MEETING OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM

Tuesday 2nd July 2019, 1pm to 3pm at Whitmore High School

AGENDA

Item	Title		Attachments
1	Apologies & Order of Agenda		
2	Minutes of the Last Meeting – 7 May 2019		Attached
3	Matters Arising		
4	DSG Budget Monitoring 2019-20		Report by Jo Frost attached
5	School Place Planning & Admissions		Report by Raj Parmar attached
6	Future Meeting Dates:	10 September 2019 15 October 2019 19 November 2019 14 January 2020 10 March 2020 5 May 2020 7 July 2020	
7	AOB		

Date of Next Meeting: 10 September 2019

Voting Members Circulation:

Mike Baumring (Headteacher-Kenmore Park Junior School)	Patrick O'Dwyer (Special Needs Service)
Jo Daswani (Headteacher-Whitchurch Primary School)	Anna Smakowska (Headteacher-Woodlands School)
David O'Farrell (Headteacher-St Bernadette's Primary School)	Anne Monahan (Headteacher-St Anselm's Primary School)
Sue Hammond (Chair) (Headteacher-Whitmore High School)	Vacant (Governor)
Nigel Hewett (AHGB Representative)	Jonathan Watson (Associate Headteacher – Whitefriars)
Rebecca Hastings (Headteacher-Cedars Manor School)	Pam Virdee (Headteacher-Longfield Primary School)
Sue Maguire (Headteacher-Hatch End High School)	16-19 Representative (Principals Harrow/Stanmore/St Dominic's)
Rutinder Mahil-Pooni (Headteacher-Kenmore Park Inf Sch)	Jackie Halpin (Headteacher-Hillview Nursery School)
Paa-King Maselino (Headteacher-The Helix Education Centre)	Keven Bartle (Headteacher– Canons High School)
Paul Gamble (Headteacher-Harrow High School)	Louise Browning (Headteacher – Norbury School)
Vacant (PVI representative)	Geraldine Higgins (Headteacher-Sacred Heart Lang College)
Ian Noutch (Academy High School Finance Manager)	Vacant (Governor)

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Barbara Worrall (Schools Finance Manager)	Jo Frost (Finance Business Partner)

SCHOOLS FORUM

<u>Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7 May 2019</u> <u>at 1.00 pm at Whitmore High School</u>

Members Present:Sue Hammond – Headteacher, Whitmore High School (CHAIR)
Pam Virdee – Headteacher, Longfield School (VICE CHAIR)
Mike Baumring - Headteacher, Kenmore Park Junior School
David O'Farrell – Headteacher, St Bernadette's Primary School
Rutinder Mahil-Pooni – Headteacher, Kenmore Park Infant School
Anne Monahan – Headteacher, St Anselm's Primary School
Geraldine Higgins – Headteacher, Sacred Heart Language College
Paul Gamble – Headteacher, Harrow High School
Ian Noutch – Academy High School Finance Manager
Anna Smakowska – Headteacher, Woodlands School
Christine Robson – Portfolio Holder, Young People & Schools
Louise Browning – Headteacher, Norbury Primary School

Officers in Attendance: Jo Frost - Finance Business Partner

SH opened the meeting.

1. Apologies and Order of the Agenda

Apologies were received and accepted from:

Patrick O'Dwyer – Div. Director Education Services (Special Needs Services) Nigel Hewitt – Association of Harrow Governing Bodies Rebecca Hastings – Headteacher, Cedars Manor School Sue Maguire – Headteacher, Hatch End High School

The order of the agenda was agreed.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 5 March 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2019 were agreed

3. Matters Arising

A number of members requested an update on the LA's recent consultation in respect of funding for EHCPs in mainstream schools. SH explained that the LA had gone ahead with the consultation and due to strength of feeling with the responses have agreed to delay implementation for one year.

IN requested the LA consider how to ensure schools with higher numbers of EHCPs are not disproportionately affected by this change.

There was a request for an update on the matrix banding work and how this change will impact on any proposals as well as other work of the SEN strategy group. SH agreed to write to POD to request an update on actions from the consultation and the status of the working group for the next Schools Forum meeting. This needs to include direction of travel and timescales.

4. DSG Budget 2018-19 Final Outturn

JF introduced the report which set out the final outturn for the DSG budget in 2018-19. The overall position was a net overspend of £49k.

