








Isle of Wight
Council

Island School Place Planning

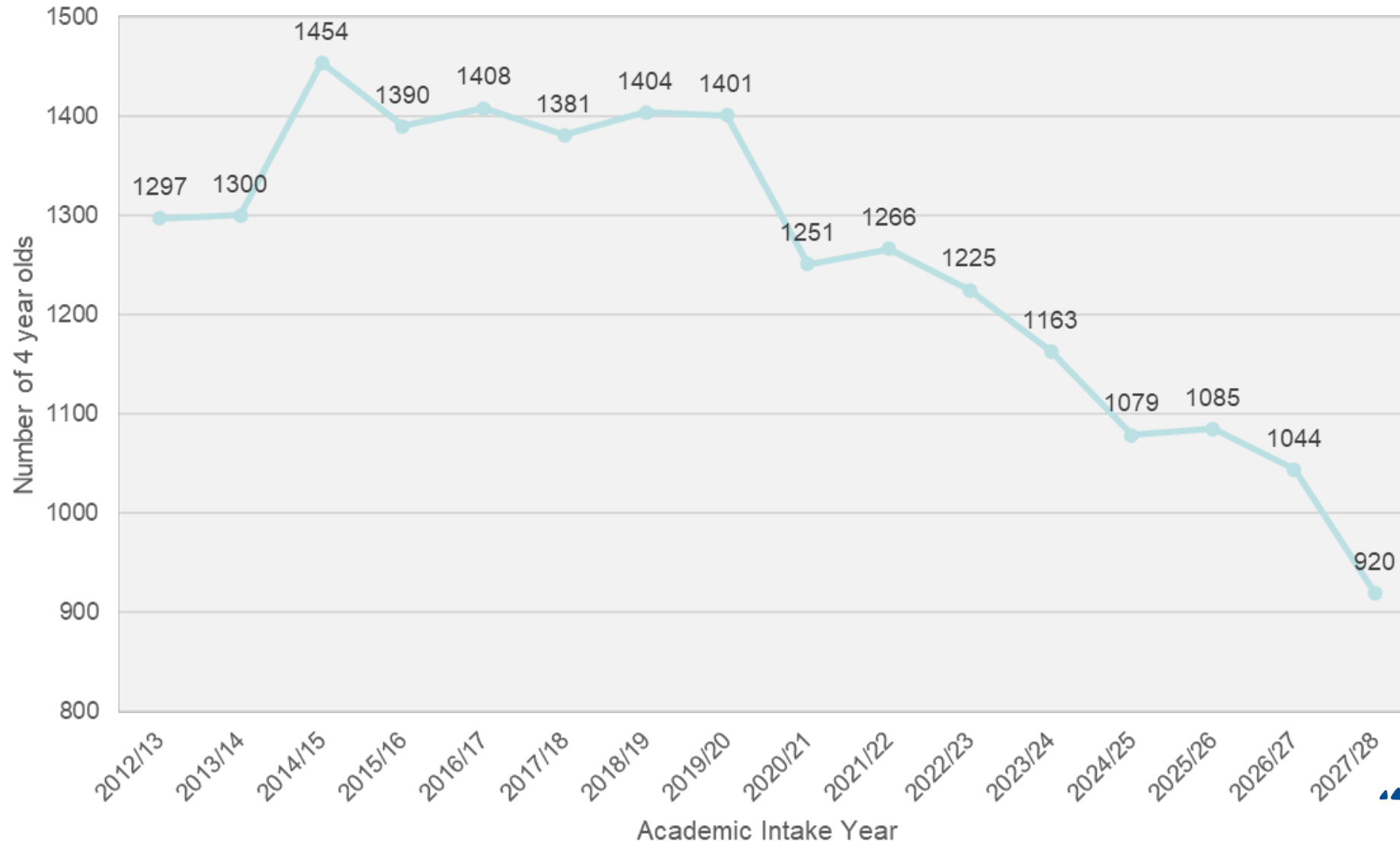
Godshill Primary School - Consultation event

