

# Education in Garforth

## Current Situation

Garforth currently has five primary schools / academies, all of which have a school based nursery provision, and one secondary academy, which has a post 16 provision. Details of their current intake and numbers on roll are in the table below.

### **Primary Education**

Name of School / Academy	Annual Pupil Admission No (PAN)	Capacity	No on Roll Sept 2015	Nursery Pupil Admission No (PAN)	Expected Nursery Pupils on roll Oct 15
East Garforth Primary Academy	40	320	258	26	17
Green Lane Primary Academy	60	420	402	52	34
Ninelands Primary School	60	420	419	52	52
St Benedict's RC Primary School	30	210	214	30	30
Strawberry Fields Primary School	45	315	305	52	32

### **Secondary Education**

Name of School / Academy	Annual Pupil Admission No (PAN)	Capacity	No on Roll Sept 2015	Post 16 Admission No (PAN)	Expected Post 16 pupils on roll Oct 15
Garforth Academy	300	1500	1508	300	445

## Lack of Reception places in Garforth – September 2016

Leeds City Council has recently approached all primary schools and academies in Garforth, as their data shows that in September 2016, there will be a shortfall of places for children in the town by 15 places. The schools and academies are being asked to consider if they can take additional pupils into their settings to fill this gap. The schools and academies in Garforth are currently in discussion with Leeds City Council Capacity Planning, as to how this gap can be catered for, so that all children in Garforth will attend a Garforth Primary School or Academy.

## Leeds City Council proposals for site 1232B

In December 2014, Lesley Savage, Capacity Planning and Sufficiency Lead for Leeds City Council, provided a report to the Leeds City Council Development Plan Panel with regards to what the implications may be should site 1232B be developed, as indicated in the LCC Consultation.

It was proposed that should development of the site go ahead, there would be a need for an additional 840 primary school places and an additional 600 secondary school places.

Leeds City Council have suggested that this would be accommodated by building a new 2 form entry (420 places) primary school or academy as well as a new through school or academy (primary and secondary combined) which would have 2 form entry primary (420 places) and 4 form entry secondary (600 places).

LCC Capacity Planning feels that the above would be sufficient to meet the growing demand due to the development of site 1232B. As well as the additional demand from surrounding villages, should development go ahead there as well.

## **Current Admissions procedures and criteria**

### **Nursery Admissions**

If a parent would like to apply for a place within as nursery in the Garforth primary schools / academies, they do so through the Shared Nursery Admissions Officer, Julie Kirkpatrick. A copy of the policy and procedure can be obtained from any of the schools or via their websites.

If the number of applications does not exceed the number of places available, all applicants with a first preference for that nursery will be granted a place there. Should more applications be received than places available, then the following oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places.

Criteria 1 - Children with Special Educational Needs who may have a statement

Criteria 2 – Children who are fostered or looked after under an arrangement of a local authority

Criteria 3 – Children with brothers or sisters who will be on roll at the chosen nursery or school at the start of the term when the nursery child would start

Criteria 4 – Children for whom the preferred nursery is the nearest

Criteria 5 – Any other children

### **Primary School / Academy Admissions**

All the primary schools and academies in Garforth use the current Leeds City Council Admission procedure.

Children with special educational needs, looked after children or children fostered under an arrangement made by the local authority, will be allocated a place in the school / academy that has been preferred by their parent or carer.

Places are then allocated on the priorities detailed below.

Priority 1 – Children with Brothers or Sisters who will be at the school / academy at the start of the academic year.

