

**Devon County Council**  
County Hall  
Topsham Road  
Exeter  
Devon  
EX2 4QD



# **East Devon Local Plan 2020-2042**

## **Evidence Base Report: Education**

**Produced by (who is the author of the document):**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
Amber Dopson	Senior School Infrastructure and Place Planning Officer

**Reviewed and checked by:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Date 24.11.25</b>
Karen Worthington	Service Lead - Access to Education Strategy & Central Operations Team	

## **1. Devon County Council Statutory Responsibilities: Pupil Place Planning**

- 1.1 This report provides the evidence to support Devon County Council's (DCC) education infrastructure requirements in response to the development identified in the East Devon Local Plan (2020 – 2042). This covers DCC's responsibilities in respect of providing sufficient childcare and early years, primary and secondary education, and for learners up to twenty-five who have an identified special education need through an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).
- 1.2 DCC plans strategically for a sustainable pattern of provision which accounts for patterns in population growth and the impact of planned future housing development within an area.
- 1.3 Local Education Authorities have a statutory duty to ensure there is sufficient and suitable education provision. Devon County Council's priority, as set out in the Education Infrastructure Plan (EIP) (2016-2033)<sup>1</sup> is to provide local schools for local children and recognises the role that schools play in the wider community. This is underpinned by the Office of the School's Adjudicator's determination that pupil numbers and places in a school's designated area must be balanced so parents have a reasonable chance of gaining admission.
- 1.4 In respect of early years provision, the Local Authority has a statutory responsibility to ensure sufficient early years and childcare places for 0-5 year olds. This requirement extends to school holiday provision.
- 1.5 In 2024/2025 there were 9,848 children and young people with an EHCP in Devon. The majority of learners' needs can be fully met within mainstream provision; however, a proportion of learners will require specialist provision, either a place in a special resource base/unit on a mainstream school site or within a special school place. It is anticipated that 2% of the total school population will need specialist provision.
- 1.6 The infrastructure required to support the Local Plan is underpinned by the policies and principles as set out in the approved Devon County Council's Education Infrastructure Plan (EIP) (2016-2033) and the Education Approach for Securing Developer Contributions (2025)<sup>2</sup> which includes details of pupil yields and infrastructure costs in relation to mainstream and specialist education provision. It also sets out the statutory requirement to support Home to School transport.

## **2. The Plan and Education Requirements**

- 2.1 East Devon District Council has produced a Publication Draft Local Plan which will cover the period 2020 to 2042. The East Devon Local Plan aims to deliver a total of 21,100 new homes between 2020 and 2042 primarily concentrated in the Western Side which includes the Cranbrook Expansion Areas and the development of a New Town near Exeter named Marcombe.

---

<sup>1</sup> [Devon County Council's Education Infrastructure Plan \(2016-2033\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Devon County Council's Education Approach for Developer Contributions \(September 2025\)](#)

The plan proposes the following number of dwellings for East Devon during the plan period (2020 – 2042) and this has informed the Local Education Authority response.

Settlement	Delivered 2020/21 - 2024/25 (Number of dwellings)	Commitments 2025/26 – 2041/42 (Number of dwellings)		Plan Period Totals 2020/21 – 2041/42 (Number of dwellings)
		Allocations	Permissions	
Aunk	2	0	8	10
Axminster	232	1086	41	1359
Axmouth	0	0	1	1
Aylesbeare	1	0	0	1
Awliscombe	0	0	3	3
Beer	9	0	34	43
Blackhorse	2	0	54	56
Broadclyst	2	124	63	189
Broadhembury	0	10	2	12
Budleigh Salterton	48	35	15	98
Chardstock	1	30	0	29
Clyst Honiton	59	0	98	157
Clyst St George	1	0	0	1
Clyst St Mary	7	72	83	162
Colaton Raleigh	1	0	0	1
Colestocks	1	0	0	1
Colyford	4	0	4	8
Colyton	24	61	74	159
Cranbrook	1082	0	4932	6014
Dalwood	0	0	1	1
Dulford	0	0	1	1
Dunkeswell	10	43	13	66
East Budleigh	4	15	5	24
Ebford	1	0	2	3
Exmouth	621	1455	524	2600
Exton	5	53	12	70
Farringdon	3	0	1	4
Feniton	15	102	7	124
Hawkchurch	1	12	0	13
Honiton	409	877	125	1411

