



Isle of Wight
Council

Island School Place Planning

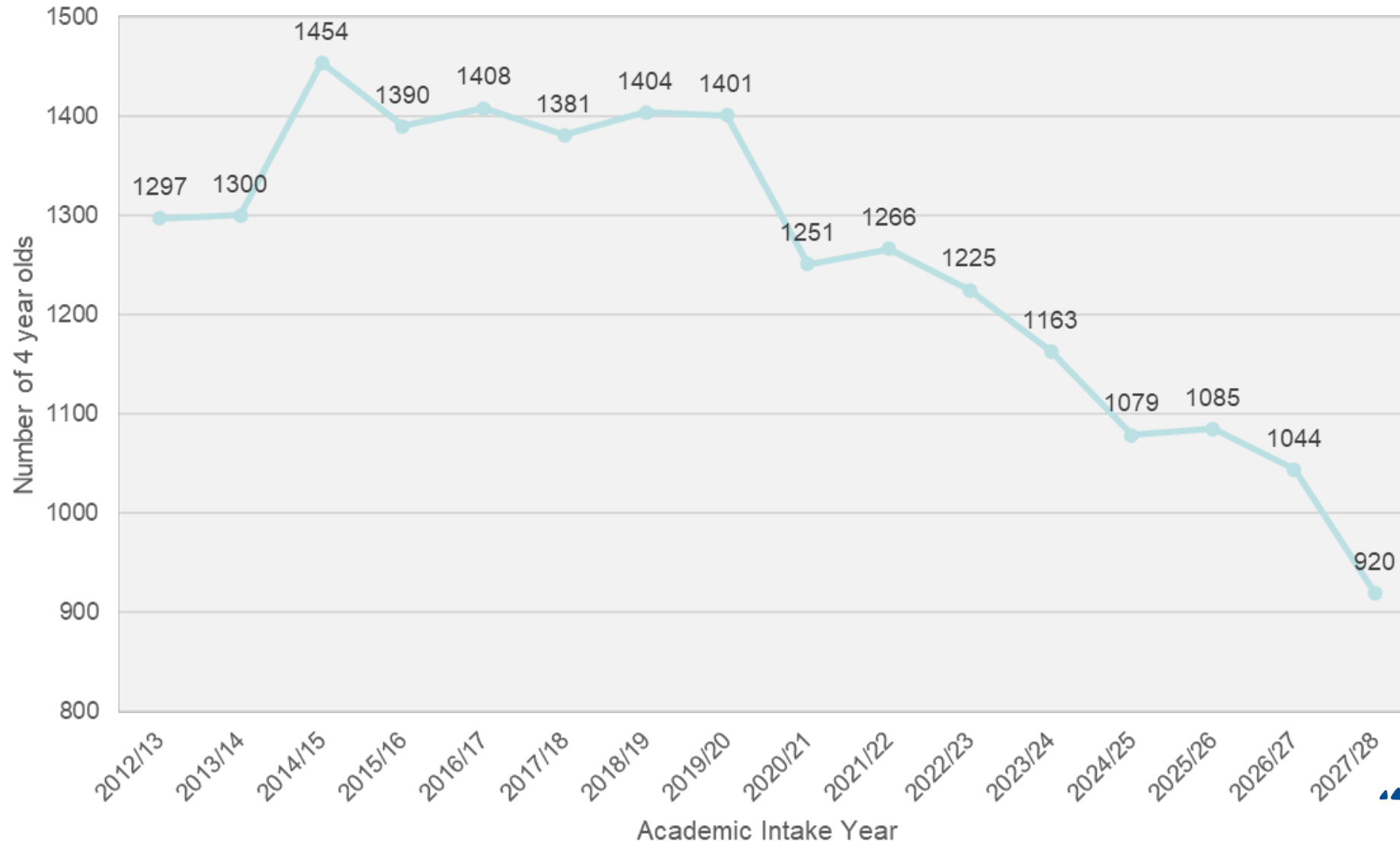
Cowes Primary School - Consultation event