Priority 2 – The schools / academies will then consider applications as follows

- If there are enough places for everyone who has applied, they will be offered a place at their preferred establishment
- If we have more applications than places, then the children who have the school / academy as their nearest school measured in a straight line
- Then places will be offered to other children living closest to the school / academy measured in a straight line, where the school / academy is not their nearest

### **Further information can be found at each school / academy websites**

East Garforth Primary Academy –	<a href="http://www.egpa.org.uk">www.egpa.org.uk</a>
Green Lane Primary Academy –	<a href="http://www.glpa.org.uk">www.glpa.org.uk</a>
Ninetails Primary School -	<a href="http://www.ninetails-school.co.uk">www.ninetails-school.co.uk</a>
Strawberry Fields Primary School -	<a href="http://www.sfpsch.org.uk">www.sfpsch.org.uk</a>

## **Secondary Academy Admissions**

Garforth Academy currently uses the current Leeds City Council Admission procedures as part of a co-ordinated scheme with the local authority.

Allocation of places - Children with special educational needs, looked after children or children fostered under an arrangement made by the local authority, will be allocated a place in the school / academy that has been preferred by their parent or carer.

If the number of applications does not exceed the number of places available, all applicants will be granted a place at the academy.

If there are more applications than places (oversubscription), the following oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places:

Criteria 1 - Children with special educational needs, looked after children or children fostered under an arrangement made by the local authority

Criteria 2 – Children with older brothers or sisters who will be on roll in Years 7 – 11 at Garforth Academy at the start of academic year

Criteria 3 – Children, who at the time of application, are on roll at the following primary schools / academies  
-Aberford CofE Primary School, East Garforth Primary Academy, Green Lane Primary Academy,  
Micklefield CofE Primary School, Ninelands Primary School and Strawberry Fields Primary School

Criteria 4 – Children who do not qualify under criteria 1-3, but for whom Garforth Academy is the nearest high school

Criteria 5 – Any other children

## **Garforth Academy Post 16 Admissions Procedure**

The Garforth Academy Post 16 admission policy has been ratified by Leeds City Council and the Schools Adjudicator. Where there are more applications than places, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied.

Criteria 1 – Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children

Criteria 2 – Students on roll in Year 11 at Garforth Academy applying for a place in Year 12 for the following September

Criteria 3 – Students who at the time of application are on roll at The South Leeds Academy

Criteria 4 – Students living nearest to the Academy who meet the course requirements

**Further information can be found on the Garforth Academy website – [www.garforthacademy.org.uk](http://www.garforthacademy.org.uk)**

## **Schools List**

### **Nursery & Pre School**

LCC Firthfields Nursery & Day Care

Garforth Kids Club & Day Care

Sweet Peas Day Care & Teaching Nursery

Scribblers Pre-School

Registered Child Minders

### **Primary Education – 5 Primary Schools**

East Garforth Primary Academy

Green Lane Primary Academy

Ninelands Primary School

St Benedict's RC Primary School

Strawberry Fields Primary School

### **Secondary Education – 1 Secondary School**

Garforth Academy

### **Post 16 Education**

Garforth Academy Sixth Form

SLP Dance College

## Education in Garforth - Issues



### Issues raised by public

- Lack of places for children moving into Garforth
- Garforth children should attend a Garforth School
- Families having to split siblings across different schools
- Number of families travelling into Garforth for primary and secondary education

### Issues for schools and academies in Garforth

- Very little land available on sites to expand
- No funding for expansion as Garforth not seen as a priority area
- Can't turn away pupils from outside of Garforth if places available
- Small amounts of section 106 funding so unable to build what is required

## Questions and Answers

How severe is the current pressure on pre-school and school places in Garforth? See attached table. Over the whole town there are less than 60 places available across the town (3% of overall places) Particular pressure in Year 2. Nursery figures are always low at this time of year, as they have 3 intakes (Sept / Jan / Apr) dependant on when the child's birthday is. On speaking to each Head teacher / Principal, they expect the majority of nursery places to be full by January intake and all places to be taken by April.

Are all settings, from playgroup/nursery up to 6<sup>th</sup> form full? Ninelands Primary / St Benedicts Primary and Garforth Academy are currently full, with minimal places available at Green Lane and Strawberry Fields.