<b>Settlement</b>	<b>Delivered</b>	<b>Commitments</b>		<b>Plan Period</b>
	<b>2020/21 - 2024/25</b> (Number of dwellings)	<b>2025/26 – 2041/42</b> (Number of dwellings)		<b>Totals 2020/21 – 2041/42</b> (Number of dwellings)
Jack in the Green	2	0	1	3
Kerswell	2	0	2	4
Kilmington	3	28	0	31
Luppitt	0	0	1	1
Lympstone	10	92	10	112
Membury	0	0	1	1
Monkton	1	0	0	1
Musbury	1	15	0	16
Newton Poppleford	11	40	11	62
North of Blackhorse	726	0	573	1299
North of Topsham	0	596	0	596
Offwell	0	0	1	1
Otterton	15	10	2	27
Ottery St Mary	97	318	21	436
Payhembury	0	15	0	15
Pinhoe	411	0	57	468
Plymtree	2	30	5	37
Rawridge	1	0	3	4
Raymond's Hill	1	0	1	2
Rockbeare	5	0	9	14
Rousdon Estate	1	0	0	1
Rural areas	141	3402	228	3771
Seaton	85	284	166	535
Sidbury	0	43	0	43
Sidmouth	72	157	225	454
Smallridge	2	0	1	3
Southleigh	1	0	1	2
Stoke Canon	4	0	0	4
Talaton	3	0	0	3
Tipton St John	5	5	0	10
Uplyme	6	0	3	9
Upton Pyne	1	0	2	3
West Clyst	20	0	71	91

Settlement	Delivered	Commitments		Plan Period Totals
	2020/21 - 2024/25 (Number of dwellings)	2025/26 – 2041/42 (Number of dwellings)		2020/21 – 2041/42 (Number of dwellings)
West Hill	4	64	9	77
Whimble	8	83	6	97
Wilmington	1	0	0	1
Woodbury	11	216	16	243
Woodbury Salterton	2	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4198</b>	<b>9373</b>	<b>7529</b>	<b>21100</b>

Table 1: Distribution of homes proposed in the East Devon Local Plan (2020-2042)

### 3. Methodology

- 3.1 The following section outlines the methodology used by Devon County Council to evaluate the impact of the proposed level of development in East Devon and the associated education infrastructure requirements.
- 3.2 DCC has analysed nearly two decades of pupil population data to provide an estimate of the average combined cohort size. This data provides a benchmark of the average population and need for education places, and provides an overview of the inevitable peaks and troughs to support infrastructure planning.
- 3.3 Factors such as the number of students likely to require specialist provision and the impact of parental choice have been taken into consideration when establishing the number of places required as a result of the Local Plan proposals. This is then applied to the spare capacity of schools to establish the level of surplus capacity, or otherwise.
- 3.4 The cohort data used by the County Council to calculate the average combined cohorts has been provided by the National Health Service (NHS) and underpins all our place planning, including statutory returns to the Department for Education (DfE).

### 4 Individual Areas:

- 4.1 The following section of this report sets the context and need for additional education provision required to support the proposed East Devon Local Plan broken down into Local Learning Community (LLC) areas, secondary school catchments areas and feeder primary schools. The LLC areas within East Devon are Axe

Valley, Clyst Vale and Cranbrook, Exmouth, Honiton, Ottery St Mary and Sidmouth. The distribution of schools is detailed in Figure 1.

