

# School Place Planning

SCAP & Falling Primary Rolls



# The three highlights

- Entry to Secondary population going up
- Entry to Primary population going down
- SEND pupils in special schools is going up



# Secondary Planning Areas

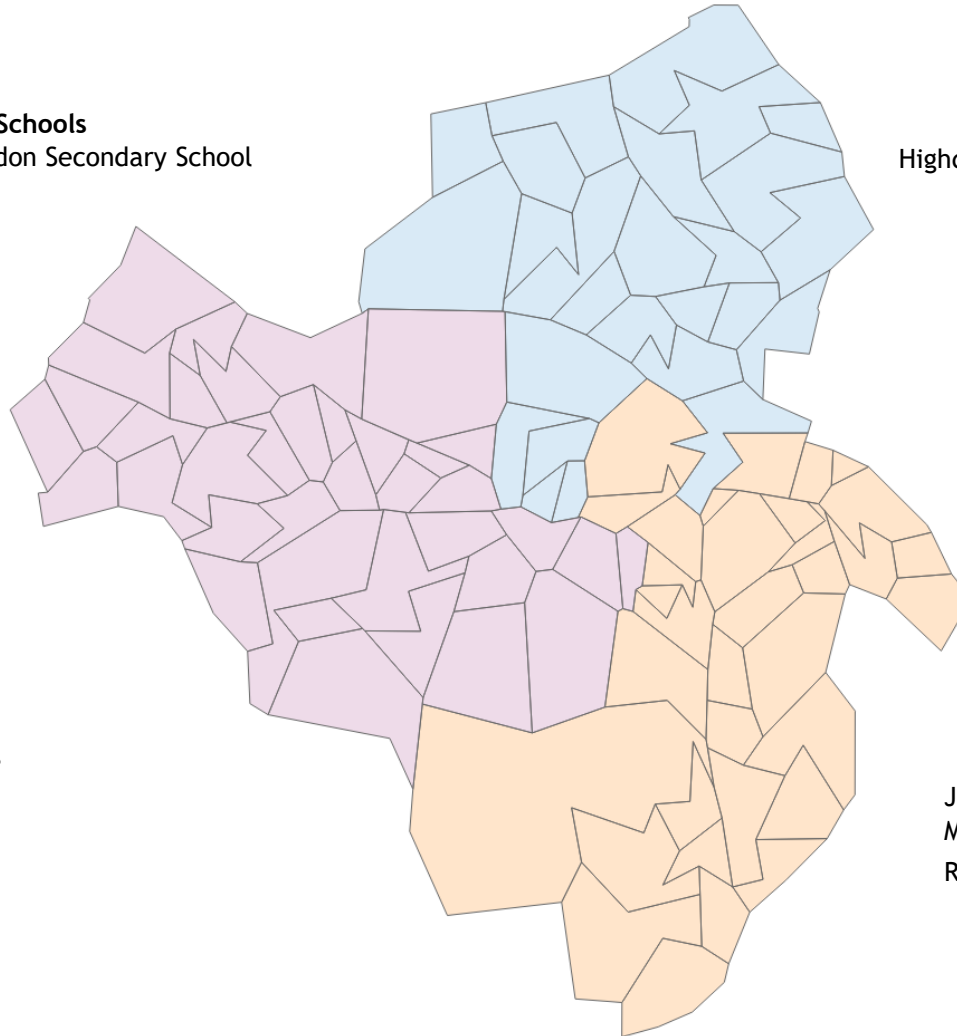