23rd September 2024

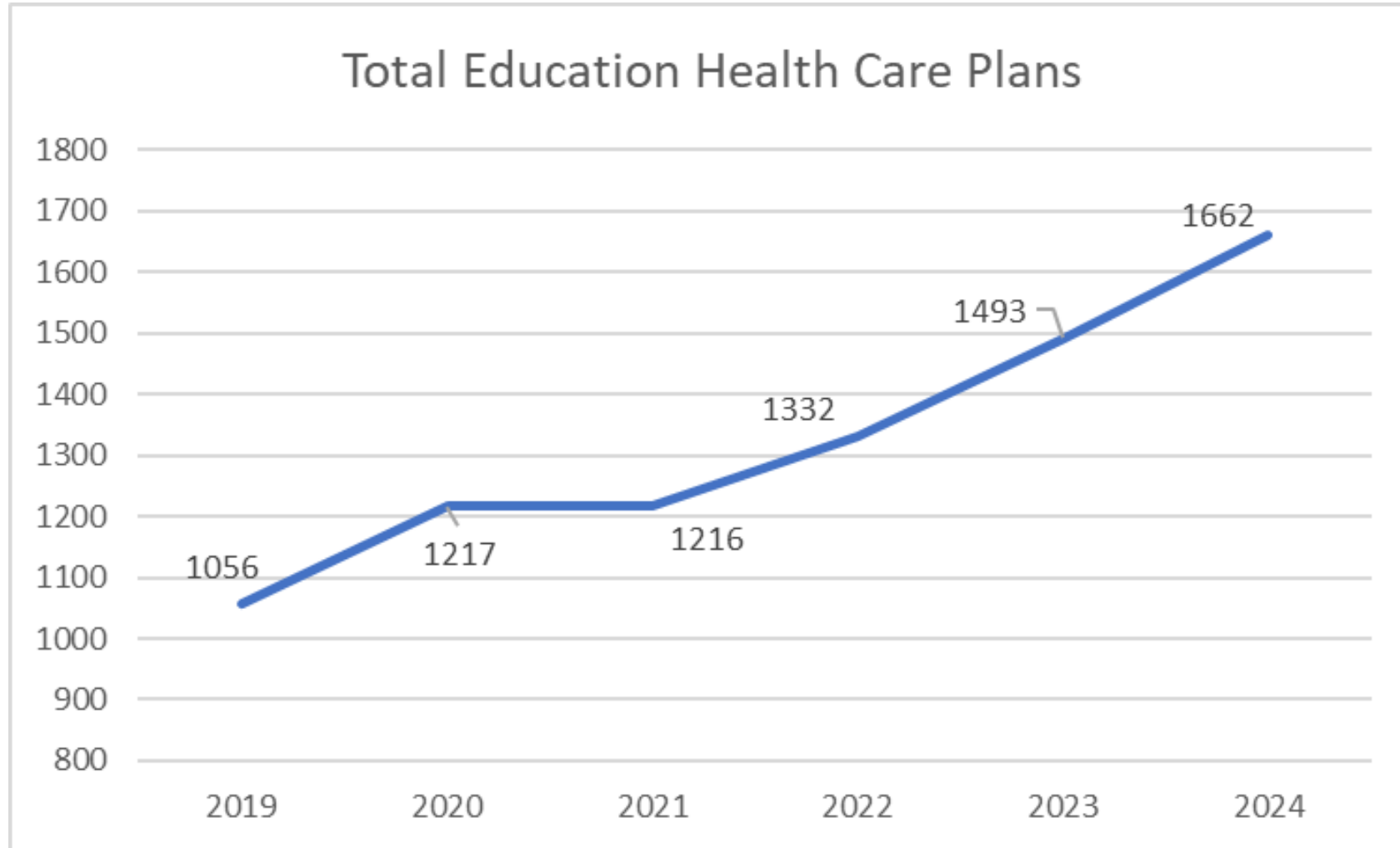
Introductions

- 🏛️ **Cllr Jonathon Bacon** Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Corporate Functions
- 🏛️ **Ashley Whittaker** Strategic Director of Children's Services
- 🏛️ **Naomi Carter** Service Director – Education, Access and Inclusion
- 🏛️ **Heather Morris** Strategic Manager – SEND, Education and Inclusion
- 🏛️ **Theresa Wall** Service Manager - Education
- 🏛️ **Jade Kennett** Service Manager – Strategic Development
- 🏛️ **Emma Goldring** Strategic Development Officer

Why is change needed across the Island?



Special Educational Needs and Disability's




Education Strategy

By 2030, all children and young people on the Isle of Wight will be equipped with the skills and aspiration to access opportunities of their choice.



Our five priorities

- **High aspirations** from all and of all.
 - **Enriching curricular** experiences with meaningful pathways into adulthood.
 - **High quality special educational needs and abilities provision** on Island for children and young people.
 - **A well-trained workforce**, with a range of continued professional development and clear career routes.
 - **A sustainable** education infrastructure.
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Expanding Special Educational Needs

- Over the next **18 months**, we are planning to create **over 200** additional special educational needs places on the Island.
- Creating the first Social Emotional Mental Health (SEMH) on the Island (Opening 1 September 2024).
- Opening provision for sensory (visual impairment and hearing impairment). The first on the Island.
- Expanding places for Autism along with Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN).
- Opening provision to cater for high anxiety/mental health needs.
- Increasing provision for young people with health needs.
- Providing new therapeutic learning environments.