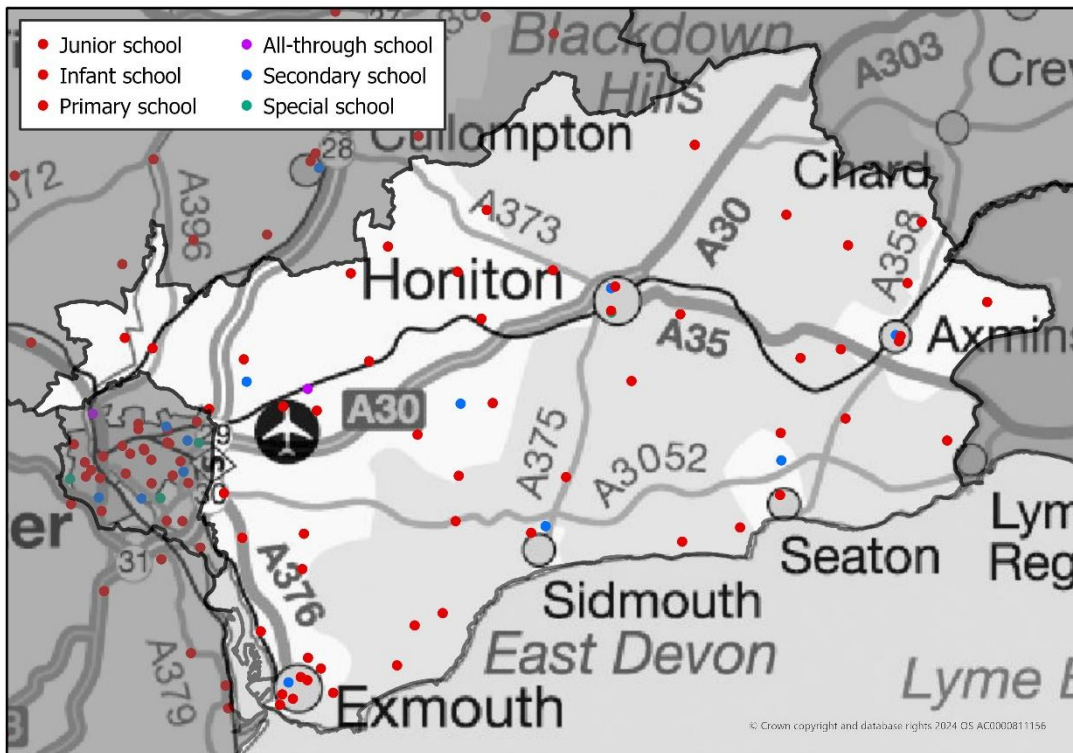


Figure 1: Distribution of schools in East Devon

## 4.2 Axminster

Axminster Local Learning Community					
Primary School	Age range *	Primary NET Capacity 2025**	Year R PAN 2026 ***	Average Combined Primary Cohort ****	Scope for future Expansion
All Saints Church Of England Primary School Axminster	4 to 11	140	15	42	Not capable on existing site
Axminster Community Primary School	2 to 11	315	45	617	Capable of expansion
Beer Church Of England Primary School	4 to 11	120	15	83	Not capable on existing site
Colyton Primary Academy	4 to 11	175	30	179	Not capable on existing site
Hawkchurch Church Of England School	2 to 11	56	8	35	Not capable on existing site
Kilminster Primary School	4 to 11	100	15	63	Not capable on existing site
Membury Community School	3 to 11	40	7	20	Not capable on existing site
Mrs Ethelston's Church of England (VA) Primary School	5 to 11	193	25	144	Not capable on existing site
Musbury Primary School	2 to 11	52	10	40	Not capable on existing site
Seaton Primary School	4 to 11	420	60	384	Not capable on existing site
Shute Community Primary School	4 to 11	96	12	29	Not capable on existing site
St Andrew's Church of England (VA) Primary, Chardstock	2 to 11	140	20	40	Not capable on existing site
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Axminster	4 to 11	140	20	No catchment area	Capable of expansion
Town Total:		595	100	659	
Rural Total:		1,392	207	1,017	
Primary Schools Total:		1,987	307	1,676	

Secondary School	Age range*	Secondary NET Capacity 2025**	Year 7 PAN 2026 ***	Average Combined Secondary Cohort ****	Scope for future Expansion
Axe Valley Academy	11 to 16	900	150	1,095	Limited options

Table 2: Axminster Local Learning Community

*\*Age Range = The age range the school accommodates. This does not include early years provision run by an independent provider on site.*

