

Bradford West Secondary School Planning Area

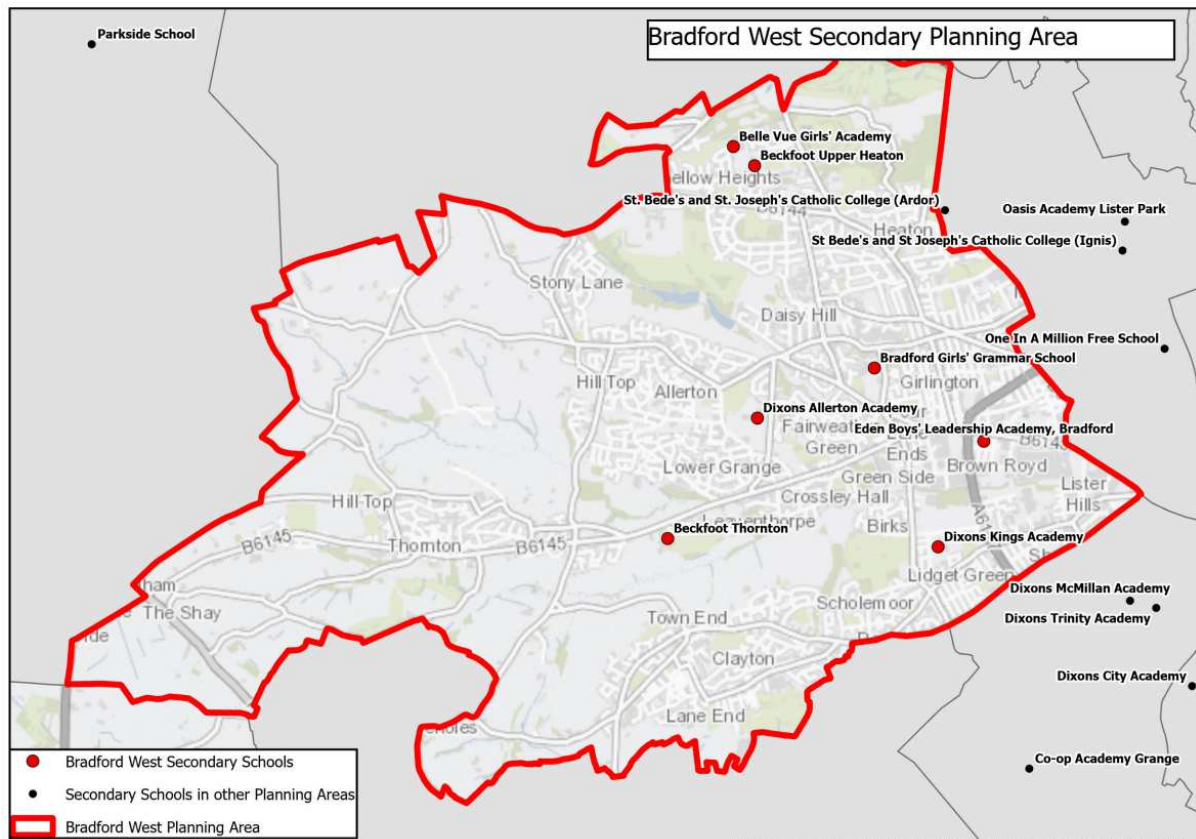
Secondary education in the Bradford West Planning Area

There are seven secondary schools in the Bradford West planning area, three of which have post 16 provision. However, one of these sixth forms is not due to open until September 2024. The area covers the western areas of Bradford including rural and semi-rural areas around and including the villages of Clayton and Thornton, as well as the more suburban and urban areas of Allerton, Lidget Green, Heaton and Girlington. It touches Calderdale at its western tip.

Schools in Bradford West Planning Area

School	School Type	Multi Academy Trust (MAT)	Published Admission Number (PAN) 2023	Sixth Form
Beckfoot Thornton	Academy	Beckfoot Trust	260	No
Beckfoot Upper Heaton	Academy	Beckfoot Trust	145	No
Belle Vue Girls' Academy	Academy	Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust	180	Yes
Bradford Girls' Grammar School	Free school	Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust	145	No
Dixons Allerton Academy	Academy	Dixons Academies Trust	245	Yes
Dixons Kings Academy	Free school	Dixons Academies Trust	160	No
Eden Boys' Leadership Academy	Free school	Star Academies	120	Yes

Map of Bradford West Planning Area and Secondary Schools:



Historic actions and academy conversions

- Belle Vue Boys School converted to academy status in September 2015 under the Beckfoot Trust as a co-educational school with a name change to Beckfoot Upper Heaton.
- Thornton Grammar school converted to academy status in October 2016 under the Beckfoot Trust with a name change to Beckfoot Thornton.
- Beckfoot Upper Heaton formally closed their sixth form provision and increased their PAN from 120 to 145 in September 2018. Over and above this figure, the school admitted an additional 5 pupils in 2019 to meet demand in the area.
- Bradford Girls Grammar School has increased their PAN: from 96 to 104 in 2016, from 104 to 140 in 2020, and from 140 to 145 in 2022.
- Dixons Allerton increased their PAN from 240 to 245 in September 2019.
- Over and above PAN, Beckfoot Thornton admitted an additional ten pupils in 2019 and 2020 to meet demand in the area.
- Over and above PAN, Belle Vue Girls' Academy admitted an extra 20 pupils in 2019 and 2021 to meet demand in the area.
- Eden Boys Leadership Academy opened in temporary accommodation on the site of Laisterdyke Leadership Academy in September 2019 under the Star Academies Trust. The school moved to its permanent site on Thornton Road in 2021/22.
- Over and above PAN, Dixons Kings admitted an additional 5 pupils in 2021 to meet demand in the area.
- Beckfoot Thornton has formally closed its sixth form and adjusted its age range, with the final Year 13 students leaving at the end of the 2022/23 academic year.
- Bradford Girls' Grammar School joined the Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust in January 2023.

