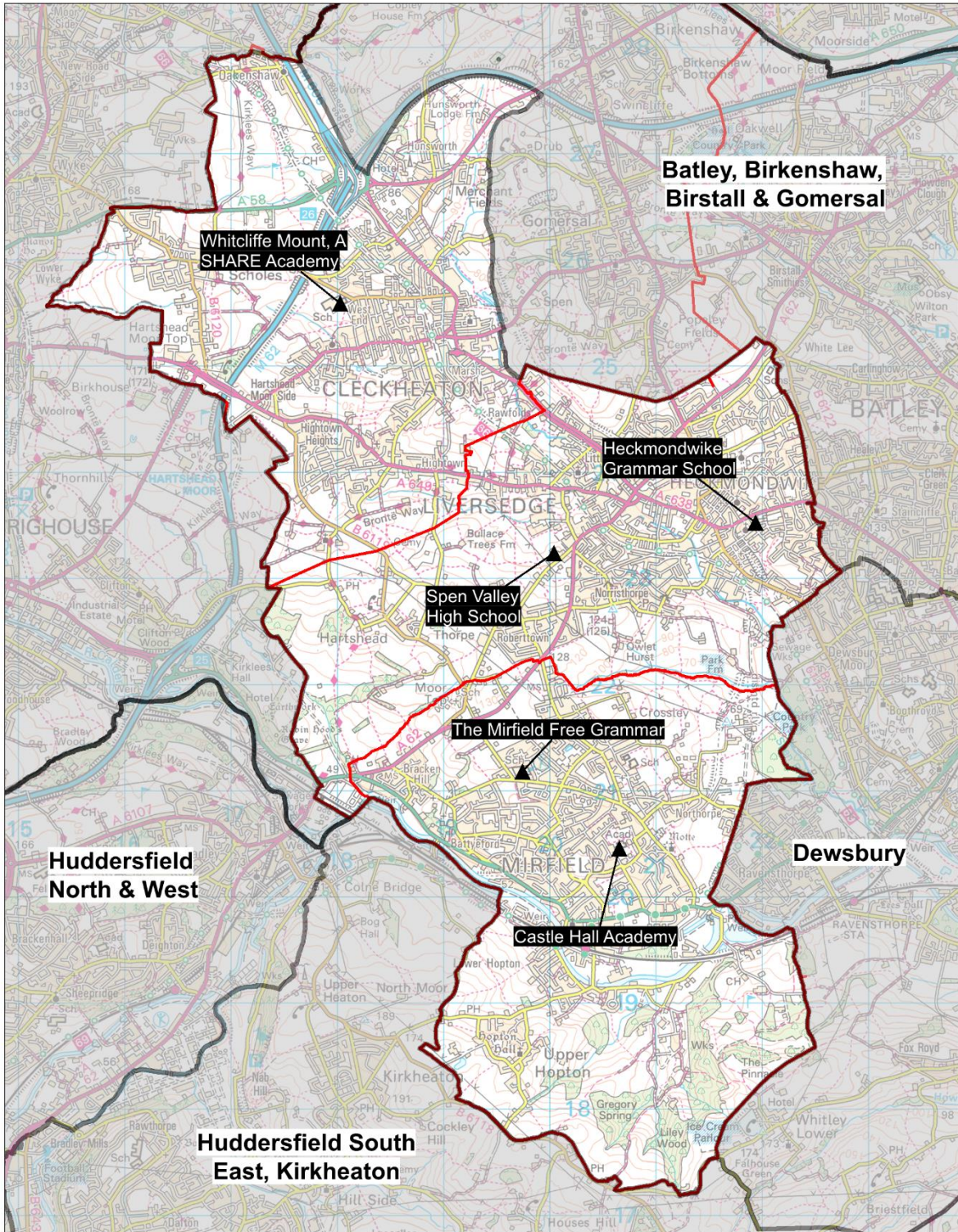


Planning Area 25: Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike, Liversedge & Mirfield



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- ❖ Heckmondwike Grammar School
- ❖ Spen Valley High School
- ❖ The Mirfield Free Grammar
- ❖ Whitcliffe Mount, A SHARE Academy

Overview: Table B on page 224 and the chart on page 222 illustrate that the future year 7 cohort sizes of young people resident in this planning area show to decline steadily. In the wider area of North Kirklees, there has been a period of high demand where a significant number of planned bulge places were required. Beyond 2024, it is likely that far fewer bulge places, if any, will be needed.