**West Schools**  
Blessed Hugh Faringdon Secondary School  
Prospect School  
WREN School

**North Schools**  
Highdown School & 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre

**Selective Schools**  
Kendrick School  
Reading School  
UTC Reading

**East Schools**  
John Madejski Academy  
Maiden Erlegh School Reading  
Reading Girls' School

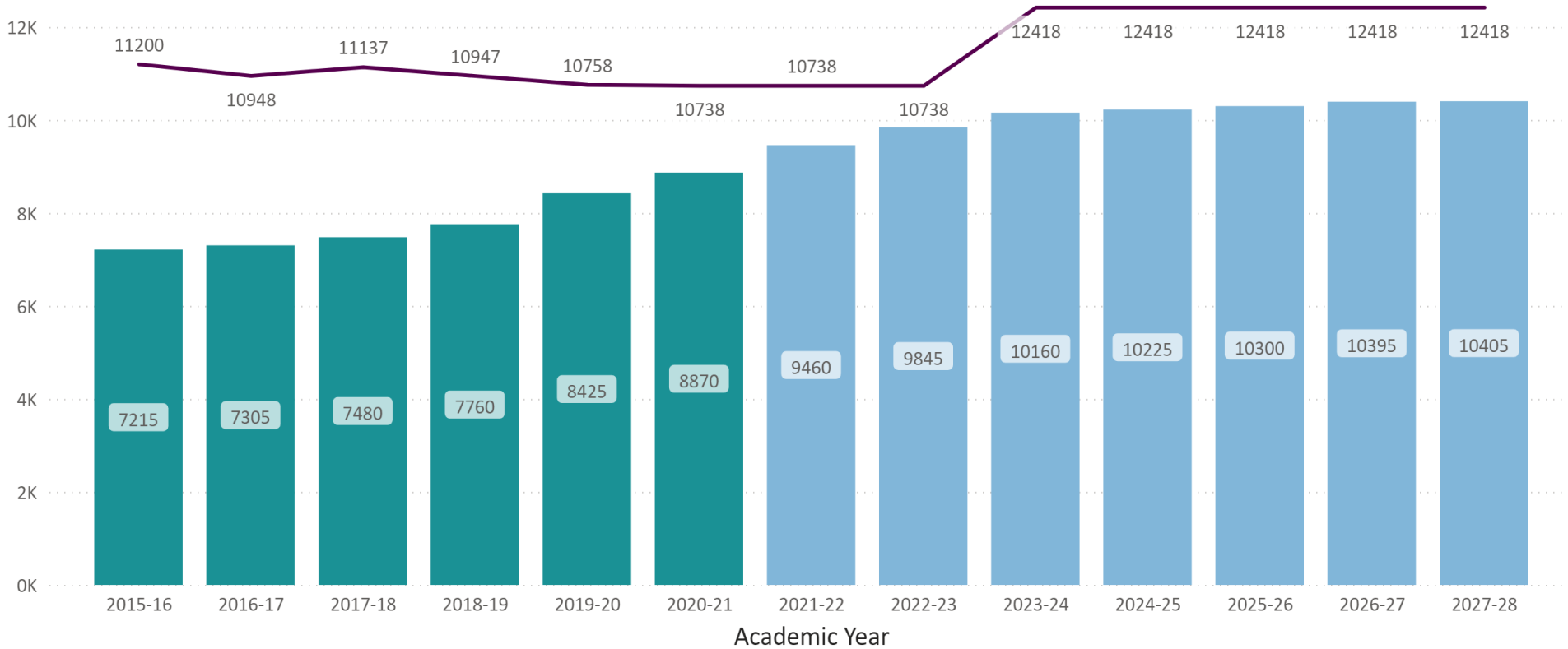


# Pupils in Reading State-Funded Schools

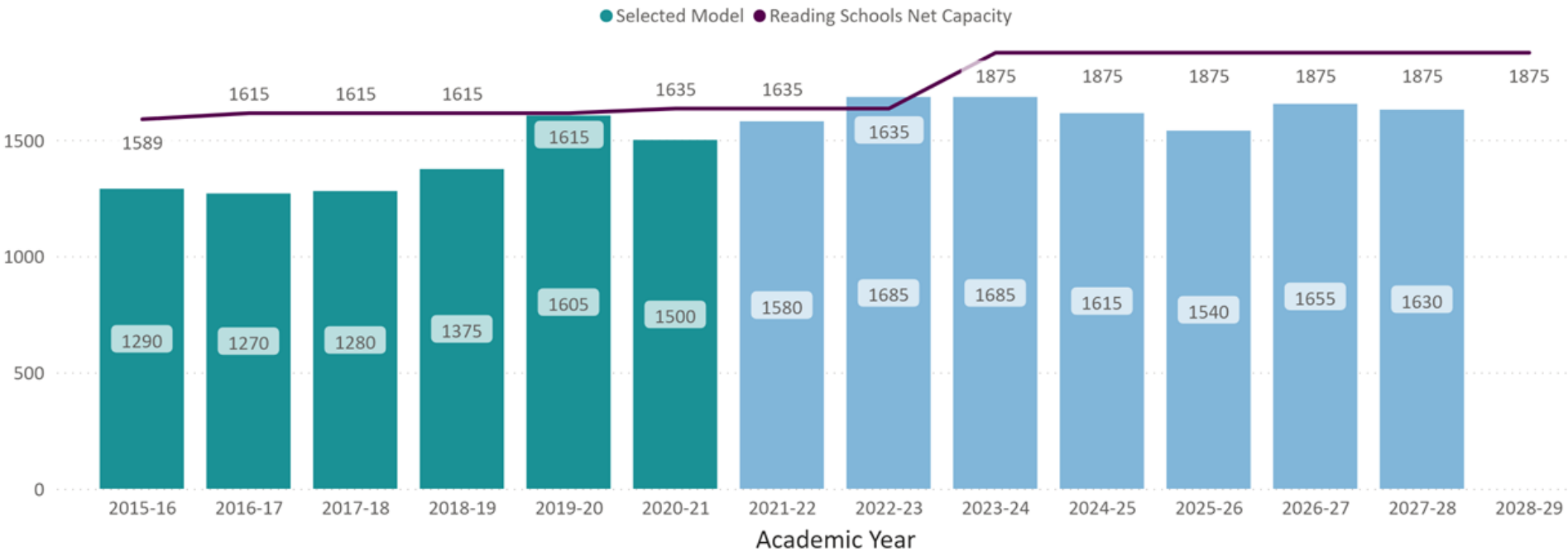


## All Secondary Schools with Final SCAP

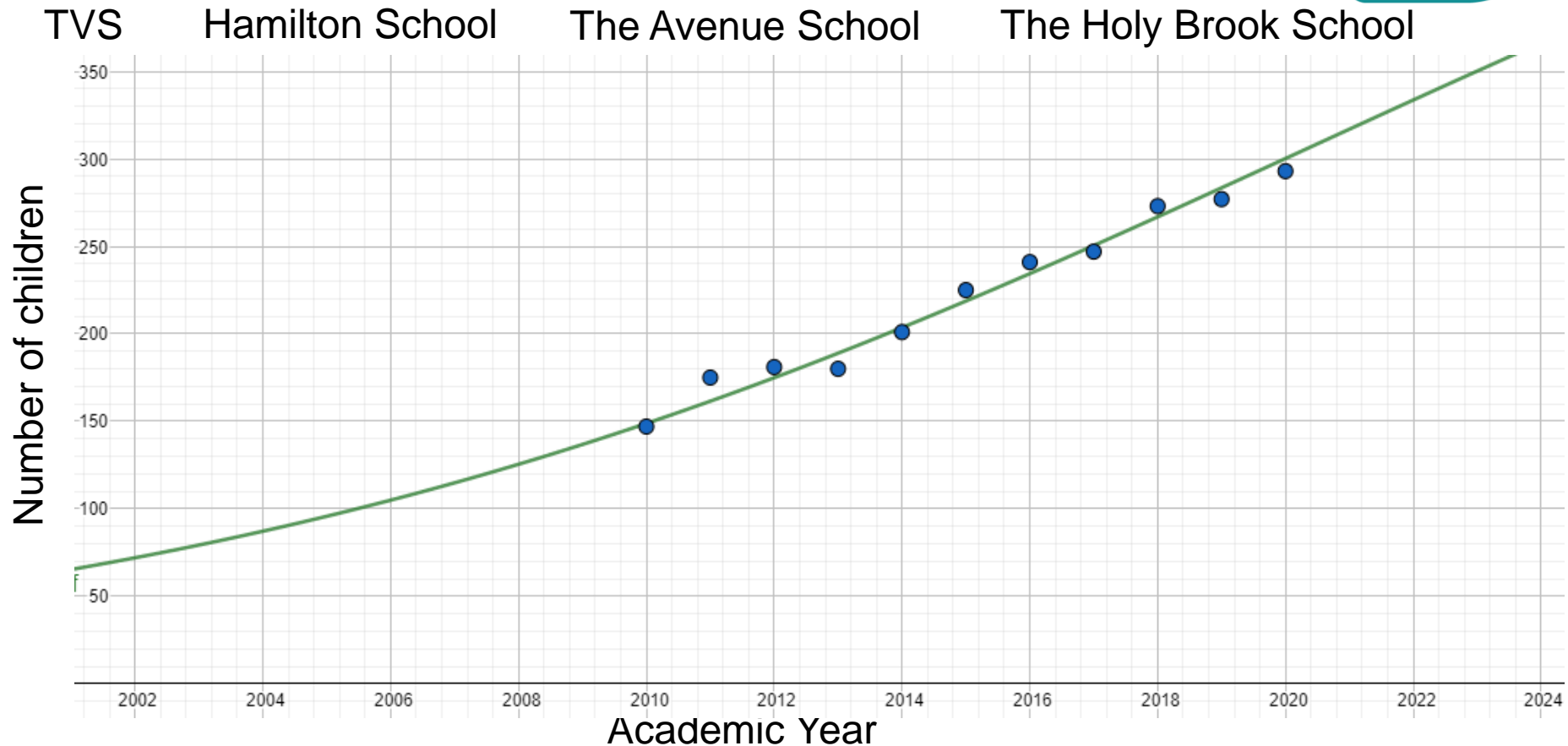
Selected Model Reading Schools Net Capacity