Forecast methodology for Bradford West

Given that secondary schools are much larger and more spread out, children of secondary school age often travel further than they did to attend primary school. Forecast methodology is therefore slightly different between the two phases. However, the need for secondary school places still depends on the local child population.

Year 7 forecasts are based on the historic patterns of transfers from Year 6 to Year 7, i.e. the number of children moving up from individual primary schools to specific secondary schools. Other factors include migration in and around the District, and movement of families into new housing developments. These trends are then projected onto the current primary school populations and, where relevant, adjusted to include trends for children attending schools in other Local Authorities or other Local Authority children attending Bradford schools.

Due to the size of this planning area, children transfer here from primary schools in a number of different primary planning areas. The main suppliers are North West 3 and North West 5, with significant numbers also coming from schools in North West 2, North West 4 and South West 4, as well as slightly smaller numbers from North West 1 and West 1.

Historically, very few children have attended schools here from outside of the District. The number of children living here but attending schools in other Local Authorities has been higher, i.e. the planning area is a net exporter to other Local Authorities, but this number has also been low.

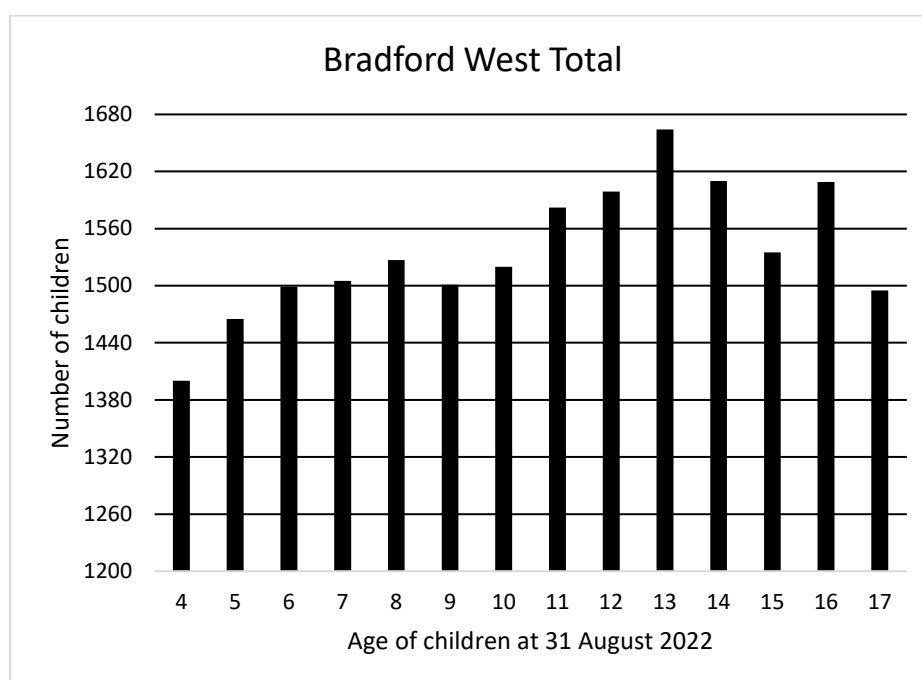
Health Authority Data for Bradford West

Whilst the number of children living in a secondary planning area is not the primary factor for Year 7 forecasting, data is included here for context. The size of cohorts entering secondary schools has been increasing for a number of years due to larger populations of specific age groups. Across the district the forecast shows that numbers entering the secondary phase will begin to decrease from 2022. For the most part, this trend is matched in this planning area, although a slight increase can be seen in 2025, before the decline begins again.

The following tables and chart show the number of children, broken down by their age at 31st August 2022, and are based on January 2023 data received from the Health Authority:

Age at 31 August 2022	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bradford West Total	1400	1465	1499	1505	1527	1501	1520
Year 7 Intake Year	2029	2028	2027	2026	2025	2024	2023

Age at 31 August 2022	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Bradford West Total	1582	1599	1664	1610	1535	1609	1495
2022/23 School Year	7	8	9	10	11	12	13



Forecast & Accuracy

The tables below contain forecast data submitted to the DfE as part of the annual School Capacity (SCAP) return. The grey column shows the difference between last year's forecast and the actual number of pupils on roll at the schools at the January school census.

Year 7

Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
PAN	1255	1255	1255	1255	1255	1255	1255	1255
Forecast	1253	1250	1229	1255	1214	1232	1186	1176
Surplus	2	5	26	0	41	23	69	79
% Surplus	0.2%	0.4%	2.1%	0.0%	3.3%	1.8%	5.5%	6.3%
Actual	1238	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Difference	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
% Difference	1.2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Whole school (Years 7 to 13)

Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Total Capacity	7222	7222	7222	7222	7222	7222	7222	7222
Forecast	6571	6634	6706	6766	6747	6738	6669	6610
Surplus	651	588	516	456	475	484	553	612
% Surplus	9.0%	8.1%	7.1%	6.3%	6.6%	6.7%	7.7%	8.5%
Actual	6544	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Difference	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
% Difference	0.4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Planned/possible actions

The Local Authority will continue to monitor the number of children and parental preference in this planning area.

Across the District, the number of children due to transfer to secondary in future years is falling. However, this trend does not follow a uniform pattern across all planning areas. The Local Authority will therefore continue to liaise with relevant schools and investigate options for potential bulge classes where appropriate.