Geographically located in this planning area are the following: Heckmondwike Grammar School, a selective academy with a sixth form that has a pupil population residing across Kirklees and beyond; Spen Valley High School, situated in Liversedge, and Whitcliffe Mount, A SHARE Academy, situated in Cleckheaton; and Castle Hall Academy and The Mirfield Free Grammar, both located in Mirfield. The Mirfield Free Grammar also has a sixth form.

This planning area is adjacent to two neighbouring local authorities, Calderdale and Bradford, and there continues to be inward migration of pupils from these areas accessing secondary education in Kirklees.

In 2022/2023 on national offer day all Y7 places were full, with the exception of Castle Hall Academy. Additional capacity as a bulge year was added in this planning area, with an additional 15 places at Castle Hall Academy. Heckmondwike Grammar School admitted over PAN by 30 places to 210, as it has done for a number of years. Spen Valley High School offered an additional 10 places above its PAN of 190 to admit 200 pupils. The Mirfield Free Grammar once more offered an additional 29 places over their PAN of 221 to admit 250 pupils.

In 2023/24 additional capacity as a bulge year was added in this planning area, with an additional 10 places at Castle Hall Academy. Heckmondwike Grammar School again offered an additional 30 places over PAN to 210. On national offer day all Y7 places were full, with the exception of Castle Hall Academy and a small number of the additional places at Heckmondwike Grammar School, which filled soon after.

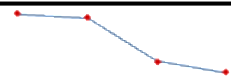
The pattern of pupil distribution illustrates that around 75% of children that live in this planning area attend schools in the area, whilst 15% are securing places in neighbouring planning areas, particularly Dewsbury and Batley, Birstall, Birkenshaw and Gomersal. There is a large number of pupils, around 24%, attending school here from neighbouring planning areas, with a smaller percentage of around 11% from other local authorities (mainly children living in Leeds attending Heckmondwike Grammar School).

For 2024, 2025 and 2026 NHS population data indicate a steadily declining trend. There will remain sufficient capacity to meet local demand. Given the large net influx of children from surrounding areas, particularly from Dewsbury and the selective nature of some local provision, this area needs to remain under review.

In the period leading up to the 2022 population peak there was high demand for places in the wider area of North Kirklees. Through the goodwill and collaboration of the Kirklees school system, this was managed by the carefully planned introduction of bulge places rather than the introduction of a new school. These bulge classes are still working their way through the school system and this does continue to present some challenges to in-year pupil movement. However, the pressure on Year 7 places will begin to ease as the population declines.

There are two sites with planning permission for 425 dwellings planned where development has not yet started. There are a further three sites totalling 355 dwellings where development has commenced and should be complete in around two years.

Looking longer term (+5 years), there is a strategic development site in the Kirklees Local Plan on the border of this planning area and the Dewsbury planning area. The demand for places generated by this will need monitoring over a number of years, alongside the expected decline in population.

