

Education and Skills

The Parish contains one school, Drayton Primary School. This is an grant maintained co-educational school for children aged 4 to 11 years. The primary school is on a secure site in the north east part of the village. The school has a theoretical maximum realistic working capacity of approximately 170-180. However the school is currently “top heavy” and is full in key stage 2 whilst there are spaces in EYFS and key stage 1.

The school have recently changed their classroom mix which has allowed for an increase in capacity in KS1 with separate classes for reception, year’s 1 & 2, with up to 30 available spaces. The school currently has an assigned intake number of 20.

The school is currently “top heavy” and is full in key stage 2 whilst there are spaces in EYFS and key stage 1. This will cause problems within the next few years as the school will not have enough required spaces to move the children from KS1 to KS2 within the next 3-5 years.

In September 2013 the school changed their mixed year groups in KS2:-

Years 3-4 – mixed class

Years 4-5 – mixed class

Year 6 – single year group

The school has a mixed group of children from Drayton, and an increasing number from South Abingdon and other surrounding villages. The school has a below average ethnic mix of children.

There is a developing problem with high demand for the rising 4s and increased demand for places in the area is adding to the pressure for places. This would increase if developments South of Abingdon, Drayton and Steventon go ahead.

The school needs to look at expansion of KS2 to enable them to be sustainable in bringing the children through from KS1 to provide the increased need for spaces in KS2 to enable the children to continue their education at the school.

There is an existing need for more classrooms or a new school, it would be possible to use the existing site to expand or build a new school which is being discussed by the Senior Management team.