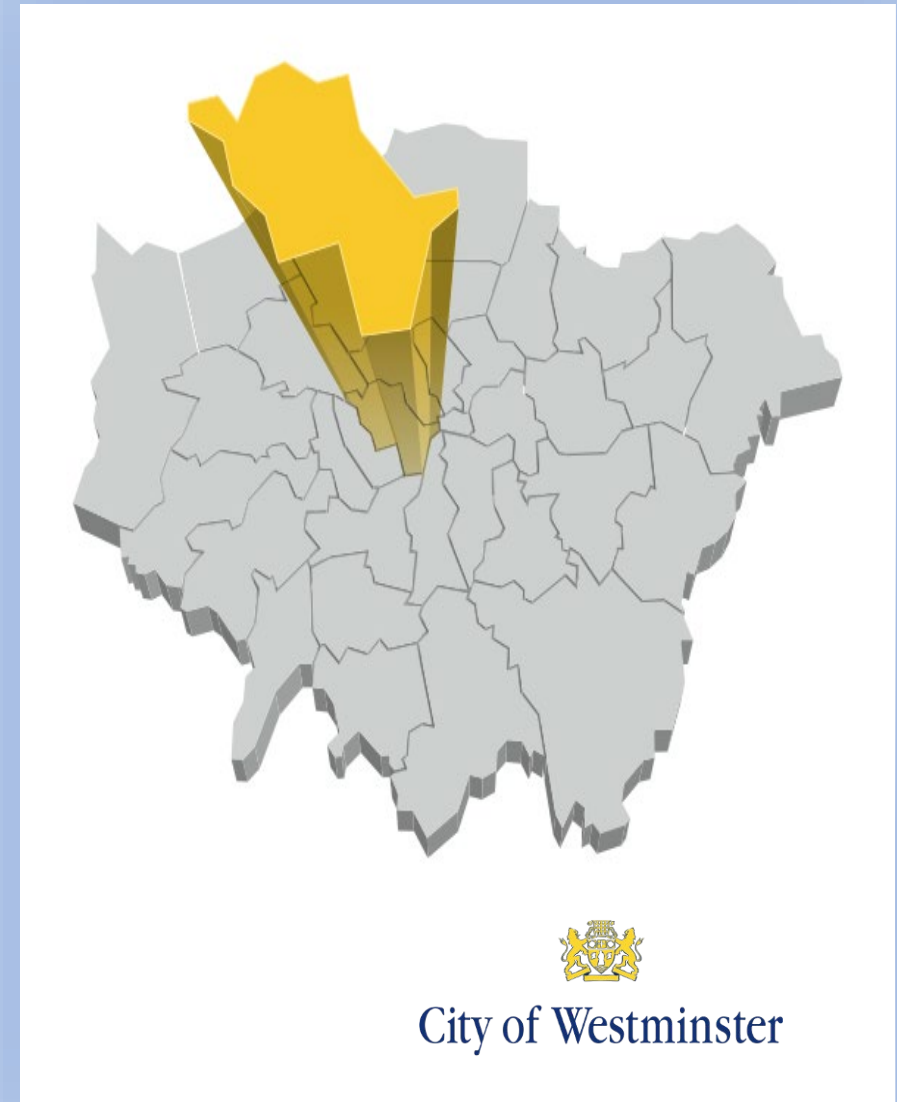


School Place Planning Projections 2022-23



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Overall Population Projections in Westminster

Corporate Business Intelligence provide the following information on Westminster's population that affect child population projections for the majority of inner London boroughs:

- An increase in the Mid Year Estimates produced by the Office of National Statistics (ONS), proved to be inaccurate for some child age-groups in particular and contradicted the evidence presented by falling school rolls locally. The GLA does not therefore use ONS figures and Westminster has produced local school projections using GLA data only since 2020.
- The national census was conducted in March 2021 and would usually offer the opportunity to realign population estimates with the current situation. Unfortunately the Census took place during the pandemic with many people absent from Inner London. Census figures indicated a 24% reduction in our population size from the previous mid-year estimate (2020), with 37% fewer children overall. The ONS acknowledge that these results are lower than a normal population estimate.
- Whilst the census has certainly under-estimated the number of working age adults and older people, the figures for children appear to be more accurate given current spare capacity in primary schools. The next set of population estimates will be the Mid Year Estimates 2021, due to be published November 2022.
- **The Office of National Statistics will revise all their Mid Year Estimates for 2012 to 2020, in Spring 2023.** When that data is available, we will be able to start projecting population trends more accurately, working with the GLA to ensure projections remain closer to current local spare capacity data in primary schools.

Estimate of primary school children derived from housing pipeline following change in housing policy since May 2022

- The annual housing target is set in the City Plan at 985 units.
- The affordable housing target proportion of that is currently 35%, or 345 net affordable units
- The likely future ambition is to maintain the 985 unit target, but to increase the social housing proportion to 60% of the affordable units. This means we would aim to build 207 social housing units per year.

Housing target	Previous social housing target - between 2027 2032	Expected child yield (from social housing) for state primary schools between 2027 - 2032
985	138	61
Affordable housing target	Future social housing target	Potential future children yield (from social housing)
345	207	91

- In social housing, based on historical yield data, **at least 65 net social rent units** would need to be completed within a primary school catchment area, in order for **1** new form of entry to be required.
- The revised City Plan may lead to an additional 3 forms of entry (91 as shown above) across Westminster between 2027 and 2032. The housing pipeline, even with the higher social housing targets, makes only a small positive impact on the potential numbers of additional pupils at WCC primaries.
- It is worth noting that the sites where new build might occur are still being investigated. Currently, therefore, we don't know where delivery will occur in relation to the school planning areas.
- There is also a 25% target for family sized homes, which might be expected to yield children, however, that refers to all new build homes, and might not be proportional across all tenures. Market housing currently yields small numbers of children going to WCC primary schools.

School Roll Projections (SRP)

- Westminster Council subscribes to the GLA modelling for its forecasting . This modelling is used by all London boroughs and is the data source attributed to the annual statutory DfE School Capacity Annual Projections return (SCAP). This annual return generates Basic Need Capital Funding from the DfE for local authorities to provide additional school places (where applicable).
- The data sources are school rolls (census), births, population and approved housing developments (all by ward/planning area). Education and Corporate Business Intelligence apply the modelling to produce the projections.
- The data is run through reporting software to visualise the different models to see how it matches with internal expectations, modelling and planning and then a specific scenario is applied and adapted as necessary. The standard scenario, and the default option for the input into the school roll projections, applies standard migration assumptions for the Covid period and high outward migration assumptions from Westminster in the longer term.

Section 1

Primary school projections

Primary School Projections

- The following slides show the pupil projections for the whole borough and then by planning area.
- Planning areas (PAs) are set by the DfE for the purpose of school place planning. For the primary schools, there are six planning areas.
- Projections have been estimated for the next 5 years. Local, national and world events, when projections were undertaken in the past, such as benefit changes, the Covid-19 pandemic, Brexit and the Ukraine conflict, can affect the pupil population and this is why projections are updated and amended annually for planning purposes and to ensure accuracy.