*\*\*NET Capacity 2025 = The number of school places that can be accommodated in the school for primary (4-11 years old) or secondary (11-16 years old) age pupils. Primary school NET capacity does not include capacity for nursery children and capacity for 6th form students has been deducted from the secondary school NET capacity where applicable.*

*\*\*\*PAN 2026 = Planned Admission Number at Entry Level - Reception for primary entry and Year 7 for secondary entry.*

*\*\*\*\*Average Combined Cohort = The average primary or secondary cohort size (7 year groups combined for primary and 5 year groups combined for secondary) living in the designated area for a school over a 10 year period.*

- 4.2.1 There are 13 primary schools in the Axminster Local Learning Community, with 3 schools located within the town and the remaining 10 located in surrounding rural areas. The first phase of expansion at Axminster primary school has been delivered to support existing development in the town.
- 4.2.2 In respect of the town there is a combined total average cohort size of 659 primary age (yrR - yr6) pupils, compared to a total capacity of 595 primary school places. The level of future development proposed within Axminster is expected to generate 280 primary aged pupils during the plan period. Additional primary school provision is therefore required to mitigate the impact of the Local Plan through the expansion of existing primary education provision. This will provide 175 additional primary school places in total.
- 4.2.3 There are a number of small primary schools within the LLC outside of the town with capacity to support the development.
- 4.2.4 Serving the Axe Valley Local Learning Community is Axe Valley Academy with a capacity for 900 secondary pupils. The average combined secondary age cohort totals 1,095 pupils, however there is migration cross border and to Grammar Schools.
- 4.2.5 The level of housing growth proposed in the Local Plan will generate 270 additional secondary age pupils living in the designated area for the Axe Valley Academy and therefore the secondary school will need to expand during the plan period.
- 4.2.6 Development in the rural areas within the designated area of the Axe Valley Academy will need to support the increased costs of home to school transport.

### 4.3 Clyst Vale and Cranbrook

Clyst Vale Local Learning Community					
Primary School	Age Range	Primary NET Capacity 2025	Year R PAN 2026	Average Combined Primary Cohort	Scope for future Expansion
Broadclyst Primary Academy Trust	2 to 11	420	60	176	Not capable on existing site
Clyst St Mary Primary School	4 to 11	210	30	144	Not capable on existing site
Lady Seaward's C of E Primary, Clyst St George	2 to 11	105	15	76	Not capable on existing site
Rockbeare Church Of England Primary School	3 to 11	105	12	70	Limited opportunity
Silverton Church Of England Primary School (Mid Devon)	2 to 11	140	20	125	Limited opportunity
Stoke Canon Church Of England Primary School	2 to 11	140	15	98	Not capable on existing site
Whimble Primary School	4 to 11	139	20	106	Not capable on existing site
Westclyst Community Primary School (Exeter)	2 to 11	420	60	369	Not capable on existing site
Primary Schools Total		1,679	232	1,164	

Secondary School	Age Range	Secondary NET Capacity 2024	Year 7 PAN 2026	Average Combined Secondary Cohort	Scope for future Expansion
Clyst Vale Community College	11 to 16	1,091	210	1,033	Capable of expansion

Table 3: Clyst Vale and Cranbrook Local Learning Community - Clyst Vale

Cranbrook Local Learning Community					
Primary School	Age range	Primary NET Capacity 2025	Year R PAN 2026	Average Combined Primary Cohort	Scope for future Expansion
Cranbrook Education Campus	2 to 11	420	60	750	Not capable on existing site
St Martin's Church of England Primary and Nursery School	2 to 11	420	60	371	Not capable on existing site
Primary Schools Total		840	120	1121	

Secondary School	Age Range	Secondary NET Capacity 2024	Year 7 PAN 2026	Average Combined Secondary Cohort	Scope for future Expansion
Cranbrook Education Campus	11 to 16	848 (max)	120	747	Capable of expansion