JF explained the underspend of £543k on the Early Years Block mainly as a result of additional funding for 2017-18 in respect of the January Early Years Census and a fewer number of children participating in universal 3 & 4 year old offer in 2018-19. On this basis the LA requested that approx. £340k of the overall underspend be earmarked in the contingency for possible in 2019-20 as the January 2019 census recorded fewer pupils than the 2018-19 and 2019-20 budgets are based on.

Similarly there were a fewer number of children participating in the 2 year old offer in 2018-19 and therefore it is proposed to earmark £104k of the underspend in the contingency for possible clawback in 2019-20.

In respect of the High Needs Block there was a net overspend of £986k. SH observed that all of the overspend is attributed to the independent & non-maintained special school sector. JF explained that the SEND Strategy aims to address this. IN requested that pupil numbers be added to the financial spend for context.

ACTION JF

It was acknowledged that in some cases tribunal decisions can increase costs to the LA with no additional funding. SH suggested that there should be a system that requires a trial period at local provision before getting to a tribunal stage. LB explained that there is some good practice to build on as some transition from out of borough provision has been successful.

JF explained that the LA's special free school bid had been rejected and the LA was due to have feedback the following week.

SH explained that the DfE had issued a Call For Evidence in respect of SEND funding. SH requested that the LA respond to the Call For Evidence and proposed a small group of head teachers pull together a response on behalf of schools.

ACTION SH/JF

Schools Forum noted the underspends in respect of the central items and growth fund.

Schools Forum noted the overall position on the contingency.

Schools Forum agreed that:

- £340k be earmarked within the contingency in 2019-20 for possible clawback in respect of 3&4 year old universal offer funding
- £104k be earmarked within the contingency in 2019-20 for possible clawback in respect of 2 year old funding

JF explained that any clawbacks would be known by July 2019.

Any Other Business

IN requested an update on primary & secondary place numbers, by planning area, by year group and including any temporary PAN adjustments.

Next Meeting and Agenda Items

The next meeting will take place on 2 July at 1pm at Whitmore High School.

The meeting closed at 2pm

Future Dates

2 July 2019

Academic year 2019-20 dates to be agreed at Schools Forum 2 July 2019.

Meeting:	Schools Forum
Date:	2 July 2019
Subject:	Item 4: 2019-20 DSG Budget Monitoring
Responsible Officer:	Jo Frost, Finance Business Partner – Children's Services

Section 1 – summary

- 1. This report is the 2019-20 budget monitoring report for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)
 - Schools Block
 - Early Years Block
 - High Needs Block
 - Centrally retained and de-delegated budgets

Section 2 – report

- 2. The total notified DSG budget after recoupment for academies and high needs places as at Q1 is £137.213m. A summary of funding blocks and forecast expenditure is shown at Table 1.
- 3. There is a projected overspend on the High Needs Block of £3.690m and a projected underspend on the Schools Block (growth fund) of £127k

Table 1 – DSG budget and forecast 2019-20

Block	2019-20	2019-20 Forecast	Variance
	Budget £'000	£'000	£'000
Central	£1,225	£1,225	£0
Early Years	£17,499	£17,499	£0
High Needs	£30,850	£34,540	£3,690
Schools	£87,639	£87,512	-£127
Total	£137,213	£140,776	£3,563

Early Years Block

 In 2019-20 the current Early Years Block is £17.499m. This figure will be subject to adjustment for pupils recorded on the January 2019 and January 2020 Early Years Censuses.

3&4 year old provision

- 5. A new local funding formula was introduced in 2017-18. At quarter 1 the projection indicates that there could be an underspend on this budget however it is included in the forecast as a balanced budget as the final outturn will depend on claims from providers.
- 6. The current budget for 2019-20 is based on the January 2017 and 2018 Early Years Censuses. It will be updated in July to reflect the January 2018 and 2019 Early Years Censuses. As reported to Schools Forum in May 2019, as part of the 2018-19 outturn report, there was a reduction in participation between January 2018 and 2019 of 183 children. This means that there will likely be a reduction in budget for 2019-20 to reflect this. In addition there will be clawback of funding for 2018-19 which has been earmarked to be funded from last year's underspend held in the contingency.
- 7. In relation to the additional 15 hour entitlement there was an increase in children between the censuses of 179 which is likely to mean that there will be an increase in budget in 2019-20.