Data sources for projections:

The 2022 figure is from Summer (May) 2022 census also for the surplus/unfilled places

The GLA forecast data is from Spring census [Publisher: GLA Demography - London Datastore](#)

There are six Planning Areas (PA) for primary place planning purposes. The below table shows the forecasts for the combined PAs
Total number of primary places provided across Westminster, excluding nursery (based on the Published Admissions Number for each school (PAN): **11396**

Current Surplus (as at May 2022 pupil census): **2699 (23.4%)**

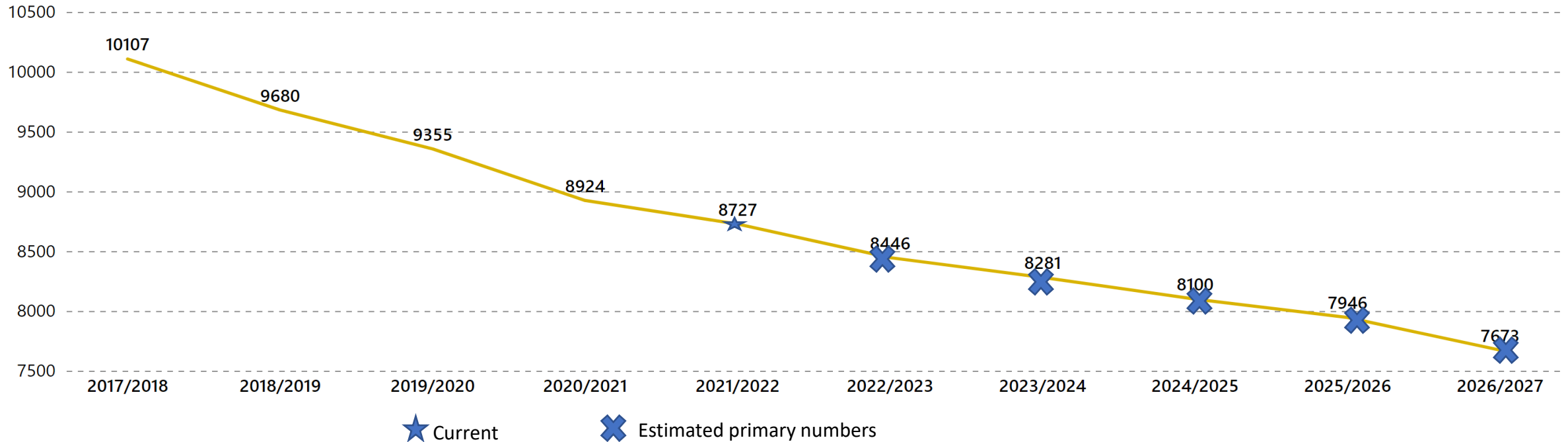
Past, current and estimated numbers by year group

ACYear	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	R to 6
2017/2018	1343	1398	1490	1485	1483	1469	1439	10107
2018/2019	1221	1324	1348	1442	1462	1440	1443	9680
2019/2020	1296	1196	1289	1306	1428	1450	1390	9355
2020/2021	1209	1245	1153	1237	1293	1385	1402	8924
2021/2022	1213	1233	1248	1153	1215	1274	1391	8727 ★

All Planning Areas Across Westminster

ACYear	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	R to 6
2022/2023	1155	1185	1219	1247	1152	1220	1268	8446
2023/2024	1144	1132	1173	1213	1239	1156	1224	8281
2024/2025	1095	1115	1116	1166	1202	1240	1166	8100
2025/2026	1095	1066	1093	1102	1155	1200	1235	7946
2026/2027	1046	1063	1041	1083	1099	1149	1192	7673

Total number (Reception to Year 6) actuals and projections by academic year



Planning Area 1: Maida Vale - Essendine, Queens Park, St Augustine's, St Joseph's, St Luke's, St Peter's, St Saviour's, Wilberforce

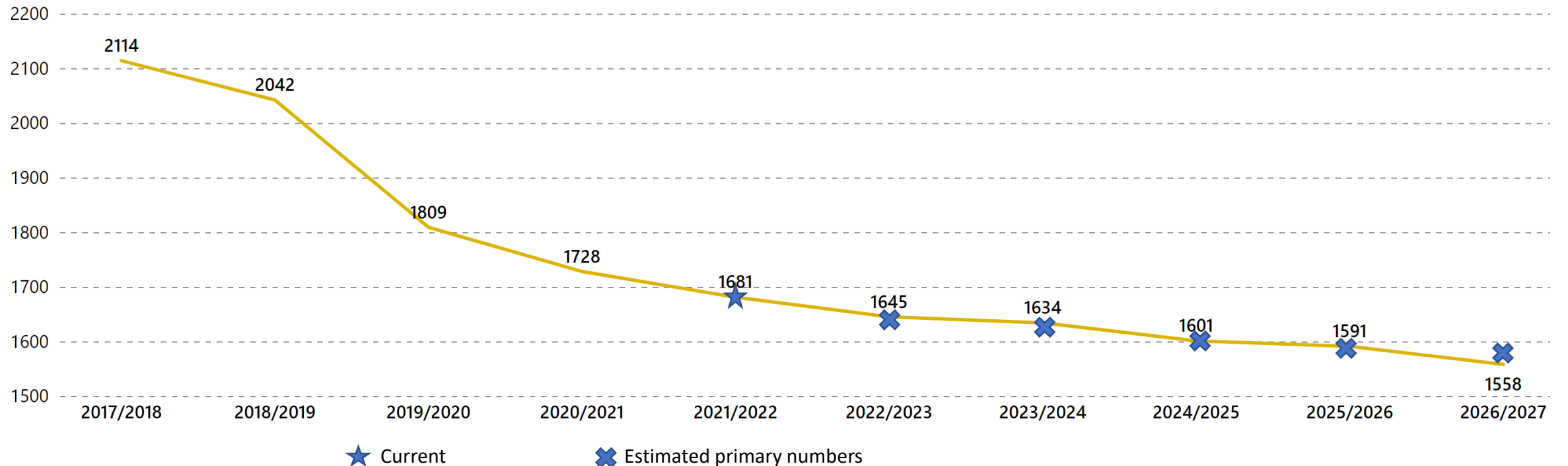
Total admissions number (based on the formal Published Admissions Number for each school (PAN): **2058**

Current Surplus (as at May 2022 census): **376** (18.2%)

Past, current and estimated numbers by year group

ACYear	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	R to 6	Maida Vale									ACYear	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	R to 6
2017/2018	285	297	315	298	306	297	316	2114	Planning Area									2022/2023	241	243	243	230	208	244	236	1645
2018/2019	261	282	296	313	295	302	293	2042										2023/2024	238	235	242	240	227	208	244	1634
2019/2020	243	237	255	260	284	264	266	1809										2024/2025	229	232	230	237	238	227	208	1601
2020/2021	246	235	223	247	252	272	253	1728										2025/2026	225	223	225	224	234	236	224	1591
2021/2022	250	247	232	208	244	237	263	1681★										2026/2027	213	218	216	221	223	231	236	1558

Total number (Reception to Year 6) actuals and projections by academic year



Planning Area 2: Marylebone - Hampden Gurney, St Mary's Bryanston Sq, St Vincent's

Total admissions number (based on the formal Published Admissions Number for each school (PAN): **630**)

Current Surplus (as at May 2022 pupil census): **83** (13%)

Past, current and estimated numbers by year group

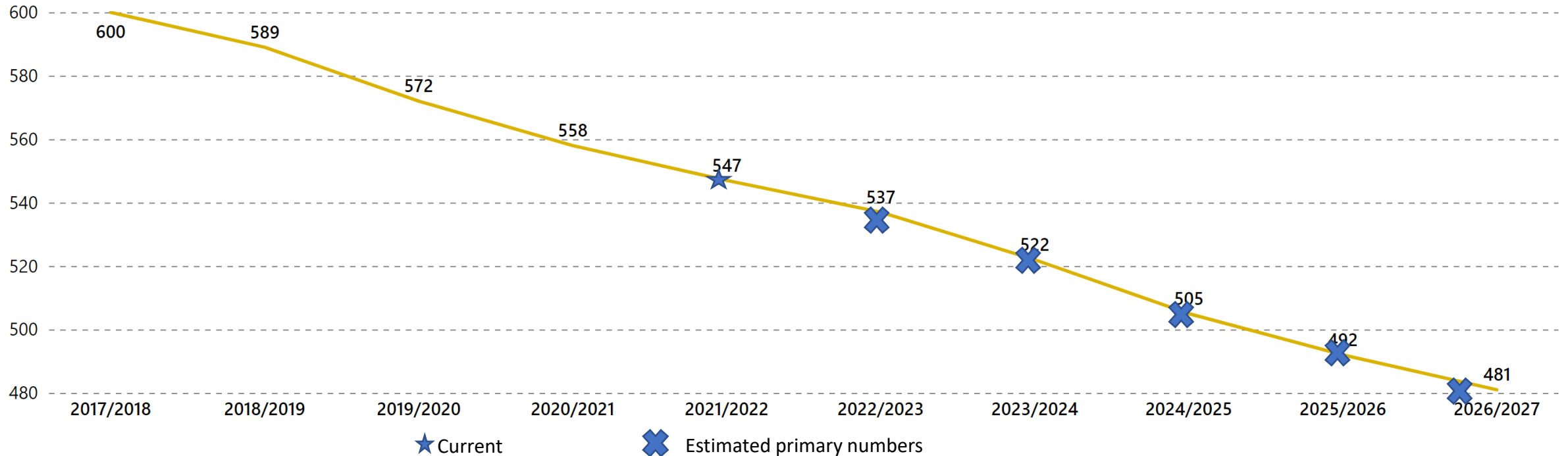
ACYear	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	R to 6
2017/2018	90	84	86	84	80	90	86	600
2018/2019	84	87	82	86	85	83	82	589
2019/2020	80	78	85	80	85	88	76	572
2020/2021	84	78	77	85	75	81	78	558
2021/2022	80	80	70	76	79	84	78	547 ★

