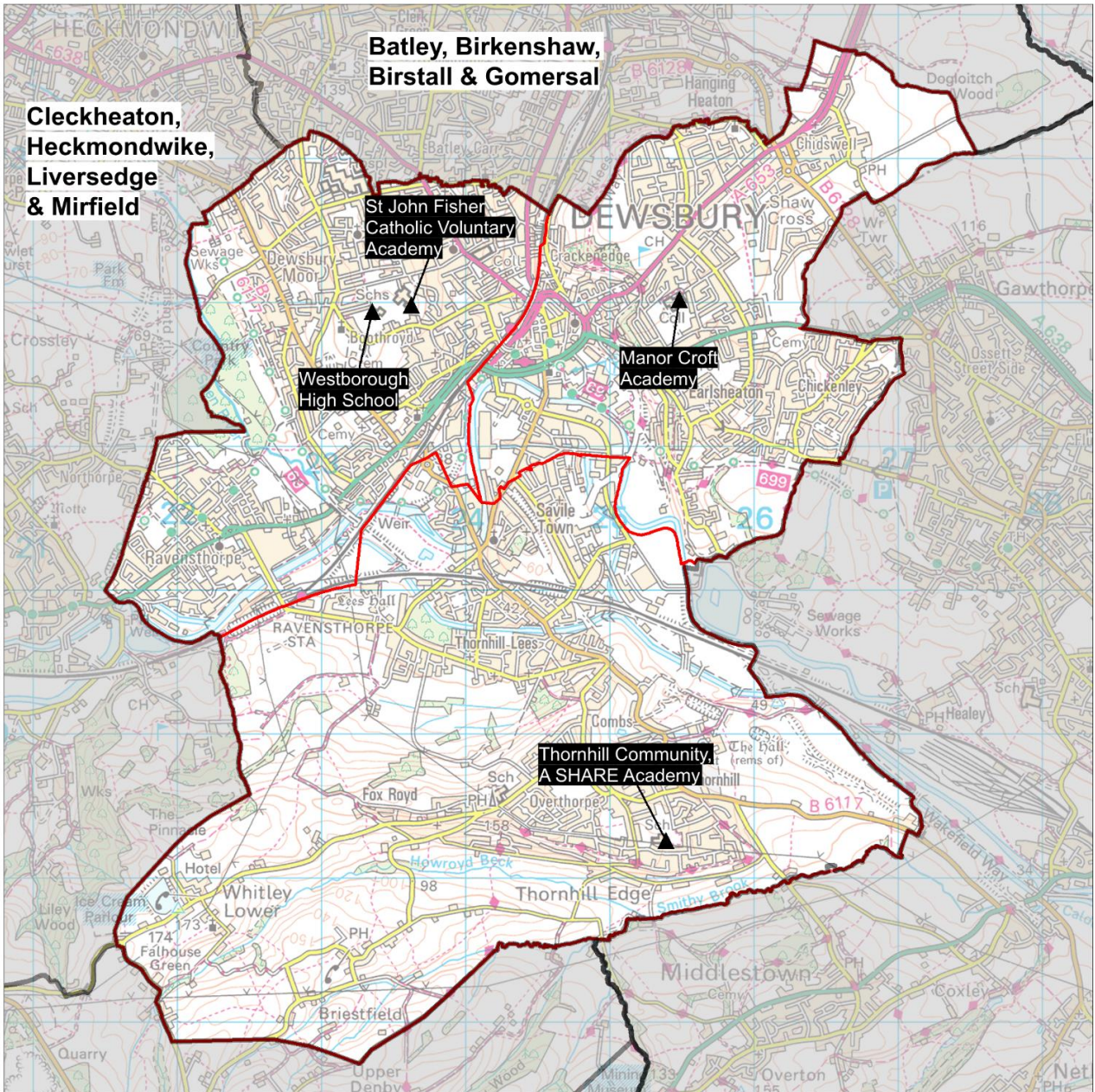


# Planning Area 28: Dewsbury



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- ❖ Manor Croft Academy
- ❖ St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy
- ❖ Thornhill Community Academy, A SHARE Academy
- ❖ Westborough High School

**Overview:** Table B on page 224 and the chart on page 222 illustrate that the demand for year 7 places from young people resident in this planning area will be broadly static towards 2025 before declining (although the scale of future house-building may change this). 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.

