

QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR

Question submitted by: Councillor Patrick Nicholson

To Cabinet Member: Councillor Sally Cresswell

Question:

Can Cllr Cresswell please confirm that there are sufficient secondary school places in Plympton to accommodate all first preferences from Plympton children seeking a secondary school place in September 2024?

Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members)

There were 368 applications received from parents of Plympton children.

First Preference	Second Preference	Third Preference
362	5	1

98.4% of children in Plympton have received their first preference.

1.36% of children in Plympton have received their second preference.

0.27% of children in Plympton have received their third preference.

The vast majority of these applications were for Heles School and Plympton Academy. Only one of the children who applied for either of these schools did not receive their first preference.

There are still currently 59 spaces at Plympton Academy.


The second and third preferences are currently provisional.

Of the second and third preferences:

- One application is currently subject to a court order so the decision cannot be taken yet and is provisional.
- Four children did not achieve the test score to be considered for their first preference Grammar School and so were allocated the highest preference school they were entitled to.
- One child lived further away than the last allocated child.

When the results are released on 1st March 2024 the parents will be entitled to appeal the decision through an independent panel.

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Signed: 

Dated: 23rd February 2023