Marylebone

Planning Area

ACYear	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	R to 6
2022/2023	74	75	78	70	76	80	84	537
2023/2024	74	71	75	77	69	76	80	522
2024/2025	72	69	68	72	77	69	78	505
2025/2026	73	66	66	68	72	77	70	492
2026/2027	69	66	64	66	68	72	76	481

Total number (Reception to Year 6) actuals and projections by academic year



Planning Area 3: St John's Wood - Ark King Solomon, Barrow Hill, Christ Church Bentinck, Gateway, George Eliot, Robinsfield, St Edward's

Total admissions number (based on the formal Published Admissions Number for each school (PAN): **2940**

Current Surplus (as at May 2022 pupil census): **720** (25%)

Past, current and estimated numbers by year group

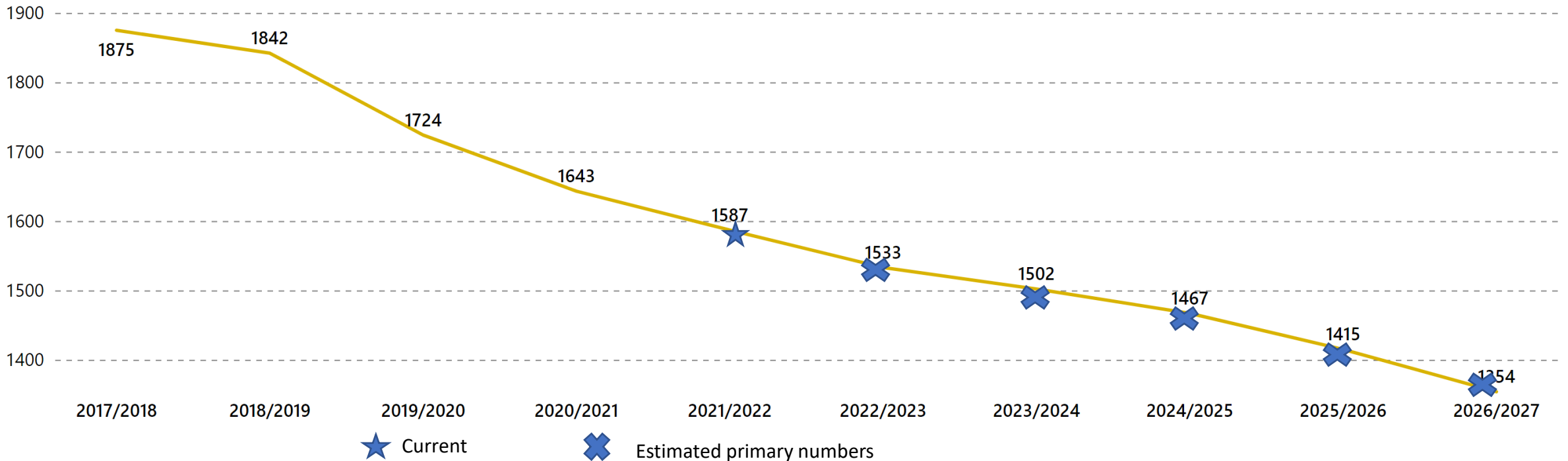
St John's Wood

Planning Area

ACYear	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	R to 6
2017/2018	235	245	267	279	284	292	273	1875
2018/2019	225	243	236	276	284	283	295	1842
2019/2020	237	225	227	224	265	275	271	1724
2020/2021	218	224	232	215	231	258	265	1643
2021/2022	197	215	231	231	222	235	256	1587

ACYear	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	R to 6
2022/2023	202	193	215	234	231	224	234	1533
2023/2024	200	199	192	219	234	233	225	1502
2024/2025	188	196	198	197	218	236	234	1467
2025/2026	187	185	195	198	195	219	236	1415
2026/2027	181	183	184	196	197	195	218	1354

Total number (Reception to Year 6) actuals and projections by academic year



Planning Area 4: Bayswater - Ark Atwood, Edward Wilson, Hallfield, Our Lady of Dolours, St James and St John, St Mary Magdalene, St Mary of the Angels, St Stephen's

Total admissions number (based on the formal Published Admissions Number for each school (PAN): **2331**

Current Surplus (as at May 2022 pupil census): **511 (21%)**

Past, current and estimated numbers by year group

ACYear	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	R to 6
2017/2018	283	292	330	328	343	328	300	2204
2018/2019	253	260	269	297	314	316	315	2024
2019/2020	266	247	254	263	295	311	298	1934
2020/2021	234	259	231	245	266	293	311	1839
2021/2022	253	246	260	240	234	271	316	1820

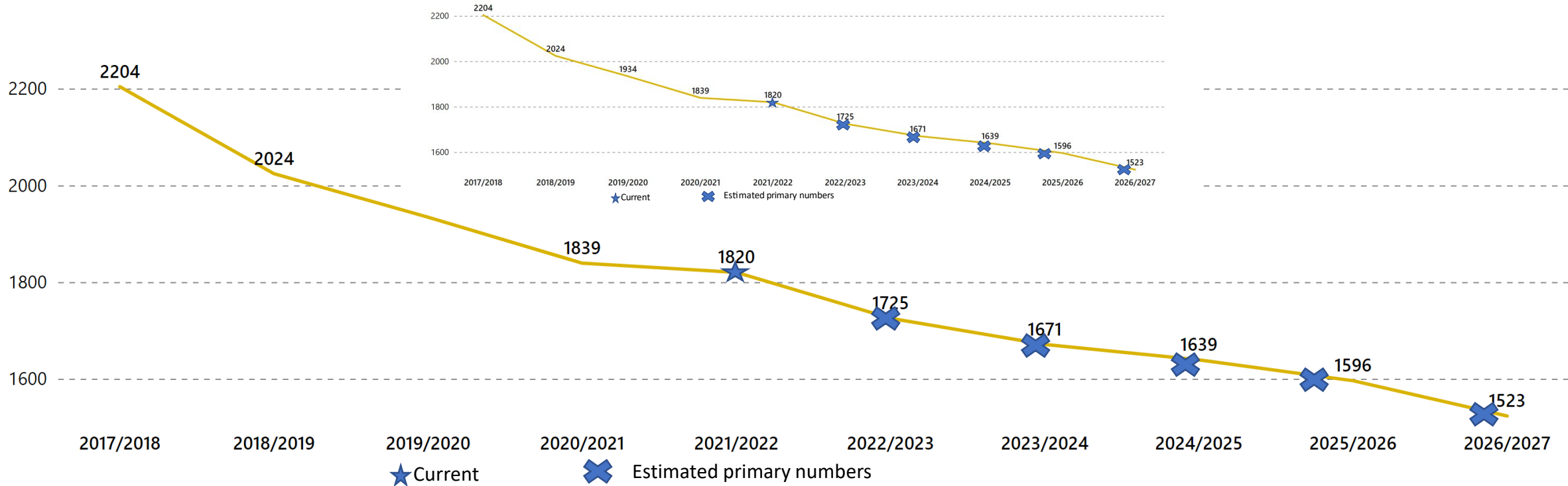
Bayswater

Planning Area

ACYear	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	R to 6
2017/2018	283	292	330	328	343	328	300	2204
2018/2019	253	260	269	297	314	316	315	2024
2019/2020	266	247	254	263	295	311	298	1934
2020/2021	234	259	231	245	266	293	311	1839
2021/2022	253	246	260	240	234	271	316	1820

