2005).

Number of Pupils

Current Admission Number:	36
Proposed Admission Number:	30
Current Age Range:	4 – 9
Proposed Age Range:	4 – 11
7 Year Average Intake*	31
Projected Intake 2010	30
Projected Intake 2014	30
Projected Intake 2018	30

Site

The site comprises 11,300 m². This is sufficient for the proposed school.

Existing Buildings

The school buildings date from 1906 with 1980/90s additions and are in good condition. To meet current room size guidelines, substantial capital works (part demolition, extension & refurbishment) would be required with the pupils remaining off site during construction.

Location

The school is situated in Gurnard village and attracts a significant number of its pupils from Cowes. School transport from outlying areas such as Porchfield is an issue that needs to be considered.

Early Years/Childcare Provision

There is on site provision open term time only.

Love Lane Primary School

Love Lane
Cowes
PO31 7ET

Proposal: 2 form entry primary school on Somerton Middle site
Method: Increase upper age limit of existing school & relocation

Distance by road between current & proposed site: Adjacent

Standards

KS1 results 2007 Pupils achieving Level 2+	School	LA Average	Nat'l Average
Reading	71%	88%	84%
Writing	71%	86%	80%
Mathematics	86%	95%	90%

Ofsted

The overall effectiveness of the school was judged as satisfactory (09/05/2006).

Number of Pupils

Current Admission Number:	44
Proposed Admission Number:	60
Current Age Range:	4 – 9
Proposed Age Range:	4 – 11
7 Year Average Intake*	24
Projected Intake 2010	39
Projected Intake 2014	51
Projected Intake 2018	53

Site

The site comprises 13,385 m². This is sufficient for the proposed school if a MUGA was provided.

Existing Buildings

The school buildings date from the 1950s and are in fair condition.

Location

The school is situated in the centre of Cowes and is within safe walking distance for many of the pupils who attend the school. The school is adjacent to the Somerton Middle site.

Early Years/Childcare Provision

There is on site provision open all year.

Northwood Primary School

Wyatts Lane
Northwood
Cowes
PO31 8PU

Proposal: 1 form entry primary school on existing site

Method: Increase upper age limit of existing school

Standards

KS1 results 2007 Pupils achieving Level 2+	School	LA Average	Nat'l Average
Reading	85%	88%	84%
Writing	90%	86%	80%
Mathematics	98%	95%	90%

Ofsted

The overall effectiveness of the school was judged as outstanding (14/03/2007).

Number of Pupils

Current Admission Number:	42
Proposed Admission Number:	30
Current Age Range:	4 – 9
Proposed Age Range:	4 – 11
7 Year Average Intake*	38
Projected Intake 2010	30
Projected Intake 2014	30
Projected Intake 2018	30

Site

The site comprises 10,900 m². This is sufficient for the proposed school.

Existing Buildings

The school buildings date from 1855 with 1990s additions and are in good condition. Minor refurbishment of the existing buildings will be needed.

Location

The school is situated in Northwood village and attracts a significant number of its pupils from Cowes. School transport from outlying areas such as Horsebridge Hill is an issue that needs to be considered.

Early Years/Childcare Provision

There is on site provision open term time only.

Solent Middle School

Baring Road
Cowes
PO31 8DS

Proposal: Closed
Method: Closure

Standards

KS2 results 2007 Pupils achieving Level 4+	School	LA Average	Nat'l Average
English	87%	79%	80%
Mathematics	82%	72%	77%
Science	98%	87%	88%

Ofsted

The overall effectiveness of the school was judged as good (07/06/2006).

Number of Pupils

Current Admission Number: 90
Proposed Admission Number: n/a

Current Age Range: 9 – 13
Proposed Age Range: n/a

7 Year Average Intake* 93
Projected Intake 2010 n/a
Projected Intake 2014 n/a
Projected Intake 2018 n/a

Site

The site comprises 39,000 m². This is sufficient for Gurnard Primary School.

Existing Buildings

The school buildings date from the 1970s and are in good condition. The refurbishment of existing buildings will be needed, including the removal of areas surplus to requirement.

Location

The school is situated at the western edge of Cowes and is within the Gurnard parish. It is located closer to many pupils attending Gurnard Primary than the current Gurnard site. School transport from outlying areas such as Porchfield would remain an issue that needs to be considered.

Somerton Middle School

Love Lane
Cowes
PO31 7ES

Proposal: Closed
Method: Closure

Standards

KS2 results 2007 Pupils achieving Level 4+	School	LA Average	Nat'l Average
English	89%	79%	80%
Mathematics	74%	72%	77%
Science	98%	87%	88%

Ofsted

The overall effectiveness of the school was judged as satisfactory (12/02/2008).

Number of Pupils

Current Admission Number: 89
Proposed Admission Number: n/a

Current Age Range: 9 – 13
Proposed Age Range: n/a

7 Year Average Intake* 73
Projected Intake 2010 n/a
Projected Intake 2014 n/a
Projected Intake 2018 n/a

Site

The site comprises 37,600 m². This is sufficient for Love Lane Primary School.

Existing Buildings

The school buildings date from the 1970s and are in fair condition. The refurbishment of existing buildings and an extension equivalent to 2 – 3 additional classrooms will be needed. It may be advantageous to change the main access point to the school.

Location

The school is situated in the centre of Cowes and is within safe walking distance for many of the pupils who attend the Love Lane Primary. The school is adjacent to the Love Lane Primary site.

Cowes High School

Crossfield Avenue
Cowes
PO31 8HB

Proposal: Closed
Method: Closure

Standards

GCSE results 2007 Pupils achieving	School	LA Average	Nat'l Average
5 A*-C	55%	52.9%	62%
5 A*-C inc Maths & English	42%	42.2%	46.8%

Post 16 results 2007	School	LA Average	Nat'l Average
Av points score per student	553.4	608.2	731.2

Ofsted

The overall effectiveness of the school was judged as satisfactory with a satisfactory 6th form (04/12//2006).

Number of Pupils

Current Admission Number: 350
Proposed Admission Number: n/a

Current Age Range: 13 – 18
Proposed Age Range: n/a

7 Year Average Intake* 266
Projected Intake 2010 n/a
Projected Intake 2014 n/a
Projected Intake 2018 n/a

Site

The site comprises 111,450 m². This is sufficient for the new Cowes Secondary School.

Existing Buildings

The school buildings date from the 1940s – 1970s and are in poor condition.

Location

The school is situated in the centre of Cowes.

Cowes Secondary School

Crossfield Avenue
Cowes
PO31 8HB

Proposal: **New School**
Method: **Competition**

Standards

The new secondary school will be expected to achieve above the national average standards at GCSE and AVCE/AS.

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n/a

Number of Pupils

Current Admission Number:	n/a
Proposed Admission Number:	260 – 300

Current Age Range:	n/a
Proposed Age Range:	11 – 19

7 Year Average Intake*	n/a
Projected Intake 2010	260
Projected Intake 2014	280
Projected Intake 2018	300

Site

The site comprises 111,450 m². This is sufficient for the proposed new school.

Existing Buildings

New buildings will replace the existing Cowes High buildings, which will be demolished on completion of construction. The One School Pathfinder (OSP) forms part of the new build.

Location

The site is situated in the centre of Cowes.