2 year old provision

8. In 2019-20 the hourly rate paid to providers remains at £5.92. As with 3&4 year old provision, participation in 2018-19 was lower than the number of children which the budget was based on. This means that there will likely be a reduction in budget for 2019-20 to reflect this. In addition there will be clawback of funding for 2018-19 which has been earmarked to be funded from last year's underspend held in the contingency.

High Needs Block

- 9. The High Needs Block budget is £30.850m after recoupment of place funding for academies/free schools and post 16 institutions and including the 0.25% transfer from the Schools Block (£414k) agreed for 2019-20 and the additional High Needs funding announced by the Government in December 2018 (£606k in 2018-19 and 2019-20). It is currently forecasting to overspend by £3.690m.
- 10. In 2018-19 the Government introduced a High Needs National Funding Formula which has generated funding which is £2.9m lower than the actual budget allocated to High Needs in 2017-18. This is partially due to the fact that the 50% of the overall allocation is based on previous years' HNB allocations, rather than the actual spending on HNB.
- 11. The LA has set a deficit budget based on projected spend and numbers of children and will need to fund this from future years' DSG allocations or a transfer from the General Fund. Any changes to SEND funding or provision for young people would be subject to consultation with relevant stakeholders.
- 12. There is a significant and growing shortfall within the HNB across London. A recent survey showed that London boroughs had a total shortfall of £78m in 2017-18 compared with HNB allocations, with 32 out of 33 boroughs reporting a shortfall. Up until now, some boroughs, like Harrow, have been able to contain this within the overall DSG by transferring funding between blocks and/or using brought forward contingencies whilst other boroughs are already reporting DSG deficits. However the introduction of the HNB NFF and restrictions on block movements has highlighted more clearly the significant level of underfunding in respect of High Needs.
- 13. While the DSG formula does include proxies for high need through deprivation and other measures, and does reflect changes in pupil numbers and general 2-18 population, it does not recognise increasing incidence of SEND.
- 14. The detailed budgets are shown at Appendix A. The 2019-20 High Needs Block is set out at Table 2 below which includes the budget, forecast spend, variance and the number of pupils in both 2018-19 and 2019-20.

Table 2 – High Needs Block 2019-20 Quarter 1

	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20		2018-19	
	Budget	Forecast	Variance	No.	Outturn	No.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	Pupils	£'000	Pupils
Independent & NMSS Day & Residential Provision	£6,460	£6,461	£1	148.27	£5,780	125.14
Independent Specialist Provision	£1,314	£1,470	£156	32.46	£1,248	37.70
EHCPs in Out Borough Mainstream Schools	£614	£614	£0	97.78	£740	107.98
FE Colleges	£1,740	£1,909	£169	206.07	£1,791	182.78
Other LA Special Schools	£2,359	£2,442	£83	139.31	£2,011	130.58
Early Years SEN Provision	£356	£356	£0	56.88	£239	44.83
EOTAS & Alternative Provision	£265	£290	£25		£286	
Harrow Maintained Special Schools	£8,860	£8,860	£0	400.00	£8,075	394.17
Harrow Academies Special Schools	£1,003	£943	-£60	80.00	£913	80.00
Pupil Referral Unit	£1,437	£1,437	£0	74.00	£1,437	74.00
PFI Special Schools	£449	£449	£0		£449	
Sensory Teams	£1,151	£1,151	£0		£1,122	
SEN Transport	£187	£187	£0		£187	
Therapy	£773	£773	£0		£708	
EHCPs in Harrow Academies	£2,838	£2,838	£0	258.00	£2,142	199.00
EHCPs in Harrow Maintained Schools	£2,678	£2,690	£12	212.00	£2,967	222.00
Harrow Academies ARMs Units	£683	£683	£0	73.58	£414	52.75
Harrow Schools ARMs Units	£988	£988	£0	55.42	£1,055	67.58
BUDGETED DEFICIT	-£3,306	£0	£3,306			
GRAND TOTAL	£30,850	£34,540	£3,690	1,833.77	£31,563	1,697.60

15. The forecast as at quarter 1 is a predicted overspend of £3.690m. There are still a number of provisional forecasts as not all of the changes for September are known or confirmed and this in particular applies to the post 16/19 budgets.

Independent & Non Maintained Special Schools (INMSS)

Day Provision

16. The forecast as at quarter 1 is an overspend of £148k. The majority of inborough provision is full and therefore any growth in pupil numbers is increasingly placed out of borough. The forecast also includes the full year effect of last year's growth which started in September 2018 and projections of growth for September 2019. The forecast includes 8 further possible placements this academic year totalling £424k.