ACYear	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	R to 6
2022/2023	236	243	241	259	239	234	273	1725
2023/2024	235	230	238	237	256	238	237	1671
2024/2025	228	221	221	236	233	253	247	1639
2025/2026	230	213	215	219	231	231	257	1596
2026/2027	216	214	202	211	215	228	237	1523

Total number (Reception to Year 6) actuals and projections by academic year



Planning Area 5: South - Burdett Coutts, Churchill Gardens, Millbank, Pimlico Primary, St Barnabas, St Gabriel's, St Peter's Eaton Square, St Vincent De Paul, Westminster Cathedral

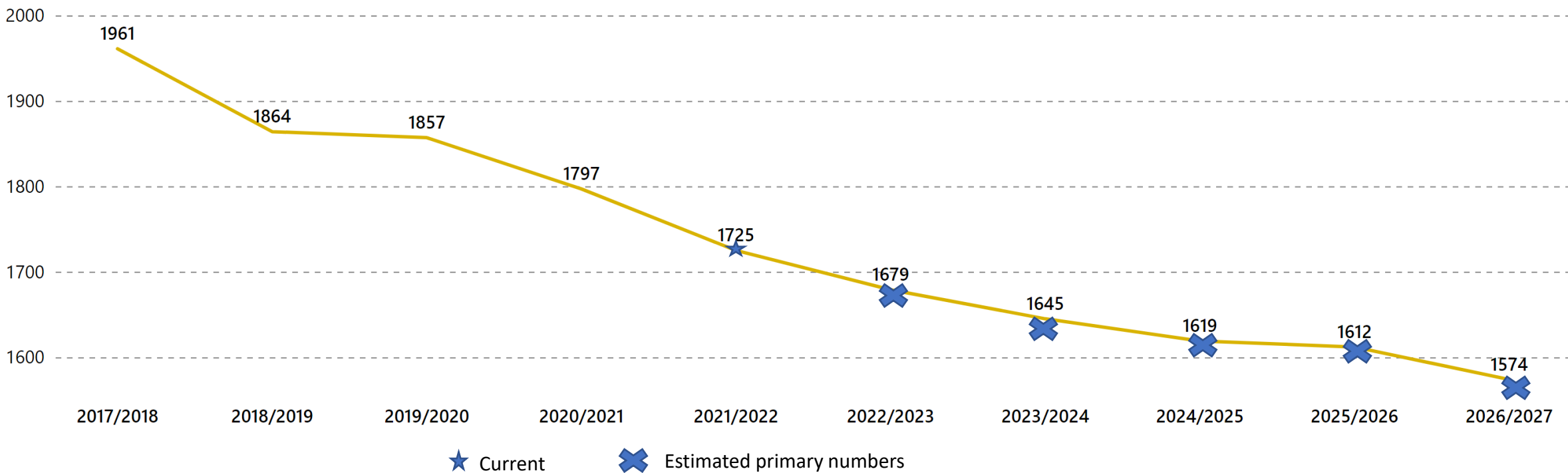
Total admissions number (based on the formal Published Admissions Number for each school (PAN): **2401**

Current Surplus (as at May 2022 pupil census): **675** **(28%)**

Past, current and estimated numbers by year group

South									South								
Planning Area									Planning Area								
ACYear	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	R to 6	ACYear	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	R to 6
2017/2018	255	291	293	300	275	277	270	1961	2022/2023	225	235	264	247	216	241	251	1679
2018/2019	224	255	288	272	294	259	272	1864	2023/2024	222	223	232	263	247	219	239	1645
2019/2020	267	218	260	284	279	291	258	1857	2024/2025	215	224	225	231	261	248	215	1619
2020/2021	265	253	210	244	273	267	285	1797	2025/2026	216	217	222	223	232	262	240	1612
2021/2022	236	266	247	216	239	257	264	1725 ★	2026/2027	210	218	215	221	227	232	251	1574

Total number (Reception to Year 6) actuals and projections by academic year



Planning Area 6: Central - All Souls, Soho Parish, St Clement Danes, St George's Hanover Sq, St Matthew's

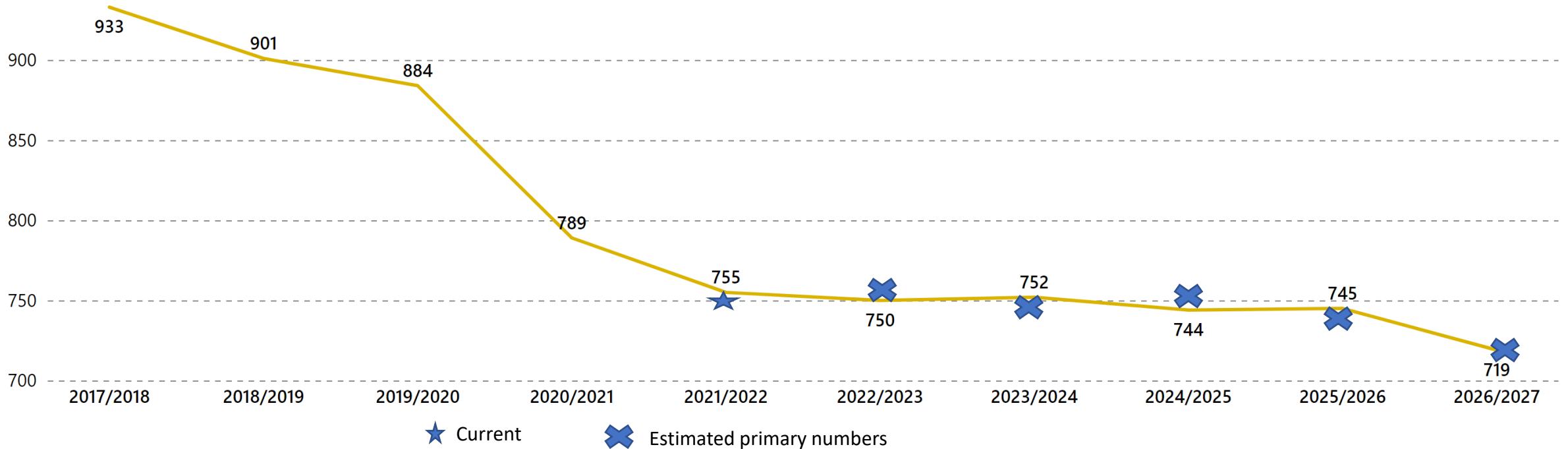
Total admissions number (based on the formal Published Admissions Number for each school (PAN): **1036**

Current Surplus (as at May 2022 pupil census): **281** (27%)

Past, current and estimated numbers by year group

Central								
Planning Area								
ACYear	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	R to 6
2017/2018	139	130	139	136	135	125	129	933
2018/2019	124	138	118	139	127	133	122	901
2019/2020	127	119	137	118	132	126	125	884
2020/2021	98	118	106	123	111	118	115	789
2021/2022	107	100	122	96	108	104	118	755 ★
ACYear	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	R to 6
2022/2023	112	108	100	122	96	108	104	750
2023/2024	111	110	106	99	121	96	109	752
2024/2025	102	110	110	106	98	122	96	744
2025/2026	103	103	108	107	105	98	121	745
2026/2027	98	104	101	107	107	106	96	719