2nd October 2024

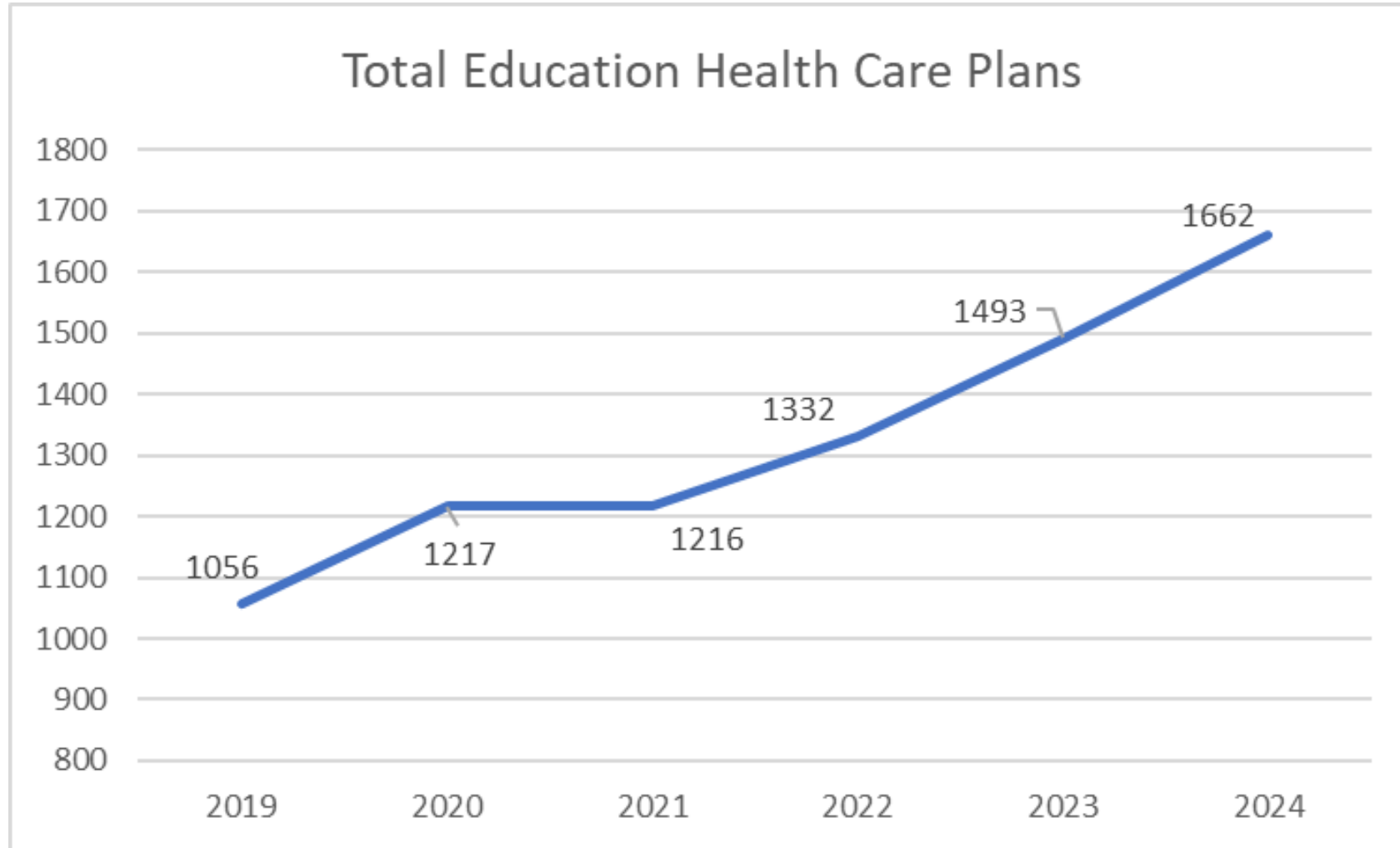
Introductions

-  **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
-  **Jade Kennett** Service Manager – Strategic Development

Why is change needed across the Island?