Residential Provision

17. The forecast as at quarter 1 is an underspend of £147k. There has been an overall reduction in the number of children placed in residential school provision over the past few years. It is anticipated that the numbers in 2019-20 will remain similar to 2018-19 at around 13. The forecast includes 4 further possible placements this academic year totalling £234k.

Independent Specialist Provision

18. The forecast as at quarter 1 is an overspend of £156k. There is expected to be fewer young people placed in ISPs this financial year however the expenditure is higher than last year as the average cost per place has increased by about £13k. This is because the increasing complexity of young people's needs means they are being placed in increasingly more expensive provision. The forecast includes 4 further possible placements this academic year totalling £130k.

Out of Borough Education Health Care Plans

19. This budget funds top up funding for EHCPs for Harrow pupils in other local authority mainstream schools and academies. The forecast as at quarter 1 is to budget.

Further Education Colleges

20. The forecast as at quarter 1 is an overspend of £169k. At this point in the year it is difficult to estimate the forecast for the full financial year until more clarity is available in relation to college placements from September. The forecast includes further possible placements this academic year totalling £125k.

Other local authority special schools

- 21. This budget funds top up funding for Harrow pupils in other local authority special schools. The forecast as at quarter 1 is an overspend of £83k. There is an increase in spend from 2018-19 mainly as a result of the full year effect of growth in September 2018 and projected growth as well as an increase in the average cost of provision from £15k to £17k.
- 22. In previous years the LA has benefited by placing pupils in other LA special schools since the place funding (£10k) has to be paid by the host LA and only the top up is paid by the child's resident LA. However, in 2017-18 the ESFA has begun to calculate import/export adjustments on an annual basis. Therefore place funding for any Harrow pupils placed in other LA special schools will be recouped and paid to the host LA.

Early Years SEN Provision

23. The forecast at quarter 1 is a balanced budget. This budget commissions places at Herga nursery schools and Chatter Tots Pre School Language Unit and provides an ARMs type unit at Hillview nursery school. In addition this budget provides funding for EHCPs for 3 and 4 year old nursery age children accessing PVI provision.

Education Other Than At School (EOTAS) & Alternative Provision

24. The forecast at quarter 1 is an overspend of £25k. The budget funds young people with high needs who are educated outside of a school setting including young people who are receiving medical treatment in a medical facility for example for mental health issues and accessing education at the provision. The responsibility for the education funding lies with the local authority through the high needs block regardless of whether the young person has a statement or EHCP. The budget is also required to fund education placements for Looked After Children who are educated in alternative or other non-mainstream provision.

Harrow Maintained Special School Budgets & The Helix

- 25. The forecast as at quarter 1 is within budget. This budget funds the place funding and element 3 top up funding for the three maintained special schools and The Helix.
- 26. As shown in Table 2 above the spend appears to have increased between years by around £800k. However in previous years the ESFA used to provided sixth form funding for special schools via a separate post 16 grant

and this was therefore not included within the overall DSG spend. However in 2019-20 this grant has been rolled into the DSG and therefore the expenditure is now shown within this budget.

27. The actual real budget increase of £255k is due to the full year effect of additional places commissioned at Woodlands in September 2018 to meet the growth in demand for reception children. No adjustment has been made for claw back of top up funding for vacant places or for other LA pupils.

Harrow Academies Special Schools

28. The forecast as at quarter 1 is an underspend of £60k due to clawback of top ups for out of borough pupils. This budget funds top up funding for places in Harrow special academies. Place funding has been recouped by the ESFA from the Council and is paid to the academy directly.

PFI Schools

29. PFI affordability gap funding for the three maintained PFI schools

Sensory Teams

30. The forecast as at quarter 1 is that the service will spend within budget.

SEN Transport

31. This is an agreed and fixed amount of funding from the DSG to contribute to SEN home to school transport.

Therapy

32. The forecast as at quarter 1 is that the service will spend within budget. The budget funds the Speech and Language Therapy contract with London North West Healthcare NHS Trust. In addition there is funding for adhoc therapy packages to individual children. The forecast is based on the agreed contractual values as well as an allowance for adhoc therapy packages.