Total number (Reception to Year 6) actuals and projections by academic year

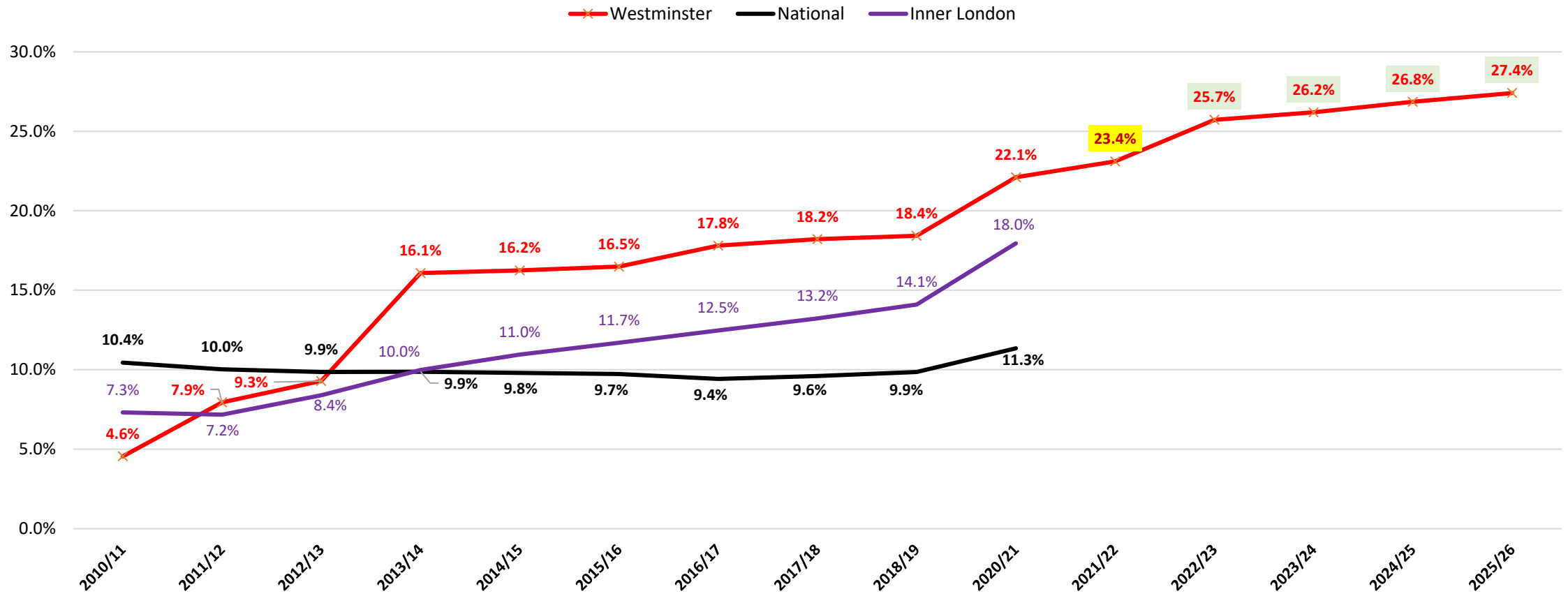


Primary surplus capacity

- The following slide shows published data up to 2020/21, with 2021/22 data captured from the Summer census calculations.
- The Inner London trend is up and has been increasing for the last 10 years. The national trend has also been increasing since 2017. Westminster's spare capacity percentage in its primary schools at 23.4% is amongst the highest in London (London average is 18%).
- When you combine this trend with the projections it is clear that the trajectory for primary school numbers is downwards.
- Source data for unfilled: <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/data-tables/permalink/7a5215dc-94e2-4f95-b218-fa26a68475fc>

The 2021/22 figure of 23.4% is taken from the May 2022 pupil census (highlighted in yellow)
 The 2023 to 2026 spare capacity projections based on current PANs are highlighted in light green

Primary schools - unfilled places (as % of capacity)



Recommendations and action to address surplus capacity

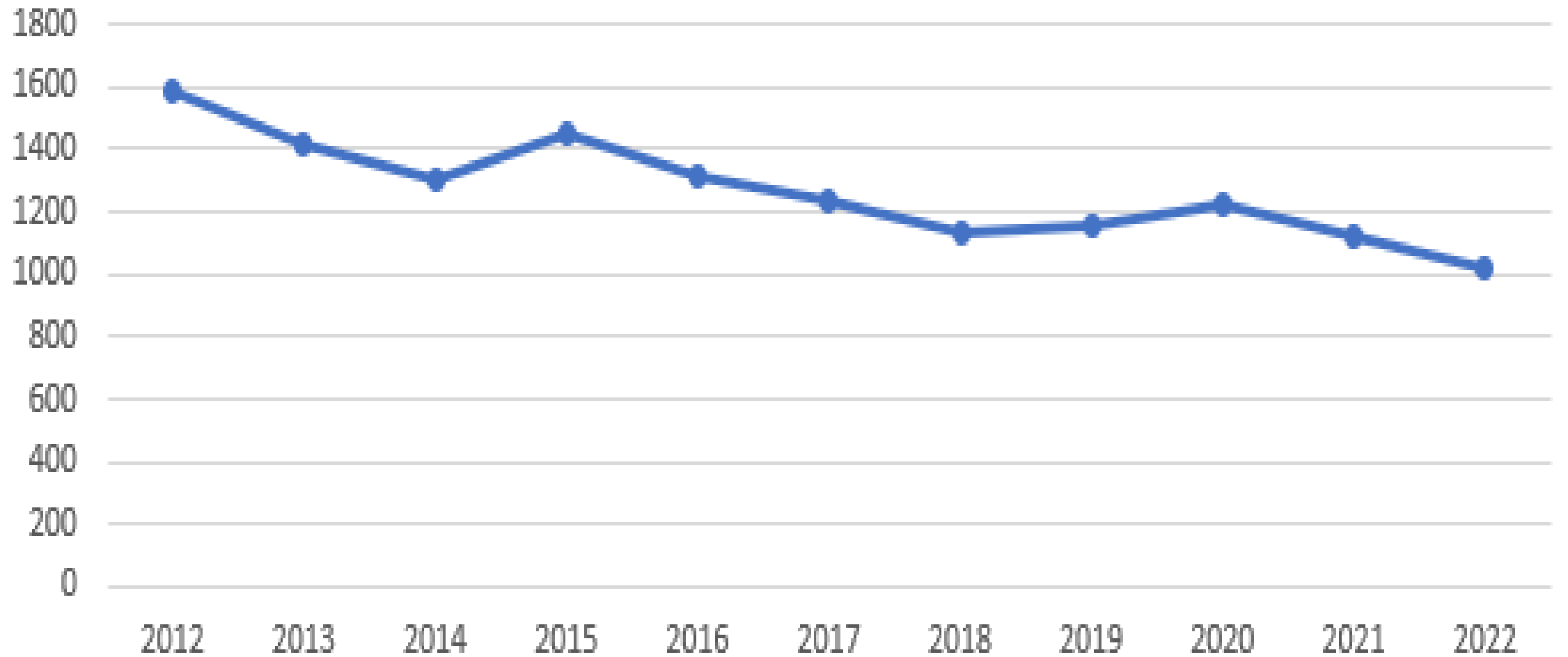
- Westminster’s Schools Forum agreed in June 2022 that the initial Isos recommendation made in 2020 to remove 4-5 forms of entry should increase to 7- 8 forms of entry. Taking account of legal processes that apply and timelines, the objective is to achieve this 7-8 forms of entry reduction by September 2025.
- The table below sets out reductions agreed to date (Sept 2022), those approved for 2023 and those due to be consulted on as part of the formal consultation on admission arrangements for 2024. The reductions equate to the removal of 3 forms of entry.
- Therefore, Schools Forum requires a further reduction of 4-5 forms of entry to be achieved across Westminster by September 2025.