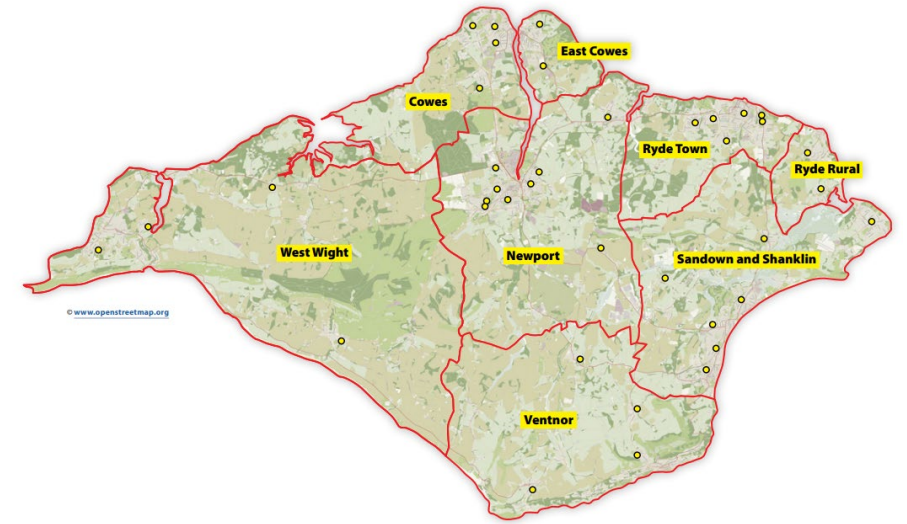
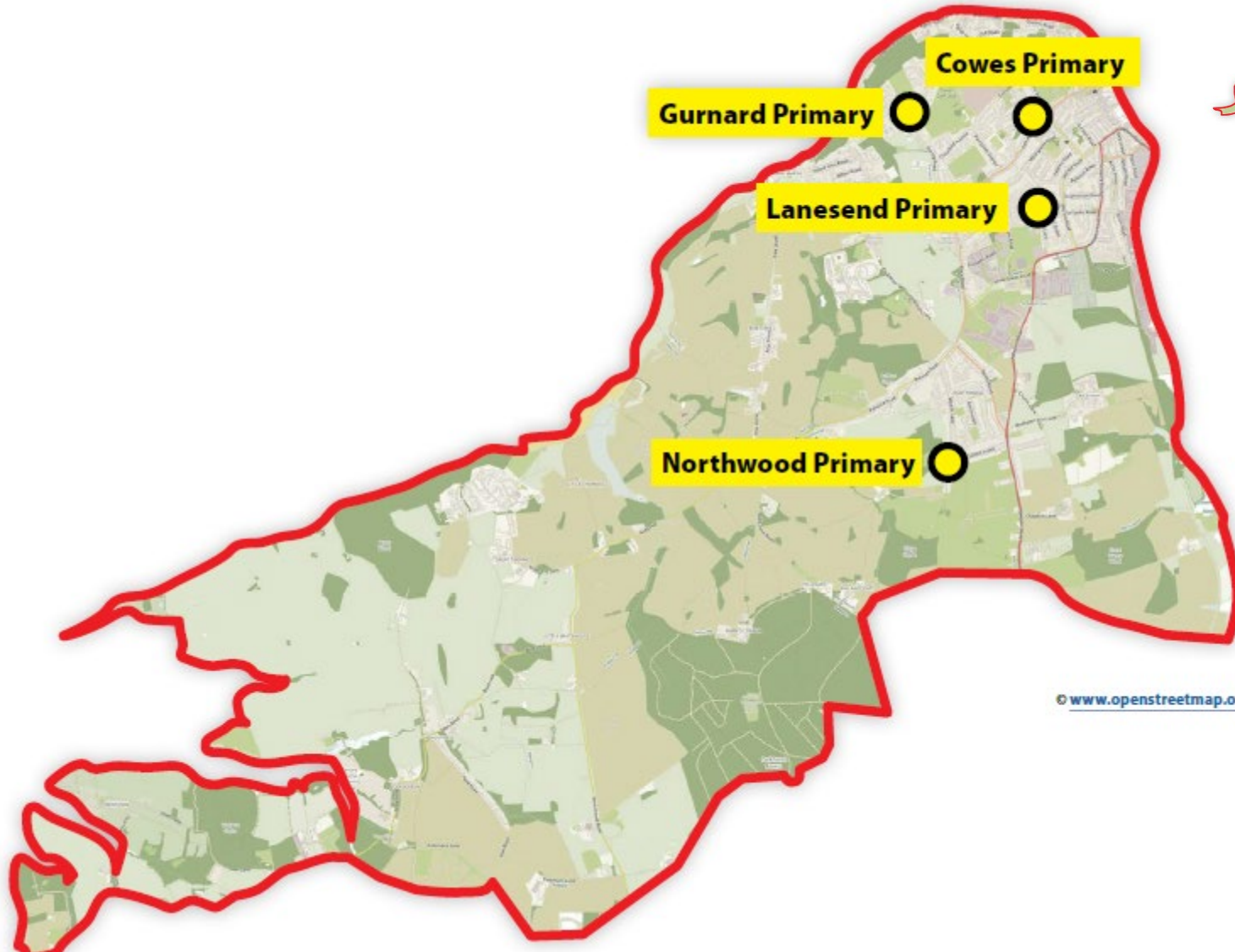
How are we going to do this?