Table 4: Clyst Vale and Cranbrook Local Learning Community - Cranbrook

#### Clyst Vale LLC:

- 4.3.1 Eight rural primary schools, close to the city of Exeter and surrounding Cranbrook, make up the Clyst Vale Local Learning Community. The average combined primary cohort is 1,164 whereas the combined capacity of these schools is 1,664.
- 4.3.2 Whilst the average cohort data indicates there is surplus capacity overall, this Local Learning Community covers a wide geographical area meaning there could be individual pressure on school places in relation to specific proposals. Additional development will also have an impact on school places in the wider locality resulting from the displacement of pupils caused by development in some areas.
- 4.3.3 Proposals North of Topsham specifically will generate in the region of 150 primary age pupils. Primary school and early years provision for 0-5 year olds for this development should be provided through new education infrastructure in the local area. There is a requirement for a 1.8ha allocation of land safeguarded for education purposes to provide the option for primary school infrastructure on the development site.
- 4.3.4 Land for a new 210 place primary school with provision for early years is allocated at Tithebarn where there is ongoing development under the adopted Local Plan.
- 4.3.5 Clyst Vale Community College is the secondary school serving the area. The school currently has capacity for 1,194 for secondary age pupils and the average combined secondary cohort is 1,033 pupils.
- 4.3.6 More than 300 secondary age pupils are expected to be generated by development proposed during the plan period within the designated area for Clyst Vale Community College. Additional secondary school places should therefore be provided through the expansion of existing secondary education facilities in the local area to accommodate this increase.

## Cranbrook Expansion Areas

- 4.3.7 There are currently two primary schools serving Cranbrook, St Martin's Church of England primary school and a second two form entry primary school which forms part of the all through Cranbrook Education Campus. Cranbrook will increase in size significantly during the plan period and a further two new primary schools are planned to serve the Cranbrook expansion areas. One 420 place primary school with early years provision for 0-5 year olds and one 630 place primary school with early years provision for 0-5 year olds. This aligns to the adopted Cranbrook Plan (2013.)<sup>3</sup>
- 4.3.8 The Cranbrook Education Campus will serve the whole of Cranbrook for secondary school places and cannot support a wider area. DCC are in the process of incrementally expanding the secondary provision at the campus to accommodate 1,200 secondary school places once complete, as per the adopted Cranbrook Plan (2013.)

## Proposed New Town - Marcombe:

- 4.3.9 The new town, Marcombe, is proposed with the current designated area for Clyst Vale Community College, in close proximity to Cranbrook and Exeter. Similarly to Cranbrook, this requires a separate Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) due to the volume of development and education requirements. The town is expected to reach 10,000 homes in total and requires a large all through education campus with provision for SEND as well as four additional primary schools with early years provision for 0-5 year olds.
- 4.3.10 The education land allocation for Marcombe accounts for the additional places required to mitigate the impact of proposed development in the wider area, such as Exmouth and the West End.
- 4.3.11 3,300 homes will be delivered at Marcombe during the plan period and early delivery of education infrastructure, in particular the first phase of the education campus which will be delivered as the first school in the new town, is key for the plan in terms of the sufficiency of school places in East Devon.
- 4.3.12 There are likely to be implications for home to school transport in some areas and contributions will be required to mitigate this impact.

## **4.4 Exmouth**

<b>Exmouth Local Learning Community</b>					
<b>Primary School</b>	<b>Age Range</b>	<b>Primary NET Capacity 2025</b>	<b>Year R PAN 2026</b>	<b>Average Combined Primary Cohort</b>	<b>Scope for future Expansion</b>
Bassetts Farm Primary School	2 to 11	420	60	302	Not capable on existing site
Brixington Primary School	2 to 11	420	60	527	Capable on existing site

<sup>3</sup> The Cranbrook Plan (2013-2031) [Cranbrook Plan - Adopted Cranbrook Plan DPD 2013 - 2031 - East Devon](#)