Academic Year	Forms of entry removed (to be)	Schools
September 2022	1FE (30)	Amalgamation of Westminster Cathedral and St Vincent de Paul RC Primaries
	0.5FE (15)	Our Lady of Dolours RC Primary (1.5FE to 1FE)
September 2023	1FE (30)	George Eliot (2FE to 1FE)
September 2024	0.5FE (15) - proposed	Hallfield (2FE to 1.5FE)
September 2025		

Reception year group application trends

- Westminster Council, and many other London LAs, have seen a significant drop in the number of reception class applications submitted over the last two years partly due to the pandemic, but also falling birth rates and the fewer number of families in WCC. Since the 2020 reception round there has been a 17% fall in the number of on-time applicants. Following the reception 2022 allocations there is a surplus capacity of 29.2% for the reception year group across Westminster for September 2022 based on published admission numbers (PAN).
- Out of the 37 primary schools included in the process, 31 either had vacancies or only a very short waiting list at the end of the offer process.
- Early indications for the October 2022 school census, to be published in late November, and with reference to each school's on roll registration using the Schools Admissions Module (SAM), show that the surplus capacity is expected to reach 30% across reception.
- The next slide shows the fluctuation and overall decline of the number of on-time reception applications received over the last ten years.

Westminster Reception applications received 2012 - 2022

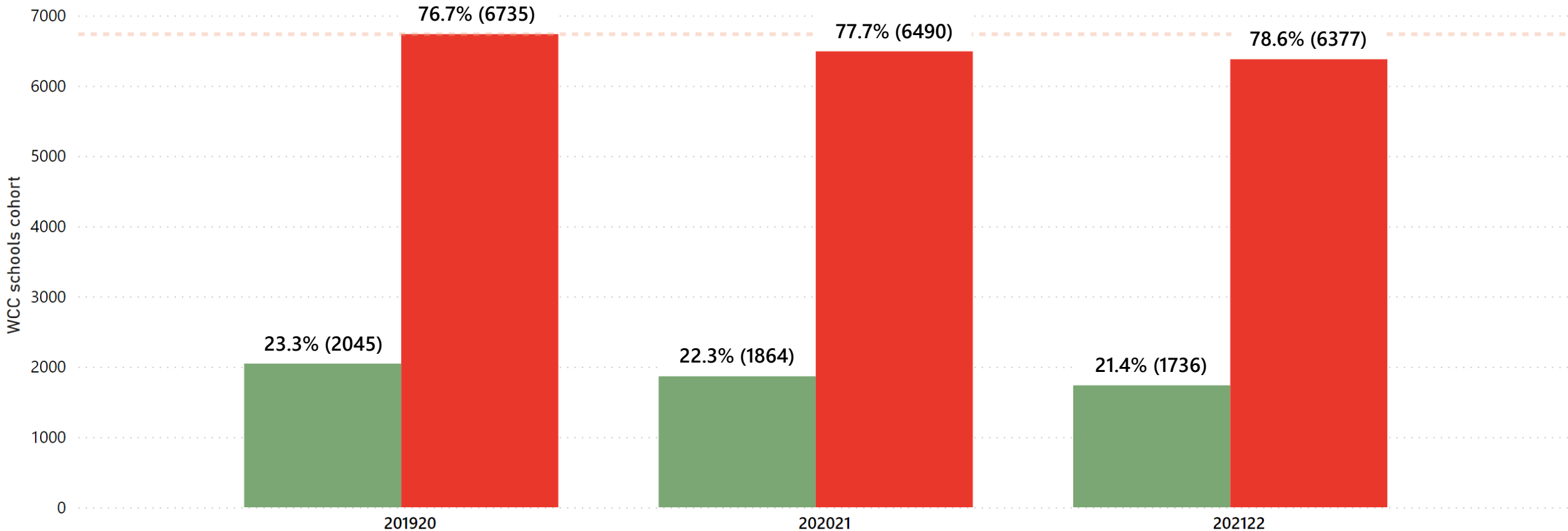


Westminster primary school resident breakdown

- The below shows the percentage of Westminster residents on roll in Westminster primary schools in the last the three years.
- Whilst overall primary demand has been falling over the last few years, the number of WCC residents taking up places in WCC primaries has increased slightly.

WCC Primary Schools - population

● Other LA Residents ● WCC Residents

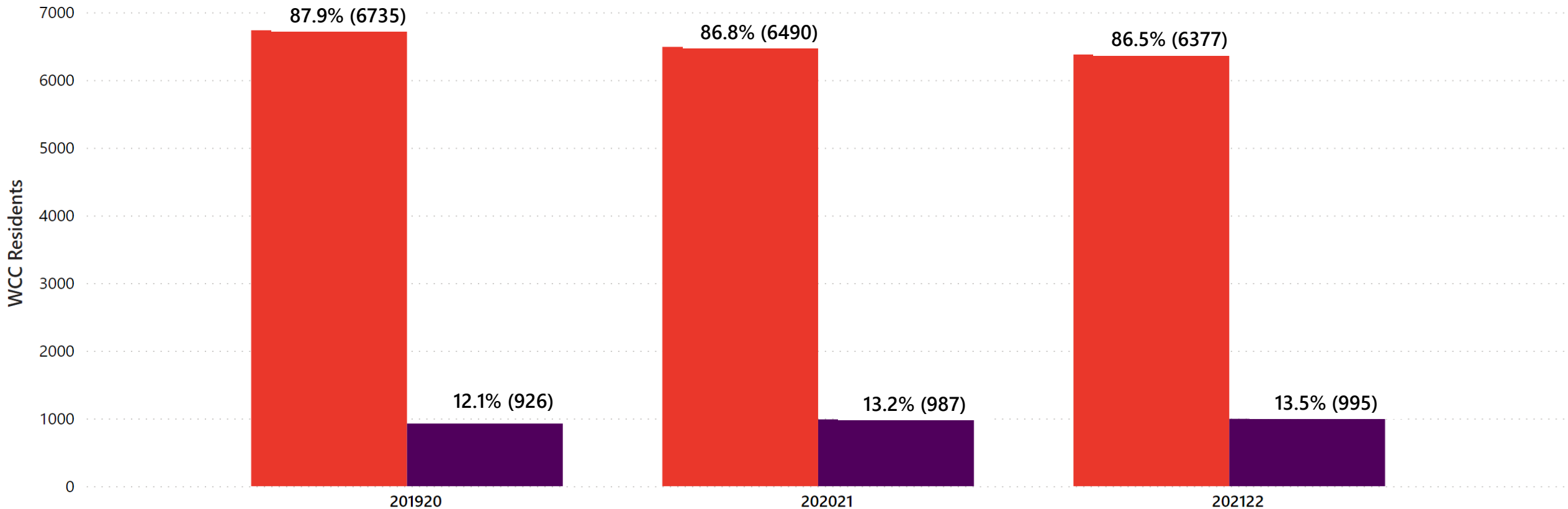


Westminster residents – breakdown of where they go to school

- The chart below shows where Westminster residents attend school with on average 87% attending Westminster primary schools.
- The trend remains largely unchanged over the last three years. For primary, this is mainly attributed to the geographical location of schools for residents located near the borough boundaries.

