

REPORT TO BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE – 22 FEBRUARY 2022

2021 BASED SCHOOL ROLL FORECASTS

1 Executive Summary/Recommendations

1.1 Education & Children's Services publish School Roll Forecasts for all primary and secondary schools in Aberdeenshire on an annual basis.

1.2 The Committee is recommended to:

1.2.1 Note the school roll projections for schools within Buchan

1.2.2 Provide comments on the report for consideration by Education & Children's Services Committee

2 Decision Making Route

2.1 The 2021 based School Roll Forecasts will be discussed at each area Committee during February and March 2022. A report will be taken to Education & Children's Services Committee on 17 March 2022 which will combine the information presented to each area committee.

2.2 This report gives area committees the opportunity to consider the schools in their wards and highlight any areas of concern to the Service.

3 Discussion

3.1 The 2021 based School Roll Forecast is attached as Appendix 1. The school roll data used in the forecasts is taken from the annual pupil census which took place in September 2021. Officers continually monitor actual school rolls in order to identify and react to any deviations from the forecast as soon as possible.

3.2 The following sections highlight any schools within Buchan that are currently or are forecast to operate in excess of capacity. The steps that would be taken to address the capacity pressures will depend on the number of pupils and the length of time that the school roll is likely to exceed capacity. The sections also consider schools that are currently or are forecast to operate at lower than 25% capacity. These are schools operating significantly under capacity. Officers will continue to monitor and review these schools in line with Aberdeenshire's Learning Estate Strategy as agreed by Education & Children's Services Committee on 18 March 2021.

3.3 Table 1 below provides the school roll forecast for schools within Buchan up to 2026.

Table 1: Buchan School Roll Forecast

School	Capacity	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Current % Capacity	% Capacity 2026
Mintlaw Academy	900	811	876	911	919	901	894	875	97%	97%
Auchnagatt	75	55	66	72	73	69	70	63	88%	84%
Fetterangus	75	41	46	42	39	45	42	41	61%	54%
Kininmonth	50	30	28	24	21	15	10	11	56%	23%
Longside	217	156	155	162	161	162	153	150	71%	69%
Maud	125	94	100	100	104	100	101	108	80%	86%
Mintlaw PS	217	169	174	174	173	168	168	173	80%	80%
New Deer	180	106	104	102	106	114	116	117	58%	65%
New Pitsligo & St John's	155	109	114	114	117	109	99	96	74%	62%
Pitfour	180	109	94	97	106	117	120	119	52%	66%
Strichen	150	122	127	133	132	134	136	138	85%	92%
Stuartfield	150	121	124	128	127	138	133	131	83%	87%
Peterhead Academy	1700	1140	1213	1252	1294	1298	1279	1261	71%	74%
Boddam	217	108	110	103	110	112	107	105	51%	48%
Buchanhaven	523	456	441	430	414	404	397	399	84%	76%
Burnhaven	100	63	60	46	51	48	45	44	60%	44%
Clerkhill	484	474	438	426	398	379	369	353	90%	73%
Dales Park	434	251	270	325	357	386	399	420	62%	97%
Longhaven	50	School Mothballed							0%	0%
Meethill	279	202	198	216	214	198	203	199	71%	71%
Peterhead Central	300	163	169	171	170	160	162	164	56%	55%
Port Erroll	242	112	106	120	125	125	122	129	44%	53%
St Fergus	120	113	116	111	101	101	101	93	97%	78%
Crimond	155	82	83	85	83	81	73	66	54%	42%
St Combs	100	56	63	66	65	67	59	55	63%	55%
Hatton (Cruden)	155	98	102	98	98	105	105	104	66%	67%

3.4 Buchan Schools Over 100% Capacity in 2021

There are no schools in Buchan currently operating in excess of capacity.

3.5 Buchan Schools Over 100% Capacity in 2026

There are no schools in Buchan that are forecast to have a roll in excess of the current published capacity in five years' time (2026).

Mintlaw Academy is expected to exceed published capacity for the next two academic sessions. The Learning Estates Team is working with the management team at the Academy to support during this time. Placing requests to the school will be restricted to prevent further capacity pressures.

The capacity of Dales Park School has increased to 434 pupils following the relocation of the school nursery to Kinmundy.

3.6 **Buchan Schools Below 25% Capacity in 2021**

There are no schools in Buchan currently operating below 25% capacity.