Place planning summary for Planning Area 25. Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike, Liversedge & Mirfield	
Place planning data for five cohorts of children: Years 7,8,9,10,11 From NHS Oct 2022 and School Census Jan 2023 Note numbers in [square brackets] show the average number of children per year group	
4428 [886] children live in this PA (NHS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3337 [667] go to schools in this PA • 673 [135] go to schools in other Kirklees PAs • 78 [16] go to schools in non-mainstream provisions • 182 [36] go to schools in other LAs • 158 [32] are unknown 	5132 [1026] children go to school in this PA (Census) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3337 [667] Live in this PA • 1221 [244] Live in other PAs • 574 [115] Live outside Kirklees
Average number of places used per year group Number of Year 7 places available Trend in number of children living in this PA per year group	1026 1021  <p>Steady decline</p>
Place planning strategy (assuming current patterns of migration, housing occupancy, parental preference etc) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on population data the projected need for places is within the capacity of available places • On balance, significantly more children travel IN to schools in the PA from neighbouring PAs than travel out to schools in other PAs • In the wider area of North Kirklees, there has been a period of high demand where a significant number of planned bulge places were required. In future, it is likely that far fewer bulge places, if any, will be needed. 	

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Table C. Where do children living in the Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike, Liversedge & Mirfield planning area go to school?

Years 7-11 (Jan 2023)

School Attended	Battysford CE (VC) Primary School	Co-op Academy Smithies Moor	Crossley Fields J & I School	Crowlees CE (VC) J & I School	Hartshead J & I School	Headlands CE (VC) J & N School	Heaton Avenue, A SHARE Primary Academy	Heckmondwike Primary School	High Bank J I & N School	Hightown J I & N School	Hopton Primary School	Howard Park Community School	Littletown J I & N School	Millbridge, A SHARE Primary Academy	Norristhorpe J & I School	Old Bank Academy	Roberttown CE (VC) J & I School	Scholes Village Primary School	Whitechapel Church of England Primary School	Grand Total	
All Saints Catholic College		1		1							1								1	4	
Batley Girls High School		83					1	112		3		3		23	11			1		1	238
Batley Grammar School		19		1				21		2	1	1		7	2					3	57
BBG Academy		5	2		1	3	3	4	4				2	7	2	2	1	1		16	55
Castle Hall Academy	13	20	21	21	1	3	1	32	5	3	29	3	1	15	6	32	4	1		211	
Heckmondwike Grammar School	13	33	8	19	3	23	8	28	4	10	13	12	1	18	13	15	15	5	10	251	
Holmfirth High School																1				1	
Honley High School														1			1			2	
King James's School			1													2				3	
Manor Croft Academy		3					1	11			3			1						19	
Moor End Academy							1	1	1	2										5	
Netherhall Learning Campus High School																			1	1	
Newsome Academy		1					1											2		4	
Royds Hall, A Share Academy						1										1				2	
Scissett Middle School																	1			1	
Shelley College, A Share Academy											1					1				2	
Spenn Valley High School	1	111	2		10	164	2	133	6	15	2	4	29	146	158	9	109		2	903	
St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy		46		1	1	1	3	55	2	2	3	6		15	14	3	4		4	160	
The Mirfield Free Grammar	173	6	172	137	4	6	1	22	2		175	3	3	9	10	216	18	2	1	960	
Thornhill Community Academy, A SHARE Academy		2						1					1	1	2	1	2			11	
Upper Batley High School	1	32				1		20	1	2		2		16		1				77	
Westborough High School		7		2				18			1	1		2						31	
Whitcliffe Mount, A SHARE Academy	1	6	1			11	152	1	98	166		148	4	9	4	2	1	172	236	1012	
Grand Total	202	375	207	182	20	213	174	459	123	206	229	184	41	270	222	286	157	184	276	4010	

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Table D: Where do children attending school in Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike, Liversedge & Mirfield live?

Years 7-11 (Jan 2023)