Where are the spaces, if any and where are the pressure points? See attached spreadsheet

Are there particular issues in specific locations or settings? East Garforth Primary Academy has an inadequate OFSTED report, but in the recent monitoring visit from OFSTED, they expect it to move to a good grading by the time of the next inspection in 2017.

Are there current proposals with Leeds city Council or The School Partnership Trust to increase provision? As discussed LCC have approached SPTA / GA to increase their post 16 provision, which in turn will alleviate pressure on GA so that the Year 7 – Year 11 provision can also be increased.

What is the data Leeds have regarding birth rates and anticipated educational requirements over the next 5/10 years? The data is collected via the Health Service / Midwives and Children's Centres. This give us figures for the next 4 years – after that they are predicted on previous trends. This data can be unreliable as it doesn't account for migration in and out of the area, of families with children ( or potential growth due to housing developments).

How many extra nurseries/playgroups/schools would be required to

a) fully meet the existing excess demand, if there is a current shortfall - minimal requirement – some increase in existing structure should be able to cope with demand

b) supply places for all the children expected to be in a large new development? – If looking at 1300 dwellings + (dependant on size) the LCC proposals of 2 x 60 place per year primaries (840) and 1 x 120 place per year secondary (600) should be sufficient. However, LCC stated that this was also to cover the potential developments in Micklefield also. If this is the case, I feel that the pressure on school places will not improve. As mentioned before, the problem all schools / academies have is that under the national admission code, if you have a place and someone applies ( no matter where from) they have to be offered the place.

How many school leavers are finding jobs/apprenticeships/training schemes in Garforth? See attached spreadsheet.

How many school leavers are finding jobs/apprenticeships/training schemes outside of Garforth? See attached spreadsheet.

Aberford and Micklefield Primary schools put children into Garforth Academy, how many do they provide each year?

With regards to the Micklefield / Aberford question. Garforth Academy has always being the closest secondary school for them. When the original shared trust was formed both of these schools were part of the trust and were therefore given the same standing in the admissions policy as East Garforth, Green Lane, Ninelands and Strawberry Fields. As far as I am aware they currently provide approx 10 children each to Garforth.

I think the main thing to remember here is that a Garforth Comp ( as it was when built) was built for Garforth and the surrounding villages.

St Benedicts Primary was not on the list of schools sending children to Garforth Academy. Is this because most of them go on to a Catholic secondary school? and if so presumably the few that want to go to the academy get in on the next criteria " children who do not qualify under criteria 1-3 but for whom Garforth Academy is the nearest high school" correct?

When Garforth Academy changed their admission policy back in 2008/09, St Benedicts were invited to join the trust and in part be named within the admission policy. I have to say, that the head at the time was more than happy to sign up to this agreement, but this was blocked by the Church, as they want the children from a RC primary to go to a RC secondary. This taken into account, you are right in saying that if a parent wants their child to go to GA, then criteria 4 would come into play.

Just to reiterate a point, if every primary named within the Garforth Academy sent all their children ( and not all do move through) then that would be 245 children, against the 300 Admission number at Garforth Academy. This means that in theory 55 children from other schools in the area can apply (including St Benedicts) St Benedicts admission no is 30.

The problems at Garforth always come about from movement in to the area - the Academy fills every September, so if you ain't in at the start, it will be difficult to transfer in. Not fair I agree, but as mentioned before, the national admission code states, if you have a place and it is applied for, then the child must be given a place.

## Pupil Number Data September 2016

### Primary Schools

OFSTED Rating	EGPA		GLPA		Ninelands		St Ben		SFPS		Total	Total Avail
	Requires Improvement		Outstanding		Good		Outstanding		Good			
	No	Avail	No	Avail	No	Avail	No	Avail	No	Avail		
Nursery	17	9	34	18	34	18	26	4	23	29	134	78
Reception	29	11	57	3	61	-1	30	0	46	-1	223	12
Year 1	23	17	60	0	59	1	30	0	43	2	215	20
Year 2	38	2	60	0	60	0	34	-4	45	0	237	-2
Year 3	34	6	59	1	60	0	30	0	46	-1	229	6
Year 4	44	6	59	1	59	1	30	0	44	1	236	9
Year 5	43	7	60	0	61	-1	30	0	44	1	238	7
Year 6	47	3	59	1	60	0	30	0	3	2	199	6
	258	52	414	6	420	0	214	-4	271	4	1577	58

