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Cllr Paul Thorp
Elected Member

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Dear Councillor Thorp

Questions raised at Council Meeting – 15th July 2026

Thank you for your question raised at the Council meeting on Wednesday 15th July. I have set out your question and my response below.

At the moment collectively the 3 infant schools in the Sitwell Ward, Sitwell, Whiston J&I, and Whiston Worrygoose have a total PAN number of 120 and they were oversubscribed for the this coming year. so if all 3 schools were to increase their PAN numbers to their maximum for their schools what would the combined PAN number be.

I can advise that the 3 schools listed, Sitwell Nursery and Infant School, Whiston Junior and Infant School and Whiston Worrygoose, were oversubscribed on National Offer Day. In all 3 schools there were no catchment children refused a place where an on-time application was made, and the last places were offered to children living outside the catchment area.

Service have assured me that there remains capacity in other local schools within a reasonable distance to make an offer for any child who requires a late placement.

There is no “maximum PAN”, however, since these schools are meeting the need of their local communities at the present time, increasing capacity would only come at the expense of other Rotherham schools and so wouldn’t be considered at this time.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victoria Cusworth', written in a cursive style.

Cllr Victoria Cusworth

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