PAA of Residence	School Attended					
	Castle Hall Academy	Heckmondwike Grammar School	Spenn Valley High School	The Mirfield Free Grammar	Whitcliffe Mount, A SHARE Academy	Grand Total
All Hallows' CE (VA) Primary School / Hill View Academy KS2		1				1
Ashbrow School	3	5				8
Battleyeford C E (VC) Primary School	13	13	1	173	1	201
Berry Brow I & N School / Newsome Junior School		3				3
Birkby I & N School / Birkby Junior School	4	10		1	1	16
Birkenshaw CE(C) Primary School		12	1		8	21
Birstall Primary Academy	1	5	3	4	5	18
Boothroyd Primary Academy	25	12	1	4		42
Carlinghow Academy	3	9	7	4	5	28
Carlton J & I School		2		1		3
Christ Church CE Academy	4	1		1		6
Co-op Academy Smithies Moor	20	33	111	6	6	176
Crossley Fields J & I School	21	8	2	172	1	204
Crow Lane Primary and Foundation Stage School		1				1
Crowlees CE (VC) J & I School	21	19		137		177
Dalton Junior Infant and Nursery School	3	2		1		6
Denby Dale First and Nursery School		1				1
Diamond Wood Community Academy / Ravensthorpe CE (VC) Junior School	341	7	1	98	1	448
Earlsheaton Infant School / Bywell CE (VC) Junior School	3	10				13
East Bierley CE(VC) Primary School	1	4		1	2	8
Eastborough J I & N School	7	1				8
Emley First School		1				1
Field Lane J I & N School		1				1
Fieldhead Primary Academy	1	1	4	1	3	10
Fixby J & I School		6				6
Flockton CE (VC) First School		1		3		4
Golcar J I & N School		1				1
Gomersal St Mary's CE(VC) Primary School / Gomersal Primary School	2	26	8		102	138
Grange Moor Primary School		2		1		3
Hanging Heaton CE (VC) J & I School		2	1			3
Hartshead J & I School	1	3	10	4		18
Headlands CE (VC) J I & N School	3	23	164	6	11	207
Healey J I & N School		12	5	3	1	21
Heaton Avenue, A SHARE Primary Academy	1	8	2	1	152	164
Heckmondwike Primary School	32	28	133	22	1	216
High Bank J I & N School	5	4	6	2	98	115
Highburton CE (VC) First School		1				1
Hightown J I & N School	3	10	15		166	194
Hill View Academy	1	1		2		4
Hillside Primary School		1				1
Honley CE(VC) Junior, Infant & Nursery School		1				1
Hopton Primary School	29	13	2	175		219
Howard Park Community School	3	12	4	3	148	170
Kirkheaton Primary School	4	2		4		10
Lepton CofE Primary Academy	2	3				5
Lindley Church of England Infant School / Lindley Junior School		4				4
Linthwaite Clough J I & Early Years Unit		1				1
Littletown J I & N School	1	1	29	3	4	38
Lowerhouses CE (VC) Junior Infant and Early Years School	2					2
Lydgate J & I School		8				8
Manorfield I & N School / Staincliffe CE (VC) Junior School	6	23	7	1	1	38
Meltham Moor Primary School		2				2
Mill Lane Primary School		3	2			5
Millbridge, A SHARE Primary Academy	15	18	146	9	9	197
Moorlands Primary School		1			1	2
Mount Pleasant Primary School		1				1
Netherhall St James CE(VC) I & N School / Netherhall Learning Campus Junior School	2	3		1		6
Norristhorpe J & I School	6	13	158	10	4	191
Oak CE (VC) Primary School (Junior)/Beaumont Primary Academy		4				4
Old Bank Academy	32	15	9	216	2	274
Orchard Primary Academy	2			2	1	5
Overthorpe C of E Academy	5	4		2		11
Park Road J I & N School		6				6
Pentland I & N School / Headfield CE (VC) Junior School	5	2		1		8
Purlwell I & N School / Hyrstmount Junior School	4	6		1		11
Roberttown CE (VC) J & I School	4	15	109	18	1	147
Rowley Lane J I & N School		1		1		2
Savile Town CE(VC) I & N School / Headfield CE (VC) Junior School		5		1		6
Scholes Village Primary School	1	5		2	172	180
Shaw Cross I & N School / Bywell CE (VC) Junior School	3	11	1	1		16
Spring Grove J I & N School		3				3
St John's CE(C) Primary School / Westmoor Primary School KS2	16	22	1	7		46
St Thomas CE (VC) Primary School	15	6		15	4	40
Thornhill J & I School	3	3		3		9
Thornhill Lees CE (VC) I & N School / Headfield CE (VC) Junior School	43	24	1	23		91
Warwick Road Primary School		6				6
Westmoor Primary School	8	10	4	3		25
Whitechapel Church of England Primary School		10	2	1	236	249
Windmill Church of England Primary School		20	1		1	22
Grand Total	730	578	951	1151	1148	4558