### Secondary Education

OFSTED Rating	GA	
	Outstanding	
	No	Avail
Year 7	300	0
Year 8	309	-9
Year 9	303	-3
Year 10	309	-9
Year 11	300	0
Total Secondary	1521	-21
Year 12	254	
Year 13	197	
Total Post 16	451	

### Year 11 Leavers data

Remain at GA 6th Form	200	66%
Other FE Colleges outside Garforth	52	18%
Job / Apprenticeship/ training Scheme in Garforth	5	2%
Job / Apprenticeship/ training Scheme outside Garforth	43	14%

### Year 13 Leavers data

Go to Univesity	120	60%
Job / Apprenticeship/ training Scheme in Garforth	9	5%
Job / Apprenticeship/ training Scheme outside Garforth	71	35%

## **NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2017**

### **AT DELTA ACADEMIES TRUST**

**Present: Paul Tarn, CEO, Delta Academies Trust**

**Karen Bromage, Director of Finance, Delta Academies Trust**

**Andy Woodhouse, Principal, Garforth Academy**

**Cath Exley, Sue McQuire, Brian Flynn - GNPF**

Purpose of Meeting:-

To find out up to date information about school numbers and what plans the Trust has for the future of the schools that they are responsible for in Garforth.

AW up-dated us on Garforth Academy. It is now 50 years old and half the school has recently been re-furbished at a cost of £1.5m. Students from outside the area are wanting to attend. They are in the top 10% for GCSE and A level results this year. They can take up to 360 students and cope, but now want better accommodation for the 6th formers. This will require a 1-2 year span to complete. Section 106 money from the sale and development of the area now known as Scholars Gate has not been released by LCC. The amount of £124,000 is not sufficient to build a new classroom block and there are constraints on what the money can be used for.

Approximately 95% of children from Garforth primary schools will attend Garforth Academy; the only exception is St. Benedict's where approximately half will transfer to the Academy. Two percent attend via fair access and a small number from other areas.

Small schools were not considered to be sustainable; 900+ pupils were considered to be necessary for a secondary school to be able to offer the breadth of education required (referred to as "curriculum bonus") and make it financially viable. This challenges the numbers quoted by LCC for a new school to be provided with site 1232B if it goes ahead: a 600 place secondary school was said to be required.

The preferred option of the Trust and Garforth Academy is to develop a new 6th form college on a separate site in Garforth, which the Trust already has. This would free up space on the current site. By doing this and increasing the 11-16 provision at the existing site by 60 places per year group (300 places in total), the future of secondary education in Garforth would be secure and it was implied that a place could be offered to every child in Garforth at an outstanding school even allowing for a large scale development.

There is very little interface with LCC.

There has not been any discussion with Garforth Academy for 12 months with regard to the Stocks site. The planning application for this site assumes that children will be able to attend Ninelands Lane Primary, or Green Lane Academy. We were given up to date figures for East Garforth, Green Lane and Garforth Academy - main school and 6th form. Green Lane has only 10 places available and we were informed the following day that Ninelands Lane has 7 available places. They will not be able to absorb the predicted 60 children that will need school places. East Garforth has some spare capacity, but is some distance from the Stocks site.

The Trust staff felt that phasing would probably be the only viable way forward.

With regard to finding out what students think about Garforth and what they think is important for the future, AW agreed that a discussion could be organised with the Schools Council and he would attend to this later in the week.

Sports provision is available, but needs up-dating.

In summary the Trust feel that it is possible to create secondary provision around the current centre and expand it so that all children who want a place can access their local school.