3.7 **Buchan Schools Below 25% Capacity in 2026**

Kininmonth School currently operates two classes but is expected to reduce to a single class in future sessions. A low number of children under school age currently in catchment has the roll to capacity potentially falling to 23% with an anticipated roll of 11 pupils.

3.8 The 2021 pupil census shows that there are 20,819 primary pupils and 15,654 secondary pupils in Aberdeenshire. This is a decrease of 121 primary pupils and an increase of 494 secondary pupils since September 2020. Since 2017 there has been an overall increase of 34 pupils attending primary schools in the Buchan Area. There has been an overall increase of 263 pupils attending Mintlaw Academy and Peterhead Academy for the same time period.

4 **Council Priorities, Implications and Risk**

4.1

Pillar	Priority
Our People	Education Health & Wellbeing
Our Environment	Infrastructure Resilient Communities
Our Economy	Economy & Enterprise Estate Modernisation

This report helps deliver the Strategic Priority “Education” and “Health and Wellbeing” within the pillar “Our People”.

This report helps deliver the Strategic Priority “Estate Modernisation” within the Pillar “Our Economy”, having responsible finances and having an estate that is sustainable, efficient and fit for purpose.

4.2 This report helps deliver against Aberdeenshire Council’s Learning Estates Strategy.

- 4.3 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendations are agreed.

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Financial		X	
Staffing		X	
Equalities and Fairer Duty Scotland		X	
Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing		X	
Climate Change and Sustainability		X	
Health and Wellbeing		X	
Town Centre First		X	

- 4.4 There are no staffing or financial implications arising from this report.
- 4.5 The screening section as part of Stage One of the Integrated Impact Assessment process has not identified the requirement for any further detailed assessments to be undertaken. This report provides an annual update on pupil numbers and does not have a differential impact upon any protected characteristics.
- 4.6 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: ACORP007 Social risk (demographic change) [Corporate Risk Register](#). The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level: ECSR002 Developing Excellence and Equality [Directorate Risk Registers](#). The monitoring of school roll forecasts will help ensure that existing resources are better utilised, particularly in areas with substantial population growth.

5 Scheme of Governance

- 5.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and had no comments to make and are satisfied that the report complies with the [Scheme of Governance](#) and relevant legislation.
- 5.2 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section B.1.2 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance which allows the Committee to consider, comment on, make recommendations to Services and any other appropriate Committee on any matter or policy which impacts its Area.

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Date 31 January 2021

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School	Area	Capacity	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Current % Capacity	% Capacity 2026
Aboyne Academy	Marr	750	713	725	740	715	687	653	618	606	97%	82%
Aboyne PS	Marr	342	301	280	276	273	274	273	248	239	82%	72%
Ballater	Marr	145	68	62	60	57	59	56	59	55	43%	41%
Braemar	Marr	50	33	32	32	34	35	31	32	27	64%	63%
Crathie	Marr	47	14	12	13	13	12	16	16	13	26%	35%
Finzean	Marr	71	35	34	35	32	29	34	37	37	48%	52%
Kincardine O'Neil	Marr	69	26	29	32	36	34	38	42	42	42%	61%
Logie Coldstone	Marr	47	16	22	18	17	14	10	8	6	47%	16%
Lumphanan	Marr	100	41	42	48	50	45	42	46	43	42%	46%
Tarland	Marr	155	93	100	81	75	70	60	60	51	65%	39%
Torphins	Marr	200	161	164	160	166	153	142	130	120	82%	65%
Alford Academy	Marr	700	698	712	727	746	716	685	643	618	102%	92%
Alford PS	Marr	372	361	365	363	343	345	335	318	294	98%	86%
Cluny	Garioch	120	77	86	87	88	90	84	80	81	72%	67%
Craigievar	Marr	47	26	37	37	38	39	36	38	40	79%	80%
Dunecht	Garioch	75	48	46	54	53	51	47	48	49	61%	64%
Echt	Garioch	47	33	43	44	53	53	57	57	62	91%	122%
Keig	Marr	50	20	27	24	27	29	34	35	35	54%	70%
Lumsden	Marr	50	10	10	11	11	11	14	15	14	20%	30%
Midmar	Garioch	75	32	29	27	24	25	21	23	24	39%	30%
Monymusk	Marr	75	66	65	65	72	76	74	77	73	87%	103%
Strathdon	Marr	50	18	16	17	18	11	11	9	10	32%	18%
Tough	Marr	60	23	21	16	17	13	10	11	12	35%	18%
Towie	Marr	50	55	45	49	46	42	42	42	40	90%	85%
Tullynessle	Marr	25	15	8	9	12	11	11	12	9	32%	47%
Banchory Academy	Marr	930	843	845	866	906	907	901	885	874	91%	95%
Banchory PS	Marr	550	424	418	419	431	443	446	438	435	76%	80%
Crathes	Marr	50	39	33	42	45	49	49	49	48	66%	98%
Drumoak	Kincardine & Mearns	155	121	133	122	127	125	112	111	105	86%	72%
Durris	Kincardine & Mearns	60	45	45	45	46	52	54	53	54	75%	89%
Hill of Banchory	Marr	434	375	369	359	370	365	344	322	300	85%	74%
Banff Academy	Banff & Buchan	1220	851	923	956	984	978	919	856	790	76%	70%
Aberchirder	Banff & Buchan	225	128	113	112	111	115	111	104	94	50%	46%
Banff PS	Banff & Buchan	459	337	332	338	322	297	289	282	286	72%	62%
Bracoden	Banff & Buchan	145	45	48	55	52	53	58	58	61	33%	40%
Fordyce	Banff & Buchan	47	27	34	29	22	23	18	20	21	72%	43%
Macduff	Banff & Buchan	420	304	277	287	278	254	249	253	260	66%	60%
Ordiquhill	Banff & Buchan	100	54	55	52	54	52	49	48	40	55%	48%