Drake's C of E Primary, East Budleigh	3 to 11	101	15	43	Not capable on existing site
Exeter Road Community Primary School	2 to 11	210	30	260	Not capable on existing site
Littleham C of E Primary School, Exmouth	2 to 11	180	30	320	Limited options
Lympstone Church Of England Primary School	4 to 11	207	30	183	Not capable on existing site
Marpool Primary School	3 to 11*	420	60	382	Not capable on existing site
Otterton Church Of England Primary School	3 to 11	99	12	52	Not capable on existing site
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Exmouth	2 to 11	210	30	No catchment area	Not capable on existing site
St Peter's C of E Primary School, Budleigh Salterton	3 to 11	280	30	261	Limited options (off site)
The Beacon C of E Voluntary Aided Primary, Exmouth	4 to 11	203	30	186	Not capable on existing site
Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School, Exmouth	4 to 11	630	90	475	Not capable on existing site
Woodbury Church Of England Primary School	4 to 11	210	30	144	Not capable on existing site
Woodbury Salterton C of E Primary School	2 to 11	105	15	49	Not capable on existing site
Town Total:		2,900	420	2,635	
Rural Total:		795	102	549	
Primary Schools Total:		3,695	522	3,184	

\*0-11 pending significant change application approval by the DfE.

Secondary School	Age Range	Secondary NET Capacity 2024	Year 7 PAN 2026	Average Combined Secondary Cohort	Scope for future Expansion
Exmouth College	11 to 18	2,300	420	2,260	Limited opportunity

Table 5: Exmouth Local Learning Community

- 4.4.1 Fourteen primary schools serve the Exmouth Local Learning Community. Nine primary schools provide places for Exmouth Town and five in the surrounding rural areas.
- 4.4.2 The average combined primary age cohort in the town totals 2,635 pupils, whereas the combined existing capacity comes to 2,900 primary school places. Therefore,

there is spare capacity to support development in the area. The level of development proposed for Exmouth is expected to generate roughly 450 primary age pupils and the surplus capacity identified is deemed sufficient to meet the needs of the plan. Land currently identified at Goodmores Farm in the adopted East Devon Local Plan should be retained for 'education purposes.'

- 4.4.3 Within the rural primary schools, there is spare capacity to serve the proposed development including larger allocations in Lypmstone and Woodbury.
- 4.4.4 Exmouth Community College is a large secondary school serving the Exmouth Local Learning Community. Significant investment recently went into expanding this school to 2,650 places inclusive of post 16 provision to meet the needs of the current plan. The average combined secondary cohort for this school is 2,260 pupils compared with a capacity of 2,300 places for secondary age pupils. Additional secondary school provision is therefore required to support the development proposed by the plan in this area.
- 4.4.5 The education campus planned for Marlcombe will be required to provide education provision for a wider area. The reconfiguration of secondary school designated areas resulting from the delivery of this new town and the provision of these additional secondary school places locally will create the capacity required to facilitate development proposed for Exmouth which is expected to generate an additional 350 secondary age pupils.
- 4.4.6 Whilst the delivery of the new education campus will create opportunity to reduce home to school travel distances for some students, there are likely to be implications for home to school transport in other areas and developer contributions will be required to mitigate this impact.

## 4.5 Honiton

Honiton Local Learning Community					
Primary School	Age Range	Primary NET Capacity 2025	Year R PAN 2026	Average Combined Primary Cohort	Scope for future Expansion
Awliscombe Church Of England Primary School	4 to 11	140	15	31	Not capable on existing site
Broadhembury Church Of England Primary	4 to 11	56	8	21	Not capable on existing site
Farway Church Of England Primary School	4 to 11	56	8	28	Not capable on existing site
Honiton Primary School	2 to 11	630	60	559	Not capable on existing site
Littletown Primary Academy	4 to 11	413	60	402	Not capable on existing site
Offwell Church Of England Primary School	4 to 11	119	17	51	Not capable on existing site
Stockland Church Of England Primary School	4 to 11	105	15	79	Limited options
Upottery Primary	4 to 11	105	15	90	Minor / improvements
Town Total:		1,043	120	961	
Rural Total:		581	78	300	
Primary Schools Total:		1,624	198	1,261	

Secondary School	Age Range	Secondary NET Capacity 2024	Year 7 PAN 2026	Average Combined Secondary Cohort	Scope for future Expansion
Honiton Community College	11 to 16	1,058	150	906	Limited options

Table 6: Honiton Local Learning Community

- 4.5.1 There are 8 primary schools in the Honiton Local Learning Community, with 2 schools located within the town and the remaining 6 located in surrounding rural areas.
- 4.5.2 The average combined primary cohort size for Honiton Town is 961 pupils and the combined capacity of the two schools serving the town is 1,043 places. A total of 900 additional homes are proposed for the town during the plan period which would generate an additional 225 primary age pupils living in the area. Honiton Primary school has been expanded to 630 primary school places however it is currently operating at 420 places due to surplus capacity across the local learning

community. Additional primary school provision is therefore not required in Honiton to support proposed development.