# Numbers entering Secondary Increasing



# Children in Special Schools



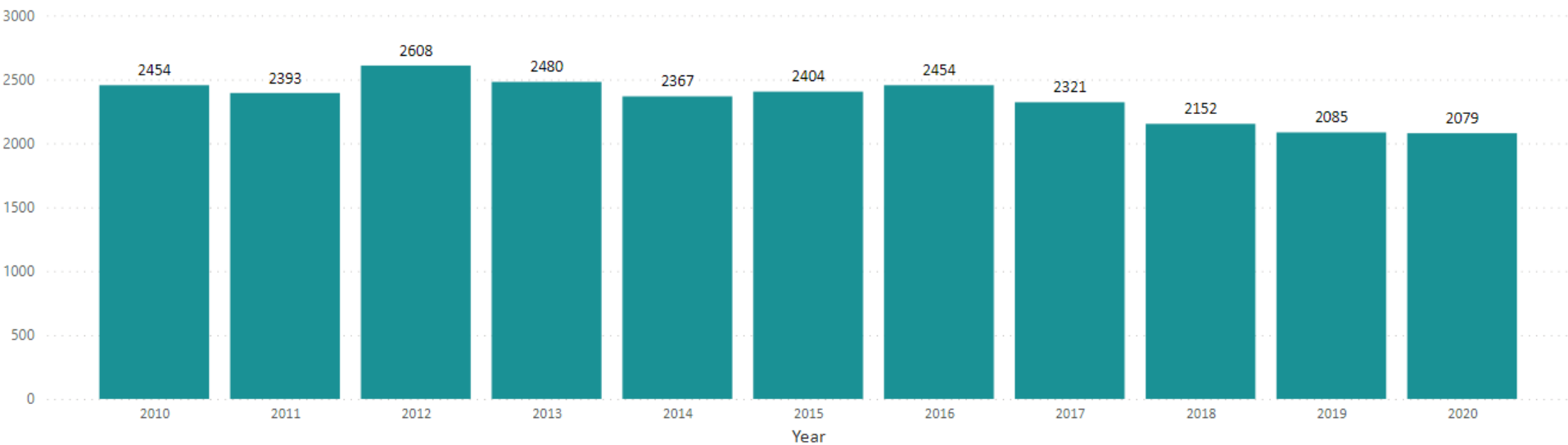
● Actual Historical Numbers

— Fitted Trend Curve

# Falling Primary School Rolls

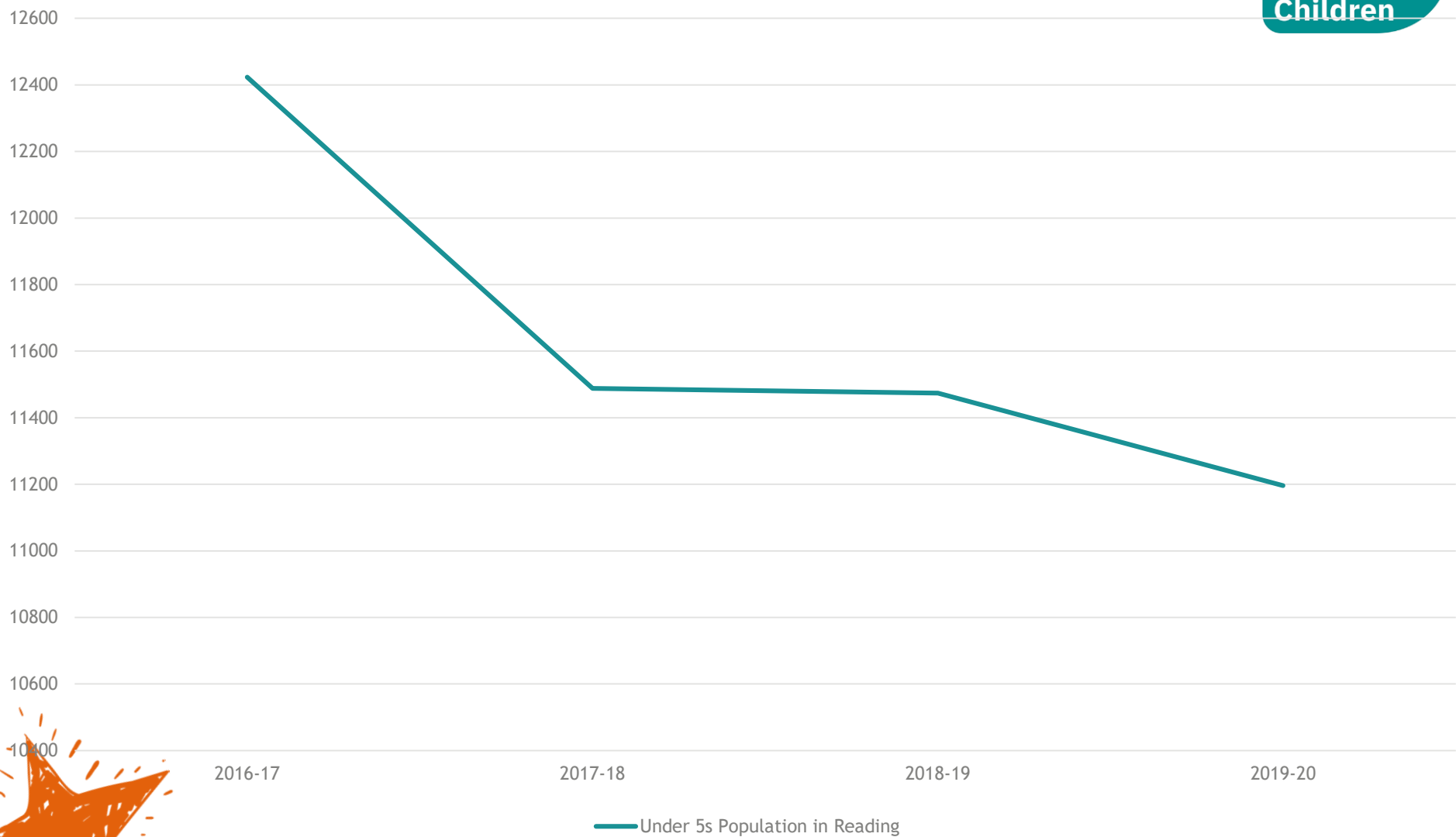


## Reading Live Births





## Under 5s Population in Reading



# Primary Planning Areas



## West Schools

Churchend Primary Academy  
English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School  
Manor Primary School  
Meadow Park Academy  
Moorlands Primary School  
Park Lane Primary School  
Ranikhet Academy  
St Michael's Primary School

## North Schools

Caversham Park Primary School  
Caversham Primary School  
Emmer Green Primary School  
Micklands Primary School  
St Anne's RC Catholic Primary School  
St Martin's Catholic Primary School  
Thameside Primary School  
The Heights Primary School  
The Hill Primary School

