

Meeting the Growing Demand for School Places

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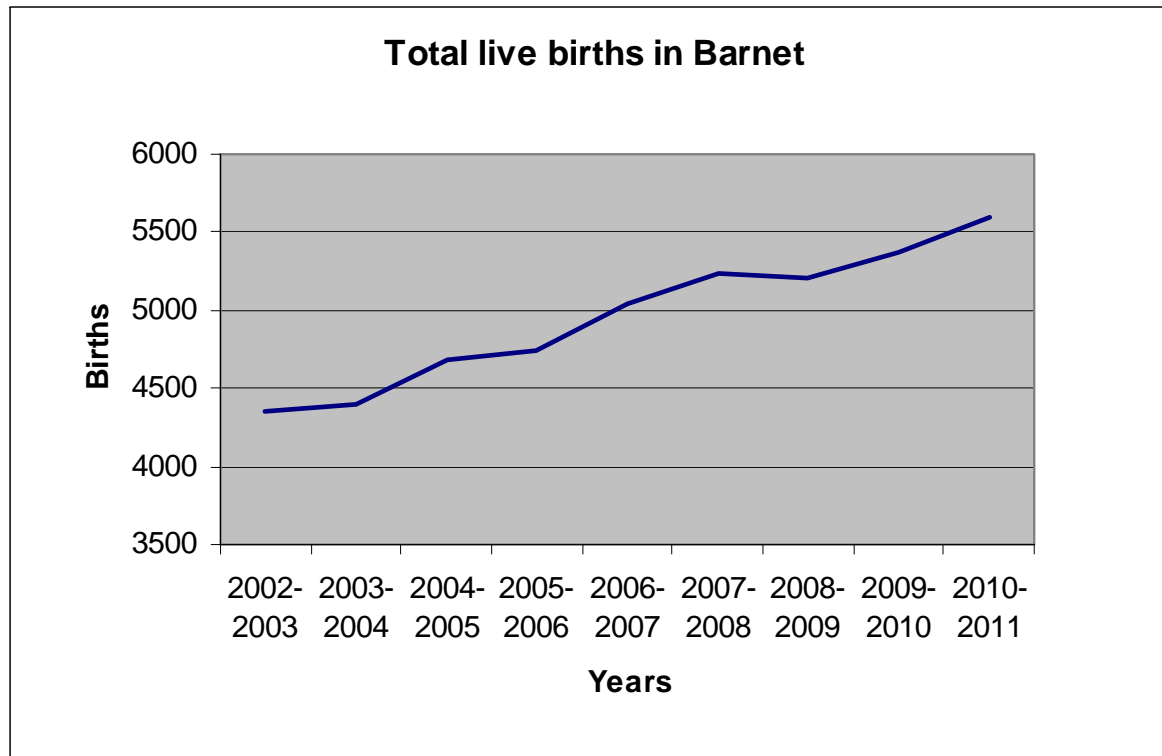
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The current situation in Barnet

- Unprecedented demand for primary places across the borough – 4.5% increase in applications from Barnet residents in the last year
- 4,237 on-time applications from Barnet residents
- 98.7% offered a school place on National Offer Day (4,182)
- Currently working to find to provide places for the remaining 268 applicants (55 on-time)

Why?

Rising births and migration



- Births are a good indication (allowing for some movement between birth and age 4)
- There has been a 28.5% increase in births in Barnet since the academic year 2002-2003.

Additional classes

- £60 million investment to provide 3,300 new places over the next 5 years
- 43 additional classes since 2009/10
- 1,300 extra places
- **September 2012:** 15 extra reception classes; 2 permanent, 7 planned to become permanent and 6 temporary
- In discussion with several other schools to provide a place for every child who applied on time

Rationale for selecting schools to expand

- Areas of high demand
- Popular schools that will help to meet parental preference
- Successful schools
- Sites with scope for expansion

Reception classes added for Sept 2012

- Broadfields – Permanent
- Rimon – Permanent (free school)
- The Orion – Proposed to become permanent
- Blessed Dominic – Proposed to become permanent
- St Mary's and St John's - Proposed to become permanent
- Brunswick Park – Proposed to become permanent
- Martin - Proposed to become permanent
- Moss Hall Infants and Juniors - Proposed to become permanent
- Deansbrook Infants and Juniors – Temporary (permanent proposed in the future)
- Beis Yaakov – Temporary (took nursery bulge last year)
- St Theresa's – Temporary
- Underhill – Temporary
- St Catherine's – Temporary
- Summerside – Temporary
- Copett's Wood – Temporary
- Queenswell – TBC

Financial Arrangements

- Extra funding from September 2012 to March 2013 for 30 Reception pupils
- From April 2013 to the end of the academic year – funded according to the number of pupils in Reception in the January 2013 PLASC
- Any furniture, ICT and equipment costs will be covered from Capital funding and handled by the Building Services Team.
- A one-off non-capital start up payment of £10,000 will be provided to support the extra class in this and future years.