- 4.5.3 Honiton Community College serves this local learning community with a capacity of 1,058. The average combined secondary age cohort totals 906 pupils.
- 4.5.4 The level of housing growth proposed in the Local Plan will generate 137 additional secondary age pupils living in the designated area for Honiton Community College. The College requires some investment into its facilities to facilitate the appropriate number of secondary school places.
- 4.5.5 Development in the rural areas within the designated area of the Honiton Community College will need to support the increased costs of home to school transport.

## 4.6 Ottery St Mary

Ottery St Mary Local Learning Community					
Primary School	Age Range	Primary NET Capacity 2025	Year R PAN 2026	Average Combined Primary Cohort	Scope for future Expansion
Feniton Church Of England Primary School	4 to 11	240	30	265	Not capable on existing site
Ottery St Mary Primary School	4 to 11	417	60	556	Not capable on existing site
Payhembury Church Of England Primary School	4 to 11	105	15	65	Not capable on existing site
Tipton St John Church Of England Primary School	4 to 11	104	15	43	Not capable on existing site
West Hill Primary School	4 to 11	206	30	227	Not capable on existing site
Primary Schools Total:		1,072	150	1,156	

Secondary School	Age Range	Secondary NET Capacity 2024	Year 7 PAN 2026	Average Combined Secondary Cohort	Scope for future Expansion
The King's School	11 to 18	900	180	828	Minor improvements

Table 7: Ottery St Mary Local Learning Community

- 4.6.1 Five primary schools make up the Ottery St Mary Local Learning Community, with Ottery St Mary primary school serving the largest area. Tipton St John primary school has experienced significant flooding in recent years, and it is required to be relocated and rebuilt to resolve this risk. The new location is yet to be agreed but potential sites have been identified in both Tipton St John and Ottery St Mary. These sites can support a new primary school of a larger size and provide potential opportunity for future expansion.
- 4.6.2 The average combined primary cohort for the Ottery St Mary Local Learning Community is 1,156, whereas the combined capacity of these schools is 1,072. Therefore, there is limited capacity to support development.
- 4.6.3 In total, almost 140 additional primary age pupils are expected to be generated by development proposed throughout the Local Learning Community during the plan period. Development in Feniton and West Hill is likely to see pupils who are currently choosing to travel from Ottery St Mary to access their education, pushed back into their designated area. To provide the places required to support the development planned for this Local Learning Community, Tipton St John primary school should be rebuilt at 210 places rather than the existing 105 primary school places. Early years provision should also be provided for 0-5 year olds.
- 4.6.4 Serving the Ottery St Mary Local Learning for Secondary education provision is The Kings School which has a capacity of 900 places. The average combined secondary cohort is 828 pupils and the school draws in children from out of area

due to parental preference. In recent years, there has been high demand for secondary school places at The King's School and some local children have struggled to secure a place.

- 4.6.5 The proposed level of development for the plan period will generate more than 80 additional secondary age pupils living the designated area. The King's school has limited capacity and will not expand without the provision of a new school site but some investment to provide improved and additional facilities could help to support larger cohorts. Further consultation with the school would be required.
- 4.6.6 There are likely to be implications for home to school transport in some areas and contributions will be required to mitigate this impact.