Located in the Dewsbury planning area, St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy is a faith school with a pupil population residing across North Kirklees and beyond. The school offers sixth form provision. Westborough High School is located in the Dewsbury West part of the planning area; Manor Croft Academy is located in the Dewsbury East part of the planning area and borders the neighbouring authorities of Leeds and Wakefield. Thornhill Community Academy, A SHARE Academy is located in the Dewsbury South part of the planning area and is adjacent to Wakefield local authority.

**In 2022/23** Working closely with schools in this area, 80 additional places were added as a bulge year:

- Manor Croft Academy +30 on a PAN of 180 to 210
- Thornhill Community Academy, A SHARE Academy +30 on a PAN of 180 to 210
- Westborough High School +20 on a PAN of 180 to 200

At national offer day there were a very small number of vacancies at Thornhill Community Academy, A SHARE Academy.

**In 2023/24** Working closely with schools in this area once again, 80 additional places were added as a bulge year:

- Manor Croft Academy +30 on a PAN of 180 to 210
- Thornhill Community Academy, A SHARE Academy +30 on a PAN of 180 to 210
- Westborough High School +20 on a PAN of 180 to 200

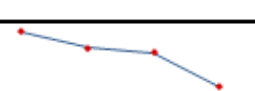
At national offer day all schools were full, apart from St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy which had one vacancy.

The pattern of pupil distribution illustrates that 60% of children that live in this planning area attend schools in the area. 24% are securing places in neighbouring planning areas, particularly in single gender provision in the Batley, Birstall, Birkenshaw and Gomersal planning area, and also at schools in the Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike, Liversedge and Mirfield planning area. There are around 18% of pupils who are attending schools here from neighbouring planning areas, with a much smaller percentage of around 1% from other LAs.

**For 2024, 2025 and 2026** NHS population data indicates that demand will be broadly static towards 2025; thereafter demand is expected to decline. There are fewer places in this planning area than resident children, however, there are well established patterns of pupil movement into neighbouring planning areas and to other LAs. Factors influencing this movement include parental choice for single gender provision in Batley and the popularity of schools in the Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike, Liversedge and Mirfield planning area.

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 is a housing development in this planning area providing 280 dwellings that has commenced and is due to be complete in around five years. There are two strategic development sites in the Kirklees Local Plan in this planning area. Given the concentration of housing development in this planning area, there is a risk that, even with the expected population decline, demand for places will exceed the available capacity. A strategic decision was made in 2021 to introduce a modest number of permanent places (30 per year group) at Manor Croft Academy to manage the previous population peak and future demand generated by these two sites.

Place planning summary for Planning Area 28. Dewsbury	
Place planning data for five cohorts of children: Years 7,8,9,10,11 From NHS Oct 2022 and School Census Jan 2023 <i>Note numbers in [square brackets] show the average number of children per year group</i>	
<b>5111 [1022] children live in this PA (NHS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3058 [612] go to schools in this PA</li> <li>• 1214 [243] go to schools in other Kirklees PAs</li> <li>• 89 [18] go to schools in non-mainstream provisions</li> <li>• 288 [58] go to schools in other LAs</li> <li>• 462 [92] are unknown</li> </ul>	<b>3791 [758] children go to school in this PA (Census)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3058 [612] Live in this PA</li> <li>• 684 [137] Live in other PAs</li> <li>• 49 [10] Live outside Kirklees</li> </ul>
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	758 738  <b>Broadly static with fluctuations</b>
Place planning strategy (assuming current patterns of migration, housing occupancy, parental preference etc) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on population data the projected need for places is above the capacity of available places</li> <li>• On balance, significantly more children travel OUT to schools in other PAs than travel in to schools in this PA With a large number also travelling OUT to schools in neighbouring LAs</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	

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Table C: Where do children living in the Dewsbury planning area go to school?