Tables E(i) to E(iii) below show how Year 7 places were allocated in this planning area at each of the last three National Offer Days, compared to the number of Year 7 places available at each school and the number of applicants resident in each school's Priority Admission Area (PAA). Blanks in the tables indicate a school does not have a PAA.

Table E (i)

Castle Hall Academy offered an additional 10 bulge places over PAN and Heckmondwike Grammar offered 30 places over PAN.

2023/24	No of Places	Total No of applicants living in PAA	Place allocated				Place allocated		
			Resident in Priority Admission Area allocated	Resident in Planning Area allocated	Resident outside Planning Area allocated	TOTAL No of places allocated	Resident in Priority Admission Area allocated	Resident in Planning Area allocated	Resident outside Planning Area allocated
Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike, Liversedge & Mirfield									
Castle Hall Academy	190			59	118	177		33.3%	66.7%
Heckmondwike Grammar School	210			34	173	207		16.4%	83.6%
Spen Valley High School	190	356	179	6	5	190	94.2%	3.2%	2.6%
The Mirfield Free Grammar	221	236	183	24	14	221	82.8%	10.9%	6.3%
Whitcliffe Mount School	250	434	233	5	12	250	93.2%	2.0%	4.8%
	1061	1026	595	128	322	1045	56.9%	12.2%	30.8%

Table E (ii)

Castle Hall Academy offered an additional 15 bulge places over PAN and Spen Valley High School offered an additional 10 bulge places over PAN. Heckmondwike Grammar offered 30 places over PAN and The Mirfield Free Grammar offered an additional 29 places over PAN.

2022/23	No of Places	Total No of applicants living in PAA	Place allocated				Place allocated		
			Resident in Priority Admission Area allocated	Resident in Planning Area allocated	Resident outside Planning Area allocated	TOTAL No of places allocated	Resident in Priority Admission Area allocated	Resident in Planning Area allocated	Resident outside Planning Area allocated
Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike, Liversedge & Mirfield									
Castle Hall Academy	195			63	122	185		34.1%	65.9%
Heckmondwike Grammar School	210			49	161	210		23.3%	76.7%
Spen Valley High School	200	387	196	1	3	200	98.0%	0.5%	1.5%
The Mirfield Free Grammar	250	222	165	30	55	250	66.0%	12.0%	22.0%
Whitcliffe Mount School	250	450	240	3	7	250	96.0%	1.2%	2.8%
	1105	1059	601	146	348	1095	54.9%	13.3%	31.8%

Table E (iii)

Castle Hall Academy offered an additional 30 bulge places over PAN. Heckmondwike Grammar offered 30 places over PAN and The Mirfield Free Grammar offered an additional 29 places over PAN.

2021/22	No of Places	Total No of applicants living in PAA	Place allocated				Place allocated		
			Resident in Priority Admission Area allocated	Resident in Planning Area allocated	Resident outside Planning Area allocated	TOTAL No of places allocated	Resident in Priority Admission Area allocated	Resident in Planning Area allocated	Resident outside Planning Area allocated
Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike, Liversedge & Mirfield									
Castle Hall Academy Trust	210			32	105	137		23.4%	76.6%
Heckmondwike Grammar School	210			48	162	210		22.9%	77.1%
Spen Valley High School	190	372	187	2	1	190	98.4%	1.1%	0.5%
The Mirfield Free Grammar	250	231	204	11	35	250	81.6%	4.4%	14.0%
Whitcliffe Mount School	250	454	245	1	4	250	98.0%	0.4%	1.6%
	1110	1057							