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Portsoy	Banff & Buchan	267	126	144	138	137	141	136	129	121	54%	48%
Whitehills	Banff & Buchan	134	118	117	118	133	132	124	126	120	87%	94%
Ellon Academy	Formartine	1300	1148	1179	1176	1213	1200	1179	1186	1162	91%	91%
Arnage	Formartine	75	40	34	35	27	26	18	17	15	45%	23%
Auchterellon	Formartine	459	339	338	335	321	321	302	294	300	74%	64%
Balmedie (City)	Formartine	484	391	394	398	423	456	498	509	510	81%	105%
Ellon PS	Formartine	345	289	291	288	282	292	289	283	275	84%	82%
Foveran	Formartine	47	27	36	41	47	47	64	66	63	77%	141%
Hatton (Cruden)	Buchan	155	98	102	98	98	105	105	104	106	66%	67%
Meiklemill	Formartine	317	234	220	229	234	223	246	261	286	69%	82%
Newburgh Mathers	Formartine	217	156	158	164	155	160	150	147	141	73%	68%
Slains	Formartine	50	28	25	24	23	21	20	16	14	50%	32%
Tipperty	Formartine	50	34	26	24	21	18	19	16	16	52%	32%
Fraserburgh Academy	Banff & Buchan	1450	1127	1094	1116	1130	1125	1094	1061	1041	75%	73%
Crimond	Buchan	155	82	83	85	83	81	73	66	66	54%	42%
Fraserburgh North	Banff & Buchan	217	105	103	93	92	85	71	74	70	47%	34%
Fraserburgh South Park	Banff & Buchan	550	365	354	349	340	324	299	294	285	64%	54%
Inverallochy	Banff & Buchan	155	113	118	123	131	132	137	137	143	76%	89%
Lochpots	Banff & Buchan	267	195	197	192	191	195	199	200	208	74%	75%
Rathen	Banff & Buchan	90	59	62	63	67	71	77	73	69	69%	82%
Rosehearty	Banff & Buchan	217	144	149	140	141	130	122	116	115	69%	54%
Sandhaven	Banff & Buchan	100	80	93	90	79	69	63	60	54	93%	60%
St Andrew's, Fraserburgh	Banff & Buchan	429	335	333	344	369	389	387	390	393	78%	91%
St Combs	Buchan	100	56	63	66	65	67	59	55	44	63%	55%
Tyrie	Banff & Buchan	71	22	17	16	17	19	16	17	18	24%	24%
Gordon Schools	Marr	870	663	674	723	744	783	780	773	746	77%	89%
Cairney	Marr	50	17	20	23	26	24	25	27	29	40%	55%
Clatt	Marr	50	8	6	9	9	8	8	10	11	12%	20%
Drumblade	Marr	60	55	52	46	41	36	37	32	30	87%	54%
Forgue	Marr	45	24	25	19	20	19	24	28	30	56%	62%
Gartly	Marr	50	School Mothballed								0%	0%
Glass	Marr	47	16	16	14	11	12	14	14	16	34%	29%
Gordon PS	Marr	484	406	364	359	377	364	342	333	331	75%	69%
Insch	Garioch	368	349	339	332	333	305	287	275	257	92%	75%
Kennethmont	Marr	50	47	54	60	60	60	59	58	52	108%	116%
Largue	Marr	50	11	13	13	12	14	17	17	17	26%	33%
Premnay	Garioch	75	46	43	51	47	47	46	46	41	57%	61%
Rhynie	Marr	71	30	37	36	36	37	38	33	35	52%	46%