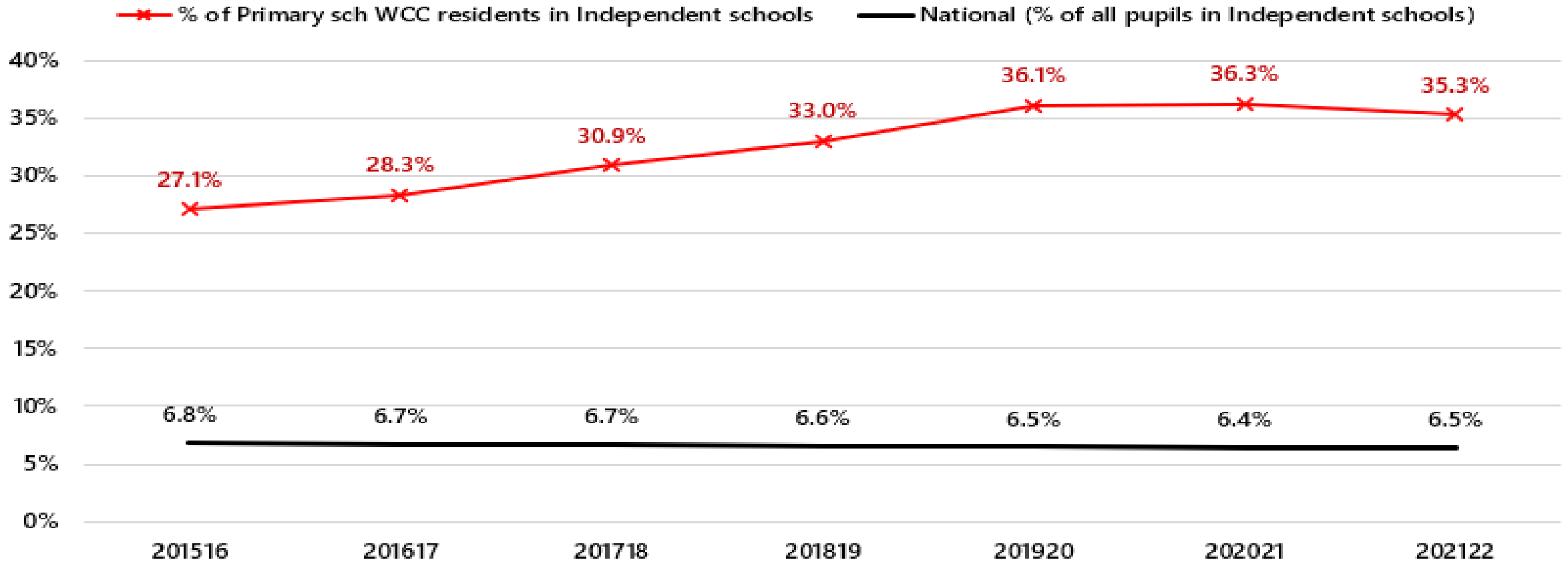
WCC Residents in Primary Schools

● WCC residents in WCC schools ● WCC residents in Other LA schools



Independent vs state education

% of Primary school Westminster residents in Independent schools against all pupils Nationally



Source: <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/data-tables/permalink/d90b7e29-bcd4-4ccb-b8c8-3f5d58e087af>

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And [Schools, pupils and their characteristics, Academic Year 2021/22 - Explore education statistics - GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Section 2

Secondary school projections

Secondary projections

- Westminster secondary schools are fully subscribed, in stark contrast to the position across the primary sector, with a current deficit of -0.8% . This is the lowest in London.
- The council has a statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient school places for resident 5-16 year olds.
- Secondary projections are shown up to 2029.
- Basic Need capital funding has been allocated in recent years to expand schools to address the lack of secondary places. The popularity of schools in Westminster attracts a Pan London intake. The law does not allow priority to be given to Westminster residents*
- Even with falling birth rates, the overall representation for secondary projections is not comparable with primary. The ongoing demand for secondary schools in Westminster can be attributed to the not only the high proportion of resident applications from other LAs, but also the outstanding quality and reputation of our schools.
- There is much more flexibility for secondary schools, all but one of whom are academies or free schools, to increase their PAN to meet immediate demand without the need to permanently expand their school buildings.
- Secondary schools are currently exceeding their published admission numbers and taking additional children, predominantly refugees, on to their rolls through Fair Access.

*Greenwich Judgement (*R v Greenwich London Borough Council, ex parte John Ball Primary School* (1989) 88 LGR 589 [1990] Fam Law 469) which held that pupils should not be discriminated against in relation to admission to the school simply because they reside outside the local authority area in which the school is situated.

Secondary school forecasts – there is one planning area for place planning purposes

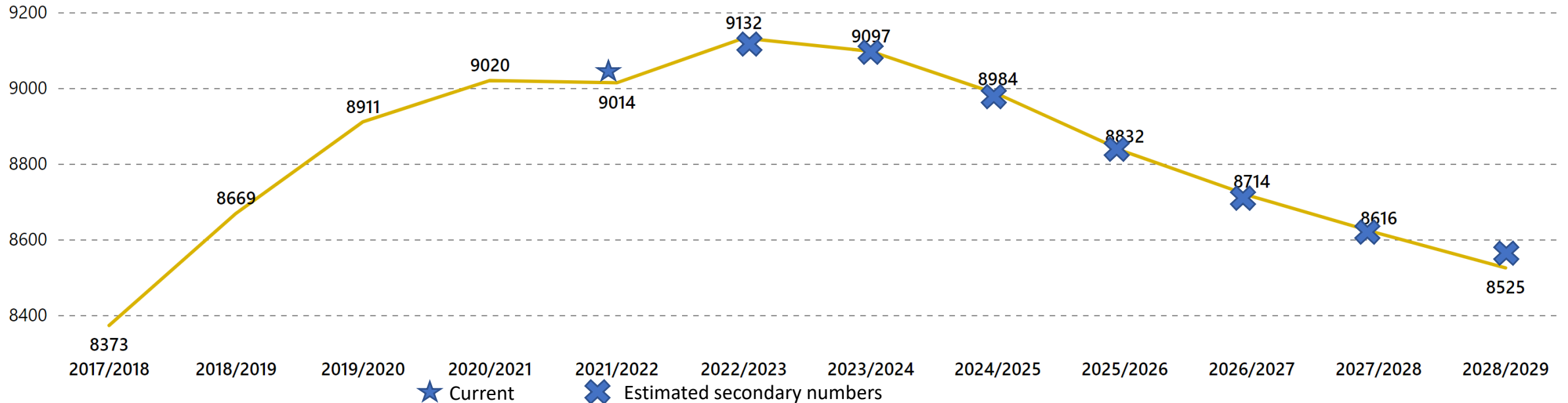
Total admission number: based on the formal Published Admission Number (PAN) for each school : **8917**

Current Deficit: (as at May pupil census 2022): **-97** **-0.8%**

Past, current and estimated numbers by year group

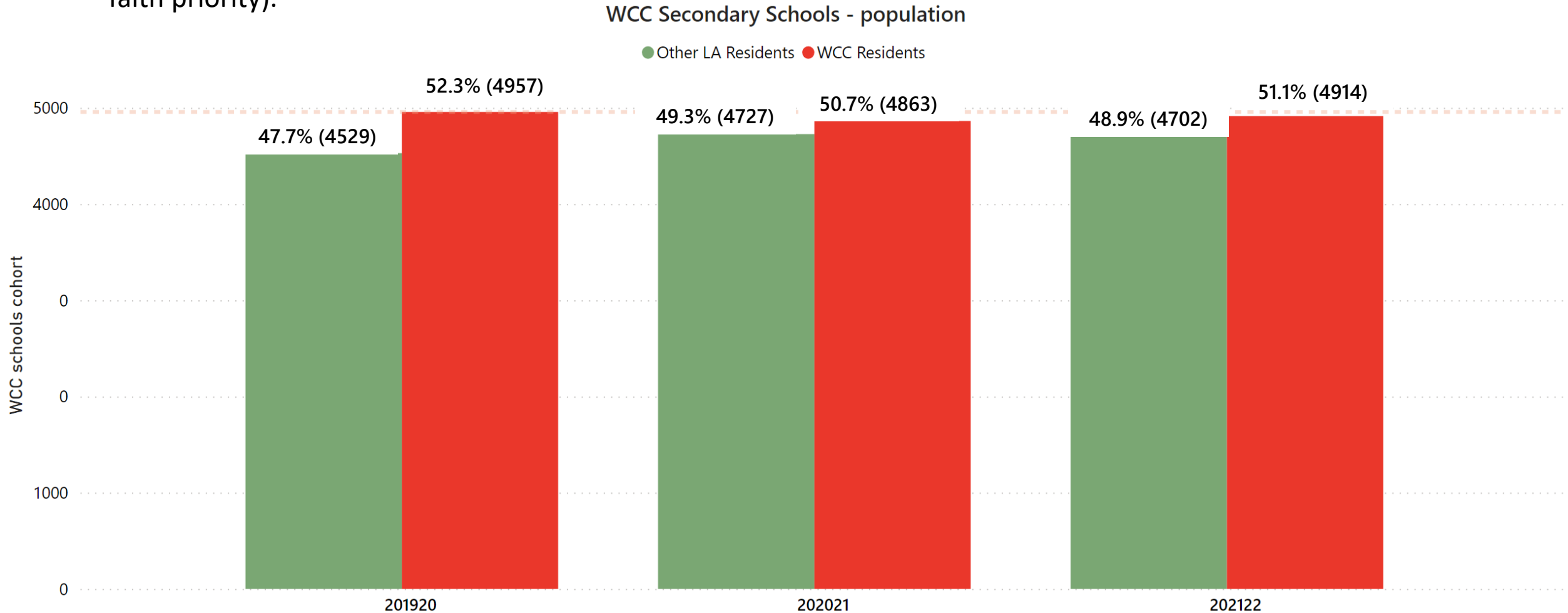
WCC Secondary							WCC Secondary						
Planning Area							Planning Area						
ACYear	7	8	9	10	11	7 to 11	ACYear	7	8	9	10	11	7 to 11
2017/2018	1802	1705	1710	1681	1475	8373	2022/2023	1795	1783	1832	1867	1855	9132
2018/2019	1825	1768	1700	1734	1642	8669	2023/2024	1736	1798	1795	1865	1903	9097
2019/2020	1870	1819	1778	1752	1692	8911	2024/2025	1670	1745	1814	1843	1912	8984
2020/2021	1833	1837	1802	1818	1730	9020	2025/2026	1618	1687	1771	1864	1892	8832
2021/2022	1776	1813	1822	1812	1791	9014★	2026/2027	1635	1633	1710	1820	1916	8714
							2027/2028	1671	1650	1660	1761	1874	8616
							2028/2029	1641	1685	1671	1713	1815	8525