## East Schools

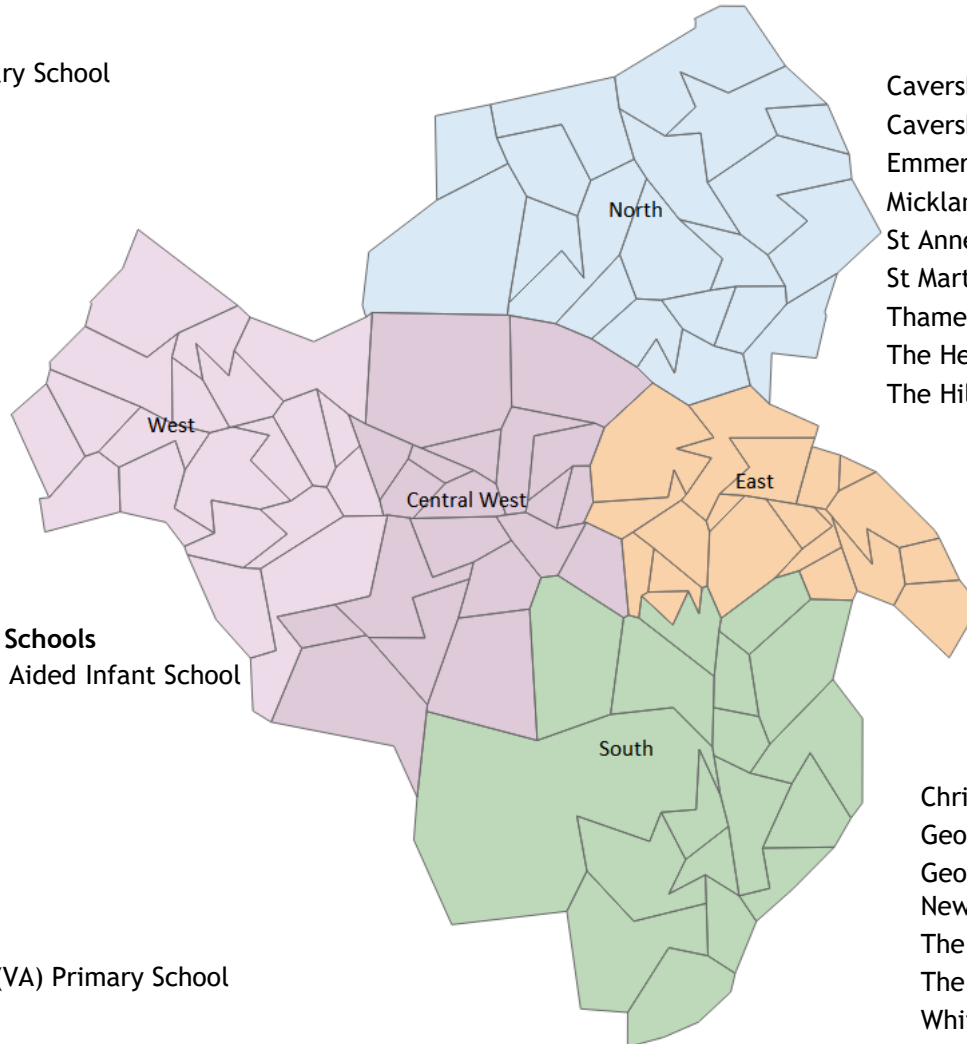
Alfred Sutton Primary School  
Katesgrove Primary School  
New Town Academy  
Redlands Primary School  
St John's CofE (Aided) Primary School

## Central West Schools

All Saints Church of England Aided Infant School  
All Saints Junior  
Battle Primary Academy  
Civitas Academy  
Coley Primary School  
E P Collier Primary School  
Oxford Road Primary School  
Southcote Primary School  
St Mary and All Saints CofE (VA) Primary School  
Wilson Primary School

## South Schools

Christ The King Catholic Primary School  
Geoffrey Field Infant School  
Geoffrey Field Junior  
New Christ Church CofE (VA) Primary School  
The Palmer Primary Academy  
The Ridgeway Primary School  
Whitley Park Primary & Nursery School