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Inverurie Academy	Garioch	1600	1053	1141	1241	1347	1409	1417	1367	1361	71%	85%
Chapel of Garioch	Garioch	71	33	33	31	32	36	37	37	38	46%	53%
Hatton (Fintray)	Garioch	60	51	47	45	47	46	40	43	43	78%	72%
Keithhall	Garioch	47	30	23	21	25	27	25	25	26	49%	53%
Kellands	Garioch	442	438	420	430	405	382	361	352	336	95%	80%
Newmachar (City)	Garioch	484	372	376	380	379	385	412	410	407	78%	85%
Oyne	Garioch	75	46	54	52	50	46	39	36	36	72%	48%
Port Elphinstone	Garioch	155	82	82	79	99	111	123	139	162	53%	90%
Strathburn	Garioch	480	415	440	442	448	433	439	439	426	92%	92%
Uryside	Garioch	589	380	398	441	505	529	562	567	551	68%	96%
Kemnay Academy	Garioch	730	975	959	1001	1025	995	1007	998	994	131%	137%
Alehousewells	Garioch	217	141	135	125	124	116	106	100	97	62%	46%
Kemnay PS	Garioch	252	214	203	216	207	209	210	209	202	81%	83%
Kinellar	Garioch	484	387	379	358	333	317	308	296	280	78%	61%
Kintore	Garioch	459	454	422	377	353	330	277	265	250	92%	58%
Midmill	Garioch	434	107	133	151	175	222	257	293	331	31%	67%
Mearns Academy	Kincardine & Mearns	700	712	685	713	732	730	731	704	704	98%	101%
Auchenblae	Kincardine & Mearns	120	96	99	96	93	84	83	79	71	83%	66%
Fettercairn	Kincardine & Mearns	100	71	80	79	88	86	82	83	82	80%	83%
Laurencekirk PS	Kincardine & Mearns	434	328	368	374	379	371	372	378	361	85%	87%
Luthermuir	Kincardine & Mearns	99	41	45	38	34	33	28	28	29	45%	28%
Marykirk	Kincardine & Mearns	50	45	42	44	39	36	40	37	36	84%	74%
Redmyre	Kincardine & Mearns	75	72	60	69	59	53	48	49	48	80%	65%
St Cyrus	Kincardine & Mearns	171	136	139	136	135	139	139	138	139	81%	81%
Meldrum Academy	Formartine	1050	980	1017	1031	1074	1086	1086	1093	1081	97%	104%
Barthol Chapel	Formartine	50	27	26	24	26	26	28	25	26	52%	51%
Cultercullen	Formartine	75	55	55	57	64	66	63	63	62	73%	84%
Daviot	Formartine	120	104	95	97	89	86	79	77	76	79%	64%
Logie Durno	Garioch	45	34	32	39	34	32	29	28	24	71%	62%
Meldrum PS	Formartine	459	404	391	389	381	383	359	333	307	85%	73%
Methlick	Formartine	150	104	109	120	123	120	131	132	128	73%	88%
Old Rayne	Garioch	75	50	55	59	63	66	63	65	69	73%	87%
Pitmedden	Formartine	242	162	145	156	162	162	160	156	141	60%	64%
Rayne North	Garioch	74	56	58	55	46	48	48	43	43	78%	57%
Rothienorman	Formartine	150	143	137	142	136	132	141	140	135	91%	93%
Tarves	Formartine	217	148	145	146	178	185	187	184	166	67%	85%
Udny Green	Formartine	100	55	52	57	49	48	53	49	52	52%	49%
Mintlaw Academy	Buchan	900	811	876	911	919	901	894	875	867	97%	97%