Total number (Year 7 to Year 11) actuals and projections by academic year



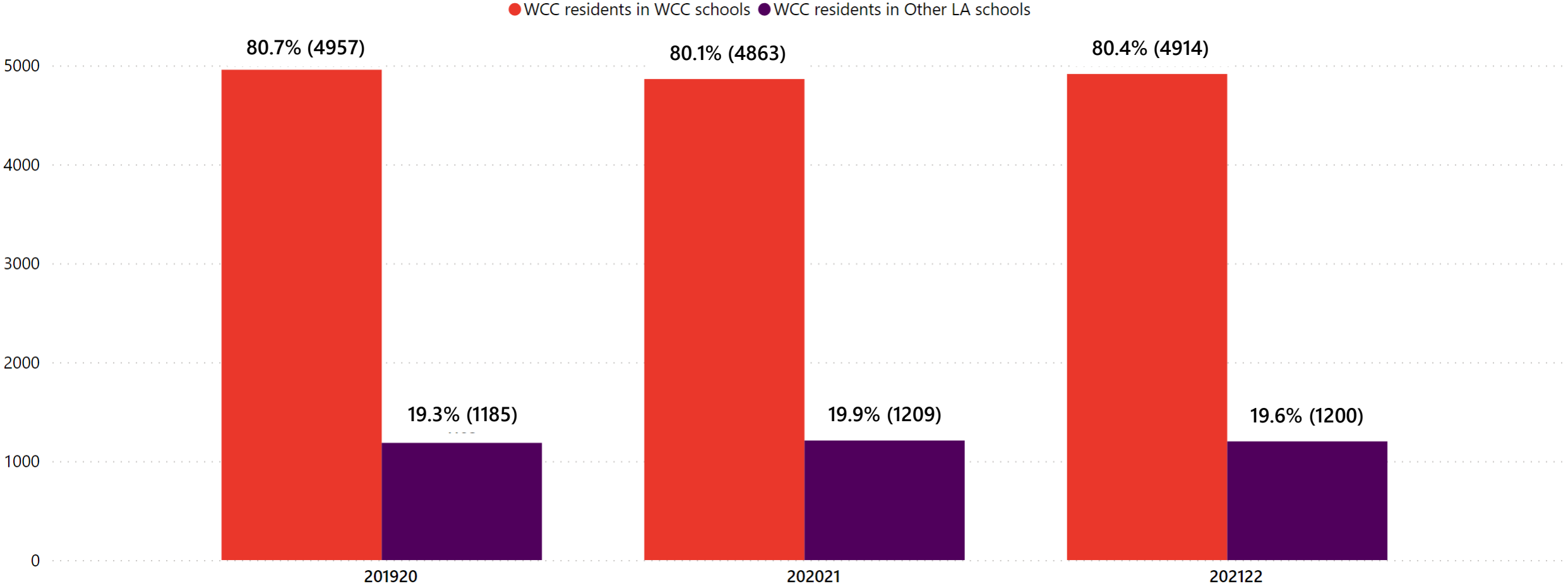
Westminster secondary school resident breakdown

- The below shows the percentage of Westminster residents on roll of Westminster secondary schools in the last three years with approximately 49% of the secondary school population made up of other LA residents.
- The high level of other LA residents is attributed to not only the attraction of WCC schools due to outcomes, but the geographical location of some schools to neighbouring LAs and the type of school and their admissions criteria (e.g. faith priority).



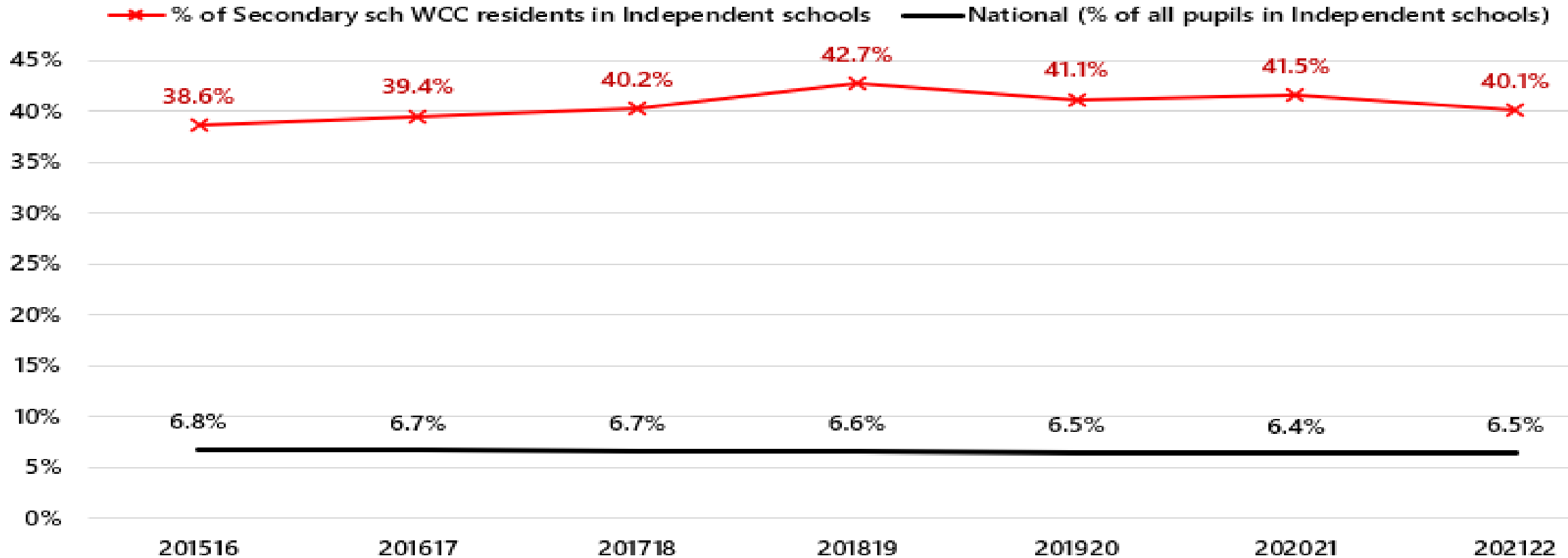
Westminster residents – breakdown of where they go to school

Westminster borders several LAs where schools are popular choices. However, approximately 80% of WCC residents choose to go to a WCC school which is high for an inner London LA.



Independent vs state education

% of Secondary school Westminster residents in Independent schools against all pupils Nationally



Source: <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/data-tables/permalink/d90b7e29-bcd4-4ccb-b8c8-3f5d58e087af>

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