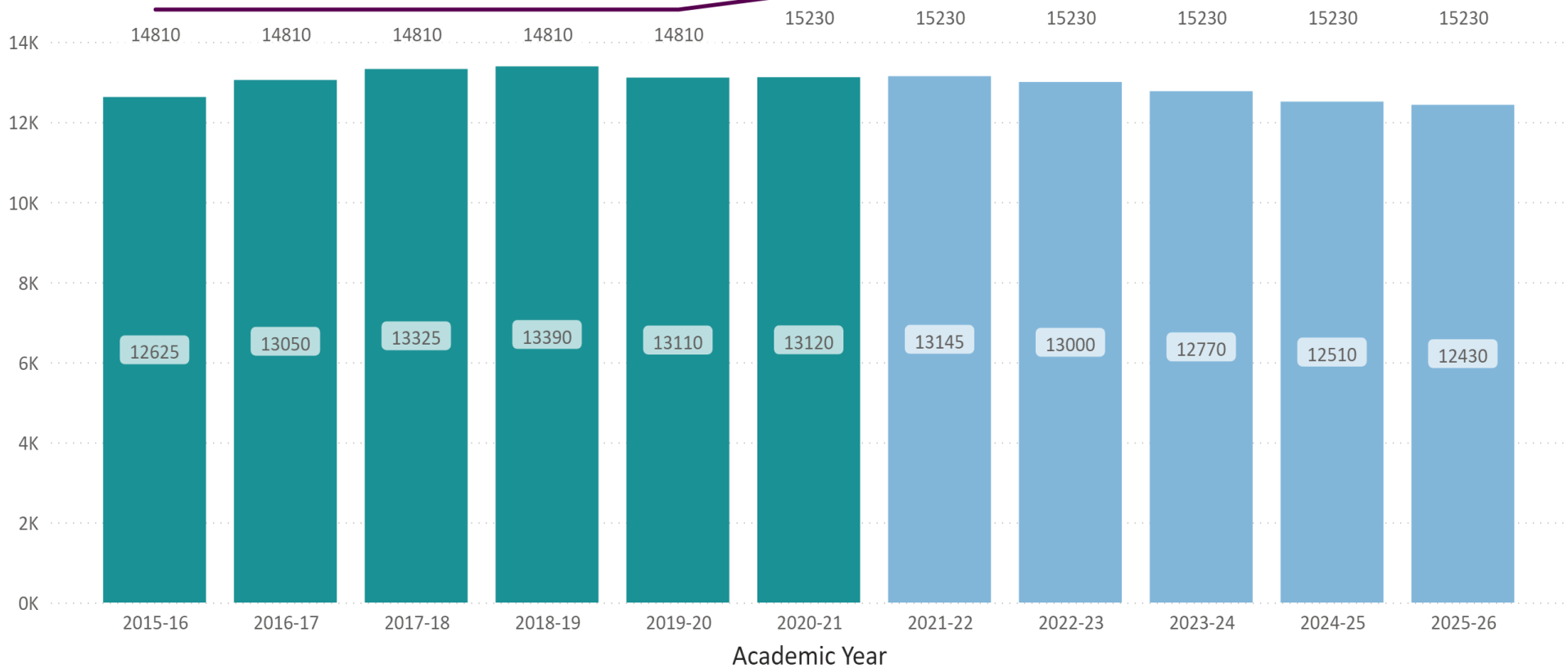


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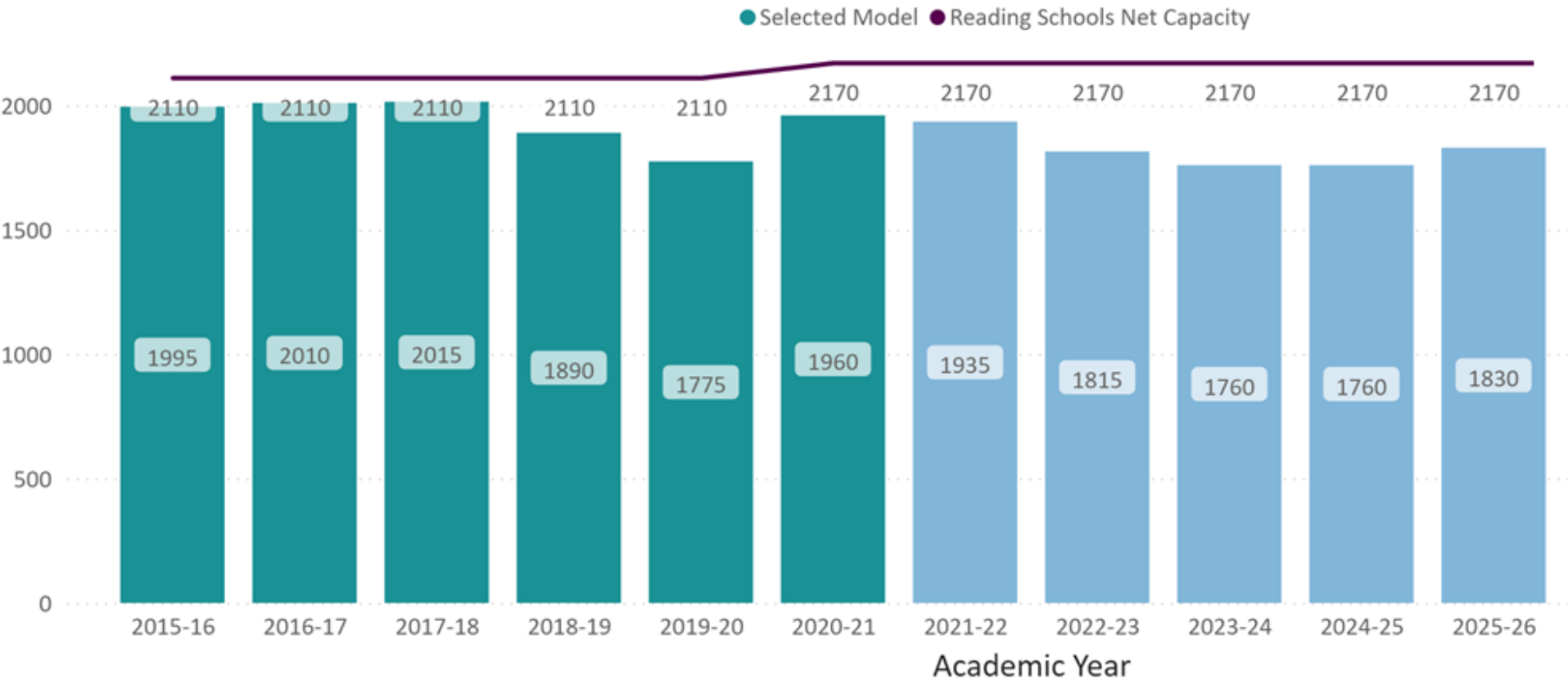


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# Numbers entering Primary falling



# SCAP data by primary planning area



SCAP data shows a general decline in primary rolls over the next five years. This can be disaggregated across planning areas as follows:

- Primary West – Average surplus of 91 places per year (19.6%)
- Primary South – Average surplus 88 places per year (18.9%)
- Primary Central West – Average surplus 72 places per year (15.3%)
- Primary North - Average surplus 67 places per year (15.2%)
- Primary East - Average surplus 34 places per year (10.3%)

NB: buffer is normally 5%



# Impact of low birth rate

- Although lower birth rates were predicted, entry to Reception was more severe impacted than expected – possibly Covid
- Late applications are still be processed
- 9 schools affected
- Empty places have an impact on staffing as schools must adhere to Infant Class size guidance in KS1
- A teacher must be employed for each class of 30 children and any number above this
- Not a Reading issue – a reduction across SE
- Not a reflection of school leadership or OfSTED rating



# Strategic response: falling primary rolls - 1



A 3-phase plan has been developed – action to date:

- Strategic planning meetings with Education teams, Finance and RBC HR
- Schools affected have been contacted by School Admissions team and updates on reception numbers provided
- Meetings held with schools affected in different configurations including RPHA
- Director of Education has raised the issue with DfE and RSC



# Strategic response: falling primary rolls – 2



- PAN reduction exercise undertaken for maintained schools to assess impact of reducing 3FE to 2FE; 2FE to 1FE and both options combined - a local planning area solution is required
- A Falling Rolls Funding paper is being prepared by BFfC Finance Team for Schools Forum meeting on 14 October 2021
- Consultations will be held with head teachers and governing bodies





# Roll of Governors



- Governors can work with School Business Managers
- We ask that headteachers and governors to work with us and participate in consultation
- Contribute to the Schools Forum paper by liaising with relevant representatives

