

Commissioning School Places in Barking & Dagenham 2023 – 2029
Volume 1 - Data

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Introduction

In its role as Commissioner of school places in Barking & Dagenham, the Local Authority compiles this document annually. It provides:

- information on the current organisation of school places, and the existing capacities and number of pupils attending those schools;
- information about the size of existing school sites and opportunities that may exist for further expansion where required to meet housing demands; and
- forecasts of future pupil numbers, and how any increases might be accommodated, or how any surpluses could be addressed.

It will help the Council, schools, promoters, parents and local communities understand the need for school places and establish future demands.

Commissioning School Places in Barking & Dagenham 2023-2029 has been split into two volumes. Volume 1 contains the data tables and appendices.

Volume 2 (to be published at a later date) for the context and commentary.

The number of schools in Barking and Dagenham

The number of schools including a breakdown by type of school is shown in Table 4, for Barking and Dagenham. The current pattern of school provision in Barking and Dagenham includes a diversity of schools with a religious foundation and background as well as the non-denominational schools established from public funds. The diocesan authorities and the Local Authority co-operate over planning school places to provide opportunities for parents to express a preference for denominational schools.

The number and type of schools can change over the course of an academic year, due to schools opening, closing, amalgamating, converting to academies and other changes.

Table 4 shows the position at the end of the 2021/22 academic year.

Table 4: Number of schools in Barking & Dagenham as at May 2022

Barking & Dagenham	Community Schools/UTC's	Free Schools	Voluntary Aided CE & other Schools	Voluntary Aided RC Schools	Voluntary Controlled Schools	Academy Schools	Total
Primary phase							
Infant	4					1	5
Junior	2		1			2	5
Primary	24	1		2	1	6	34
Primary phase Total	30	1	1	2	1	9	44
<u>All Through Schools</u>							
<u>Total</u>	3	1				1	5
<u>Secondary phase</u>							
<u>Total</u>	3	2		1	1	1	8
<u>Special schools</u>							
<u>Total</u>	1	1				1	3
Total	37	5	1	3	2	12	60