Years 7-11 (Jan 2023)

School Attended	Boothroyd Primary Academy	Carlton J & I School	Diamond Wood Community Academy / Ravensthorpe CE (VC) Junior School	Earlsheaton Infant School / Bywell CE (VC) Junior School	Eastborough J I & N School	Hanging Heaton CE (VC) J & I School	Orchard Primary Academy	Overthorpe C of E Academy	Pentland I & N School / Headfield CE (VC) Junior School	Savile Town CE(VC) I & N School / Headfield CE (VC) Junior School	Shaw Cross I & N School / Bywell CE (VC) Junior School	St John's CE(C) Primary School / Westmoor Primary School KS2	Thornhill J & I School	Thornhill Lees CE (VC) I & N School / Headfield CE (VC) Junior School	Westmoor Primary School	Grand Total
All Saints Catholic College								1						2		3
Batley Girls High School	17	49	11	1	8	1	1		7	6	9	33	1	36	31	211
Batley Grammar School	1	8	4		2	4			3	2	1	2	31	2	6	81
BBG Academy																2
Castle Hall Academy	25		341	3	7		2	5	5		3	16	3	43	8	461
Heckmondwike Grammar School	12	2	7	10	1	2		4	2	5	11	22	3	24	10	115
King James's School													1			1
Kirkburton Middle School								2								2
Manor Croft Academy	36	11	7	163	136	29	206	6	3	6	220	38	2	17	8	888
Moor End Academy	2								1					2		5
Newsome Academy	1		1								1			2		5
North Huddersfield Trust School				1												1
Shelley College, A Share Academy								2								2
Spenn Valley High School	1		1			1					1	1		1	4	10
St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy	119	19	18	10	24	2	16	11	1		20	115	14	15	113	497
The Mirfield Free Grammar	4	1	98				2	2	1	1	1	7	3	23	3	146
Thornhill Community Academy, A SHARE Academy	7		9	5	1		4	133	77	31	1	3	150	422	8	851
Upper Batley High School	11	50	11	2	9	2	1		7	2	3	22	3	24	20	167
Westborough High School	220	17	185	5	10		4	2	13	20	5	182	3	45	111	822
Whitcliffe Mount, A SHARE Academy			1				1									2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>4272</b>

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Table D: Where do children attending school in Dewsbury live?

Years 7-11 (Jan 2023)