Special Educational Needs and Disability



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 disability 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.

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.

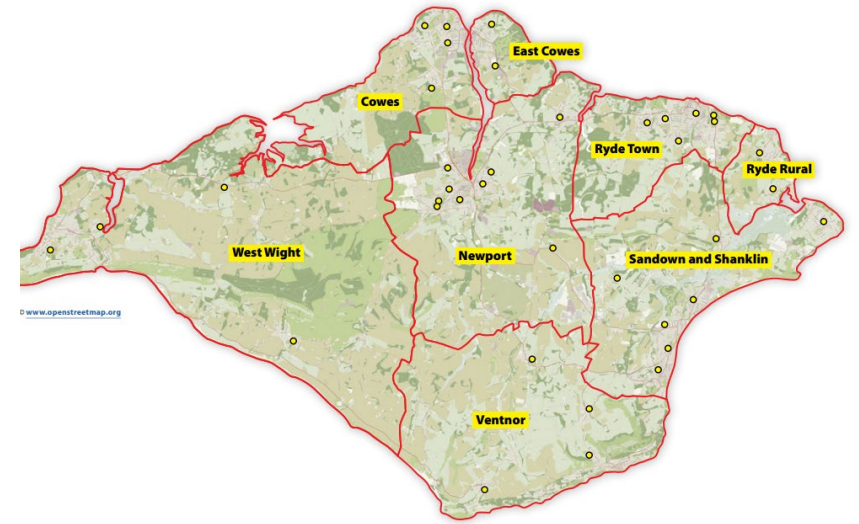
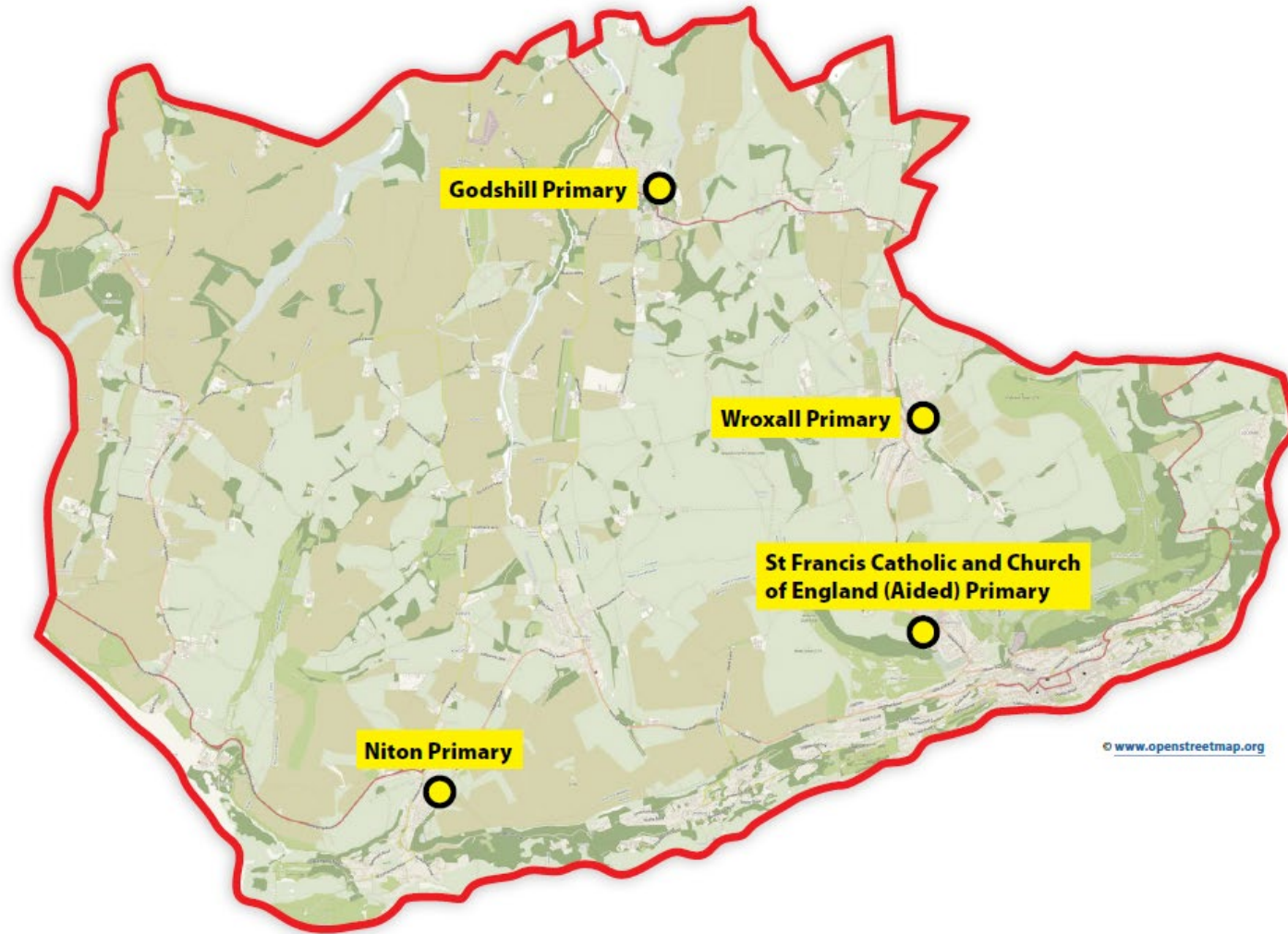
How are we going to do this?