- By re-using school buildings.
- Expanding our primary and secondary special schools.
- Expanding Resourced Provisions in our primary and secondary schools.

The Process

- Cabinet have considered the report and provided approval to undertake a consultation
- Report published 4th September
- Approval to consult provided 12th September
- Initial six-week consultation period commences 20th September to 1st November (non-statutory)
- Report on outcome of consultation goes to Cabinet (12th December)
- Publication of Public Notice early in January (if approved) further 4-week statutory consultation period commences
- Final report and decision by Cabinet Member or Cabinet (Feb/March)
- Implementation if approved September 2025

Cowes Planning Area



Cowes Planning Area

Current number of children attending the schools:

School	Year							Total number on roll
	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Cowes Primary	10	16	24	18	16	29	13	126
Gurnard Primary	47	60	59	60	60	62	60	408
Northwood Primary	20	27	25	28	29	31	28	188
Lanesend Primary	47	41	52	59	59	71	70	399

Forecast Data

School	PAN	Year R numbers					Surplus percentage	
		2023 to 24	2024 to 25	2025 to 26	2026 to 27	2027 to 28	2023 to 24	2027 to 28
Cowes Primary	30	17	10	16	17	15	43%	50%
Gurnard Primary	60	60	47	45	47	42	0%	30%
Northwood Primary	30	23	20	18	19	17	23%	43%
Lanesend Primary	60	39	47	34	36	32	35%	47%
Area total	180	139	124	113	119	106	23%	41%
Number of surplus places in area		41	56	67	61	74		
NHS data – overall number of children living in area		136	109	110	115	102		

In September 2027 approximately **106** YR children will start school in the Cowes area.

This is against a capacity of **180** places.

Leaving **74** unfilled

Travel distance data

School	Planning area	Number of children living within one mile	Number of children living within two miles	Number of children living over two miles
Cowes Primary	Cowes	130	140	6
Gurnard Primary	Cowes	301	373	47
Northwood Primary	Cowes	87	144	53
Lanesend Primary	Cowes	325	338	79

Data source: Summer Census 2024

Early Years/Wraparound Care

Sufficiency of Early Years childcare places:

- Blackberry Lane Pre-school remain on site
- Possible Expansion

Wraparound Care offer in area:

- Cowes Primary – 7.45am - 5.00pm
- Gurnard Primary – 7.30am - 5.00pm

Proposed & Considered option/s

➤ Proposed option – Closure of Cowes Primary School

It is the Local Authority's view that 60 places (2 forms of entry) should be removed from the Cowes Planning Area

Alternative options considered:

- Northwood Primary School (Discounted)
- Lanesend Primary School (Discounted)

Possible transition plan of pupils

As a Local Authority we recognise the transition process is crucial for success.

- Staff from schools that are expanding visit children of schools that are closing to begin to build those relationships
- Visits in small groups to new school to familiarise children with surroundings
- Visits in larger groups to new school to familiarise children with surroundings and staff
- Meet and greet the teacher in both settings
- Teaching sessions with new teachers
- Social stories and virtual tours
- Meet and greet the teacher with parent in both settings
- Joint assemblies in both schools
- Joint school events, such as sports days and school fairs
- Coffee mornings

Please note. This slide was not presented at this meeting, but has been inserted for information as transition was widely discussed.

In Summary

- The Island's population and the needs of our children are changing
- The Council has published proposals as part of a new education strategy
- There will be up to 10 weeks of consultation (6 weeks + 4 weeks)
- No decisions have yet been made
- Significant surplus capacity exists within the Cowes area
- Admissions and transport impacts to be considered
- Improving education outcomes for all children involves complex decisions

Questions

Thank you for attending.

**Please ensure you complete the online survey to
make your views known.**

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HAVE YOUR SAY!



Island school places consultation

Now open for your comments

Visit the Isle of Wight Council's Webpage to participate

DEADLINE: 1 November 2024





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