## 4.7 Sidmouth

Sidmouth Local Learning Community					
Primary School	Age Range	Primary NET Capacity 2025	Year R PAN 2026	Average Combined Primary Cohort	Scope for future Expansion
Branscombe Church Of England Primary School	2 to 11	70	10	17	Not capable on existing site
Newton Poppleford Primary School	4 to 11	209	20	173	Not capable on existing site
Sidbury Church Of England Primary School	4 to 11	169	25	129	Not capable on existing site
Sidmouth Church Of England (VA) Primary School	2 to 11	624	90	600	Not capable on existing site
Town Total:		624	90	600	
Rural Total:		448	65	319	
Primary Schools Total:		1,072	155	919	

Secondary School	Age Range	Secondary NET Capacity 2024	Year 7 PAN 2026	Average Combined Secondary Cohort	Scope for future Expansion
Sidmouth College	11 to 18	900	150	654	Limited options

Table 8: Sidmouth Local Learning Community

- 4.7.1 Four primary schools make up the Sidmouth Local Learning Community. Sidmouth Church of England (VA) primary school is the largest of these schools, situated within Sidmouth town and the remaining four set in the surrounding rural locations.
- 4.7.2 In terms of Sidmouth Town there is an average combined cohort size of 600 primary pupils, compared to a total capacity of 624 primary school places. Development proposed by the plan will increase cohort sizes by 100 primary school children which will not require additional provision.
- 4.7.3 Within the rural primary schools, there is spare capacity and minimal housing development proposed.

## 5 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

- 5.1 Devon County Council has a statutory responsibility to ensure that children with an Education Health & Care Plan can access a specialist school place. This duty extends from the ages of 0-25 years.
- 5.2 When considering baseline capacity for SEND provision, a wider geographical area is considered due to the varying provision associated with this need and the fact pupils often need to travel to access the appropriate setting for their needs. All special schools in Devon are operating above their statutory registered capacity and there is a shortfall of specialist provision throughout Devon.
- 5.3 Mill Water School is the only state run special school in East Devon. Other needs are frequently met outside of East Devon. Land is allocated in the adopted Cranbrook plan for a new special school at the Cobdens expansion area.

Table 9:

Special School	Primary Need	Age Range	Registered Places
Mill Water School Bicton	Severe Learning Difficulties and Profound Multiple Learning Difficulties	3-19	100

- 5.4 Devon County Council is currently delivering a satellite site for Mill Water school in Seaton to increase capacity by an additional 30 places to meet increasing demand for specialist places. This is subject to a significant change application and approval by DfE. In addition, there are three resource bases in Exmouth. Resource bases provide specialist education provision for pupils with additional needs alongside mainstream provision. Resource Bases provide increasingly specialist provision and enable children to stay within mainstream education settings. Brixington primary school and Marpool primary school provide resource bases which cater for pupils

with social, emotional and mental health needs and a communication and interaction resource base is located at Littleham C of E primary school.

- 5.5 Devon is also extending Special Post-16 places with the delivery of a new SEND teaching facility at Exeter College capable of catering for 100 pupils and the expansion of special post-16 provision at both Petroc Tiverton and Petroc Barnstaple sites which will create 250 additional SEND places across both sites.
- 5.6 Central Government and Devon County Council policy is re-focusing on how SEND provision is delivered with a drive to provide specialist places within mainstream schools, as well as within Special Schools. This will increase SEND provision nearer to where pupils are living and build more inclusive communities. It is therefore fundamental that new school provision can support this offer through adequately sized sites.
- 5.7 Devon County Council is currently forward funding additional SEND capacity. Contributions will therefore be sought towards specialist education provision from development that meets the policy threshold for SEND contributions. These contributions will be used in both Special and mainstream schools to support additional SEND places within and in some cases outside of East Devon. This approach recognises that Special Schools serve a wider geographic area.
- 5.8 Devon County Council has a statutory duty to ensure that there is sufficient SEND post-16 provision. SEND contributions will therefore also support the delivery of additional specialist post-16 places.
- 5.9 It is recognised that SEND provision will not necessarily be within close proximity to a proposed development due to the need to travel to access the appropriate provision for individual needs. However, the County Council does not seek developer contributions towards SEND transport due to the cost variations of SEND transport and individual nature of transport requirements.
- 5.10 Within East Devon, an additional 80 SEND places will be provided at Marlcombe as part of the all through campus. Land allocated for primary school provision in East Devon will be retained for education purposes if no longer required where possible to provide opportunity for additional SEND provision.