Harrow Academies Costed Statements/EHCPs

33. The forecast as at quarter 3 is within budget. The forecast is based on the actual number of plans and top up funding is adjusted throughout the year. The forecast assumes that net anticipated cost of starters and leavers for the remainder of the academic year will not increase the forecast.

Harrow Schools & Academies EHCPs

34. The forecast as at quarter 1 is small overspend of £12k. The forecast is based on the actual number of plans on the October Census. An allowance of £200k

has been included to take account of the net anticipated cost of starters and leavers for the remainder of the academic year as top up funding is adjusted monthly.

Harrow Schools & Academies ARMs Units

35. The forecast as at quarter 1 is a balanced budget. This budget funds top up funding for places in specialist units in Harrow schools and academy primary and secondary schools. No adjustment has been made for claw back of top up funding for vacant places or for other LA pupils.

Growth Fund

36. The growth fund has been primarily established for Additional Class Funding for planned increases in PAN for the Primary Expansion Programme. Schools taking a bulge class or expanding permanently will receive £63k per class to cover the period September to March until the additional pupils are funded in the following year's budget through the census. In addition, funds have been added for expansion funding for schools extending the age range, in year bulge classes in the second year and funding for schools with varying rolls.

Category	Budget £'000	Forecast £'000	Variance £'000
Primary Expansion Funding	£1,312	£1,312	£0
Licences	£165	£165	£0
Varying Rolls Fund	£121	£121	£0
Extension of Age Range	£102	£102	£0
Sub Total	£1,700	£1,700	£0
Recoupment from ESFA for academies growth	£127	£0	-£127
Budget 2019-20	£1,827	£1,700	-£127

Table 3 – Growth Fund

Primary School Expansion Funding

- 37.£1.312m is earmarked for schools taking expansion classes from September 2019. Included in this budget is also a contingency for additional bulge classes in other year groups that may be required in 2019-20. The underspend relates to clawback of bulge class funding where the bulge has moved out the top of the school and the assumption that the additional in year bulge classes will not be required this financial year.
- 38. As part of the budget setting process the LA is required to allocate primary expansion funding for academies for a full academic year. The element that

relates to April 2020 to August 2020 is then reallocated back into the DSG via recoupment. This is therefore additional to the anticipated schools budget available and will be an underspend in the growth fund of £127k.

Contingency

39. The anticipated impact on the contingency in 2019-20 is shown as follows:

Description	Non Earmarked £'000	Earmarked £'000	Total £'000
Contingency opening balance 2019-20	£1,270	£1,344	£2,614
Allocated to Schools Funding Formula 2019-20		-£900	-£900
Potential for Clawback Early Years		-£444	-£444
2019-20 Schools Block Underspend	£127		£127
2019-20 High Needs Block Overspend			
Proposed carry forward for 2019-20	£1,397	£0	£1,397

- 40. The balance brought forward for 2019-20 is £2.614m. Of this, £900k has already been allocated in the Schools Funding Formula for 2019-20 and is included in school budgets this year. A further £444k is anticipated to be clawed back retrospectively for Early Years for 2018-19 as a result of reduction in participation as set out in paragraphs 4-8 above.
- 41. The expected underspend in the growth fund of £127k can be added back into the contingency.
- 42. The LA requests Schools Forum to make a decision as to whether to contribute any of the remaining non-earmarked contingency to the overspend on the High Needs Block.

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Meeting:	Schools Forum
Date:	2 July 2019
Subject:	Item 5: School Place Planning and Admissions
Responsible Officer:	Rajeshree Parmar, Head of School Organisation, Admissions and Attendance

Section 1 – summary

- 1. This report is to update Schools Forum on the position for reception place planning as at July 2019.
- 2. Schools Forum is asked to:
 - Note the update on primary & secondary place numbers, by planning area, by year group and including any temporary PAN adjustments.

Section 2 – report

- 3. Schools Forum requested an update report on primary and secondary place numbers and any temporary PAN adjustments.
- 4. The Local Authority has a statutory responsibility to provide sufficient school places for its area. Like many boroughs, Harrow has experienced significant growth in the pupil population and has implemented strategies to increase the number of school places. Initially this rise in population was experienced in the primary sector, where now the numbers are declining and projected to continue this trend. However the increase in pupil numbers are now starting to emerge at secondary level as the pupils move from primary phase to secondary. This trend is line with the overall trend in London. The LA will publish the latest school roll projections at Cabinet on 11 July 2019. A link to the report will be circulated to Schools Forum.