- 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

Ventnor Planning Area



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Current number of children attending the schools:

School	Year							Total number on roll
	R*	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Godshill Primary	14	17	16	26	21	23	27	144
Niton Primary	22	28	31	30	31	30	29	201
St Francis Catholic and Church of England Primary	16	20	24	20	30	27	30	167
Wroxall Primary	13	4	12	21	13	25	20	108

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
Godshill Primary	20	15	14	15	15	10	25%	50%
Niton Primary	30	28	22	25	25	17	7%	43%
St Francis Catholic and Church of England Primary	30	20	16	20	19	13	33%	57%
Wroxall Primary	25	8	13	11	10	7	68%	72%
Area total	105	71	65	71	69	47	32%	55%
Number of surplus places in area		34	40	34	36	58		
NHS data – overall number of children living in area		74	57	70	69	46		

In September 2027 approximately **47** YR children will start school in the Ventnor area.

This is against a capacity of **105** places.

Leaving **58** 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
Godshill Primary	Ventnor	65	87	91
Niton Primary	Ventnor	75	109	101
St Francis Catholic and Church of England Primary	Ventnor	116	134	48
Wroxall Primary	Ventnor	37	91	22

Data source: Summer Census 2024

Proposed options:

- 🚩 Closure of Wroxall Primary School
- 🚩 Closure of Godshill Primary School

Other options considered:

- 🚩 Closure of St Francis Catholic and Church of England Primary School

Early Years/Wraparound Care

Sufficiency of Early Years childcare places:

- 🏠 Godshill Primary School is a 2-11 provision
- 🏠 26 children on roll
- 🏠 Review into additional capacity

Wraparound Care offer in area:

Wroxall Primary	7.30am	16	5.00pm
Godshill Primary	8.00am	24	5.00pm
Niton Primary	7.45am	20	5.30pm
St Francis C & CE Primary	7.45am	20	5.30pm

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

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 Ventnor area
- Admissions and transport impacts to be considered
- Improving education outcomes for all children involves complex decisions

Questions

Thank you for attending.



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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