

Bradford Local Plan

Core Strategy Examination

**Further Statement on Education within Wharfedale in
response to Ilkley Grammar School Submission
PS/F075**

Date: 29th April 2015

Introduction

- 1.1 This statement sets out the Council's position with regards to the statement made by Ilkley Grammar School (IGS) (PS/F075) relating to PS/F039a and PS/F039b and education provision within Wharfedale.

Response

- 2.1 The submission in the main relates to the content of the 'Report of the Strategic Director of Children Services to the meeting of the Executive to be held on 10th March 2015'.
- 2.2 The comments from the Councils Education Service are set out below.
- 2.3 Although the Council accepts that IGS have looked at the current numbers of pupils in the schools main feeder schools to calculate expected numbers requiring places in Ilkley Grammar school, the actual pupil forecast is more complicated and tries to include demographic trends and popularity of schools.
- 2.4 The forecast for secondary schools is based on a 3 year weighted average percentage of transfer from all primary schools that have transferred plus other demographic trends which include approved housing application calculations, pupils from private and independent schools and pupils from other Local Authorities. Other schools the Council include for IGS are Menston Primary and The Sacred Heart Primary who also transfer children to the school.
- 2.5 For the schools listed in the IGS letter the percentages are:

Addingham	-	86.31%
All Saints	-	89.13%
Ashlands	-	89.93%
Ben Rhydding	-	83.33%
Burley & Woodhead-		94.65%

- 2.6 Using the total figures given by IGS this would equate to the following numbers expected:

R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
228	229	225	242	217	216	211

- 2.7 The latest draft pupil forecast (not yet finalised) however taking into account all the other criteria gives the following predictions, even though the IGS published admission number is 245

Academic Year:		
2015/16	-	245
2016/17	-	269
2017/18	-	258
2018/19	-	287
2019/20	-	268
2020/21	-	273
2021/22	-	274

- 2.8 A number of these children will not therefore be allocated to your school as the published admission number (PAN) is 245, but the IGS current schools admission oversubscription policy will need to be used to offer places at the school.
- 2.9 Please note that the accuracy of the Authority's forecasts is monitored to ensure the process and system is correct. For example the level of accuracy for Ilkley Grammar which will be given on the new Education Organisation Plan to be published later this year is within 0.4% difference of that predicted last year.
- 2.10 Whilst the Authority cannot support an additional school, it appears that an additional form of entry would help to ensure that the numbers above could be accommodated. Unfortunately the Authority's application for funding to increase pupil numbers at Ilkley Grammar was recently refused by the Department for Education. The Authority will need to look at future funding allocations and assess priorities across the District at that time in deciding which Schools to expand.