Admission to Reception September 2019

5. The position with applications and pupils is not static. There is movement in the number of applications from the closing date to offer day, further changes are recorded in the October census and then again in January.

6. The data in the table 1 below shows the number of on time applications, the pupils on roll in January and the number of school places from 2011-12 to 2019-20.

Year	On time apps	Reception Number on Roll at Jan Census	Number of places
2011-12	2,727	2,759	2,800
2012-13	2,796	2,879	2,910
2013-14	2,991	3,030	3,060
2014-15	3,210	3,251	3,300
2015-16	3,126	3,198	3,300
2016-17	3,175	3,152	3,450
2017-18	3,144	3,191	3,450
2018-19	2,968	3,044	3,450
2019-20	2,976		3,390*

Table 1 – Primary Applications, NOR and places

* The Welldon Park Academy and Cedars Manor School – PAN reduction from 3FE to 2FE

- 7. Following an increase in applications from 2011-12 to 2014-15 there is a downward trend. The transition from application to pupils on roll shows a slight increase in the January census figures.
- 8. Since the closing date, the total number of applications for September 2019 from Harrow residents has increased from 2,976 to 3,118. Although there is still movement in the system as some families opt to send their child to a school outside of Harrow or an Independent School.
- 9. For September 2019, the following actions are being undertaken to manage the number of primary places:
 - The PAN for two schools has been reduced following agreement by the OSA.
 - There are informal agreements in place with four schools to manage the number of places for September 2019
 - Officers have agreed to work with two schools informally to a lower PAN reducing by 1FE for Year 1.

10. These informal actions by Planning Area are summarised below:

Table 2 – Informal actions by planning area

Planning	Option	Outcome	
Area			
North East	Work to a PAN of 60 for	Two schools informally working to	
	Reception 2019	a PAN of 60	
South East	Work to a PAN of 90 for	Informal agreement in place	
	September 2019		
South	Work to a PAN of 60	Informal agreement in place	
West			
Central	Informal agreement to work to	This is dependent on the pupils	
	a lower PAN for Year 1 for	on roll falling by 1FE	
	September 2019		
North West	Informal agreement to work to	This is dependent on the pupils	
	a lower PAN for Year 1 for	on roll falling by 1FE	
	September 2019		

- 11. For September 2020-21 the PAN reductions at The Welldon Park Academy (South West Planning Area) and Cedars Manor (North East Planning Area) will continue with the additional 2FE reduction at Weald Rise Primary School (North East Planning Area). The Total number of places for September 2020 will be 3,330.
- 12. Officers are engaging with schools to discuss further formal reductions in PAN for Reception 2020.
- 13. It should be noted that if applications are received for a school with informal agreements, then a place will be offered in accordance with the PAN. Officers will continue to monitor the situation and bring forward proposals to manage the number of places within the context of school roll projections as published in July 2019, demand within planning areas and other strategic opportunities for example options to utilise surplus capacity in the borough to create additional SEN places.

Current primary in-year situation

14. The position in other year groups and planning areas varies however all planning areas have some vacancies in Reception to Year 4. There are currently a small number of vacancies in Year 5 and no available places in Year 6 in schools. Pupils have been placed via the Fair Access Protocol (FAP) and most schools are above PAN. In Year 3 there are currently only a small number of places and FAP may have to be used to place pupils. 15. School Admissions will always aim to place siblings in one school local to their home address.

Admission to Year 7 in September 2019

16. This is the first year that the primary bulge is moving through to Year 7. All on time applicants were offered a place with the support of schools who worked with the LA to ensure all pupils had a reasonable offer. The table below shows the number of places available.

Year	On time apps	Year 7 Number on Roll at Jan Census	Number of places
2013-14	2,329	1,982	2,180
2014-15	2,475	2,160	2,330
2015-16	2,557	2,204	2,390
2016-17	2,676	2,377	2,660
2017-18	2,753	2,347	2,690
2018-19	2,749	2,534	2,744
2019-20	2,914		2,768

Table 3 – Secondary Applications, NOR and places

- 17. Secondary school place planning is more susceptible to changes within neighbouring boroughs and wider areas. For example, there is an established pattern of Harrow pupils travelling to access grammar, independent or faith schools not located in Harrow. In addition, there have been free schools announced in neighbouring boroughs which might impact on current provision.
- 18. Officers will be discussing with Secondary Heads options to discuss how to meet the future demand.

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