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Fetterangus	Buchan	75	41	46	42	39	45	42	41	38	61%	54%
Kininmonth	Buchan	50	30	28	24	21	15	10	11	11	56%	23%
Longside	Buchan	217	156	155	162	161	162	153	150	140	71%	69%
Maud	Buchan	125	94	100	100	104	100	101	108	113	80%	86%
Mintlaw PS	Buchan	217	169	174	174	173	168	168	173	177	80%	80%
New Deer	Buchan	180	106	104	102	106	114	116	117	121	58%	65%
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Pitfour	Buchan	180	109	94	97	106	117	120	119	121	52%	66%
Strichen	Buchan	150	122	127	133	132	134	136	138	138	85%	92%
Stuartfield	Buchan	150	121	124	128	127	138	133	131	128	83%	87%
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Buchanhaven	Buchan	523	456	441	430	414	404	397	399	395	84%	76%
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Peterhead Central	Buchan	300	163	169	171	170	160	162	164	166	56%	55%
Port Erroll	Buchan	242	112	106	120	125	125	122	129	136	44%	53%
St Fergus	Buchan	120	113	116	111	101	101	101	93	88	97%	78%
Portlethen Academy	Kincardine & Mearns	970	857	912	982	1057	1106	1132	1147	1178	94%	118%
Banchory-Devenick	Kincardine & Mearns	70	33	33	38	41	40	41	44	48	47%	63%
Fishermoss	Kincardine & Mearns	358	267	269	271	255	247	236	238	223	75%	67%
Hillside	Kincardine & Mearns	509	471	486	530	538	503	472	437	408	95%	86%
Newtonhill	Kincardine & Mearns	459	300	287	338	385	407	445	471	478	63%	103%
Portlethen PS	Kincardine & Mearns	342	267	255	233	223	206	187	176	167	75%	51%
Mackie Academy	Kincardine & Mearns	1290	1172	1202	1220	1223	1229	1235	1220	1219	93%	95%
Arduthie	Kincardine & Mearns	459	356	388	393	413	427	436	447	441	85%	97%
Bervie	Kincardine & Mearns	342	220	227	227	235	224	217	206	206	66%	60%
Catterline	Kincardine & Mearns	94	43	48	42	40	34	37	33	32	51%	36%
Dunnottar	Kincardine & Mearns	195	186	169	164	163	168	154	157	151	87%	80%
Glenbervie	Kincardine & Mearns	100	79	80	73	65	59	51	48	39	80%	48%
Gourdon	Kincardine & Mearns	100	82	76	79	75	75	64	66	59	76%	66%
Johnshaven	Kincardine & Mearns	50	42	32	37	44	50	44	42	36	64%	84%
Kinneff	Kincardine & Mearns	50	10	10	10	9	6	8	8	10	20%	17%
Lairhillock	Kincardine & Mearns	217	133	149	146	146	148	159	155	157	69%	71%

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Mill O' Forest	Kincardine & Mearns	434	276	259	268	280	261	243	244	237	60%	56%
Turriff Academy	Formartine	840	628	667	670	672	669	641	622	593	79%	74%
Auchterless	Formartine	75	46	52	50	47	43	36	23	22	69%	31%
Crudie	Banff & Buchan	50	23	25	23	25	22	19	15	14	50%	31%
Easterfield	Formartine	25	School Mothballed								0%	0%
Fintry	Formartine	50	23	24	21	19	16	11	10	9	48%	20%
Fisherford	Formartine	30	School Mothballed								0%	0%
Fyvie	Formartine	155	128	120	115	110	113	108	101	99	77%	65%
King Edward	Banff & Buchan	47	19	25	21	18	10	11	13	12	53%	27%
Monquhitter	Formartine	217	124	116	121	126	126	130	124	128	53%	57%
Turriff Primary	Formartine	559	460	442	444	444	426	440	441	429	79%	79%
Westhill Academy	Garioch	1000	789	830	839	883	910	880	868	868	83%	87%
Crombie	Garioch	342	328	316	317	322	309	305	283	271	92%	83%
Elrick	Garioch	442	394	371	369	355	328	323	317	307	84%	72%
Skene	Garioch	100	80	69	74	72	79	75	78	74	69%	78%
Westhill PS	Garioch	342	299	315	332	320	311	314	309	292	92%	90%