PAA of Residence	School Attended				Grand Total
	Manor Croft Academy	St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy	Thornhill Community Academy, A SHARE Academy	Westborough High School	
Ashbrow School				3	3
Birkby I & N School / Birkby Junior School			2		2
Birkenshaw CE(C) Primary School		4			4
Birstall Primary Academy		16	2	1	19
Boothroyd Primary Academy	36	119	7	220	382
Carlinghow Academy	9	70	2	3	84
Carlton J & I School	11	19		17	47
Christ Church CE Academy				3	3
Co-op Academy Smithies Moor	3	46	2	7	58
Crowlees CE (VC) J & I School		1		2	3
Diamond Wood Community Academy / Ravensthorpe CE (VC) Junior School	7	18	9	185	219
Earlsheaton Infant School / Bywell CE (VC) Junior School	163	10	5	5	183
Eastborough J I & N School	136	24	1	10	171
Field Lane J I & N School	1	1			2
Fieldhead Primary Academy		16	1	3	20
Flockton CE (VC) First School		1	3		4
Gomersal St Mary's CE(VC) Primary School / Gomersal Primary School		13			13
Grange Moor Primary School	1	1			2
Hanging Heaton CE (VC) J & I School	29	2			31
Hartshead J & I School		1			1
Headlands CE (VC) J I & N School		1			1
Healey J I & N School	11	51	2	16	80
Heaton Avenue, A SHARE Primary Academy	1	3			4
Heckmondwike Primary School	11	55	1	18	85
High Bank J I & N School		2			2
Hightown J I & N School		2		1	3
Hopton Primary School	3	3		1	7
Howard Park Community School		6			6
Littletown J I & N School			1		1
Lydgate J & I School	19	17	1	3	40
Manorfield I & N School / Staincliffe CE (VC) Junior School	10	60		23	93
Meltham Moor Primary School	1				1
Mill Lane Primary School	23	10	1		34
Millbridge, A SHARE Primary Academy	1	15	1	2	19
Moorlands Primary School			1		1
Netherhall St James CE(VC) I & N School / Netherhall Learning Campus Junior School	1				1
New Mill Infant School / New Mill Junior School (Learning Accord MAT)			1		1
Norristhorpe J & I School		14	2		16
Oak CE (VC) Primary School (Junior)/Beaumont Primary Academy				3	3
Old Bank Academy		3	1		4
Orchard Primary Academy	206	16	4	4	230
Overthorpe C of E Academy	6	11	133	2	152
Park Road J I & N School	3	4	1	2	10
Pentland I & N School / Headfield CE (VC) Junior School	3	1	77	13	94
Purlwell I & N School / Hyrstmount Junior School	2	4		3	9
Roberttown CE (VC) J & I School		4	2		6
Savile Town CE(VC) I & N School / Headfield CE (VC) Junior School	6		31	20	57
Scholes J & I School	1				1
Scissett CE (VA ) Academy			1		1
Shaw Cross I & N School / Bywell CE (VC) Junior School	220	20	1	5	246
St John's CE(C) Primary School / Westmoor Primary School KS2	38	115	3	182	338
St Thomas CE (VC) Primary School		1			1
Thornhill J & I School	2	14	150	3	169
Thornhill Lees CE (VC) I & N School / Headfield CE (VC) Junior School	17	15	422	45	499
Warwick Road Primary School	3	10		6	19
Westmoor Primary School	8	113	8	111	240
Whitechapel Church of England Primary School		4	1		5
Windmill Church of England Primary School		12			12
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>3742</b>

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)**

The following bulge places were offered above PAN: Manor Croft Academy - 30 places; Thornhill Community Academy – 30 places; and Westborough High School – 20 places.

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
<b>Dewsbury</b>									
Manor Croft Academy	210	282	155	38	17	210	73.8%	18.1%	8.1%
St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy	198			78	119	197		39.6%	60.4%
Thornhill Community Academy, A SHARE Acader	210	257	192	13	5	210	91.4%	6.2%	2.4%
Westborough High School	200	439	168	15	17	200	84.0%	7.5%	8.5%
	<b>818</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>63.0%</b>	<b>17.6%</b>	<b>19.3%</b>

**Table E(ii)**

The following bulge places were offered above PAN: Manor Croft Academy - 30 places; Thornhill Community Academy – 30 places; and Westborough High School – 20 places.

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
<b>Dewsbury</b>									
Manor Croft Academy	210	288	180	19	11	210	85.7%	9.0%	5.2%
St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy	198			100	98	198		50.5%	49.5%
Thornhill Community Academy, A SHARE Acader	210	261	177	21	10	208	85.1%	10.1%	4.8%
Westborough High School	200	468	158	21	21	200	79.0%	10.5%	10.5%
	<b>818</b>	<b>1017</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>63.1%</b>	<b>19.7%</b>	<b>17.2%</b>

**Table E(iii)**

The following bulge places were offered above PAN: Manor Croft Academy - 30 places; and Thornhill Community Academy – 20 places.

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
<b>Dewsbury</b>									
Manor Croft Academy	210	288	175	14	21	210	83.3%	6.7%	10.0%
St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy	198			95	103	198		48.0%	52.0%
Thornhill Community Academy	200	234	173	14	5	192	90.1%	7.3%	2.6%
Westborough High School	180	424	149	14	17	180	82.8%	7.8%	9.4%
	<b>788</b>	<b>946</b>							