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Summary

Access to high quality education is a fundamental right for all our children and young people. It should not depend on where they live, on their social background or the language in which they learn.

A good education is one of the most important building blocks a child can receive. It is therefore essential that there is sufficient, equitable funding available to ensure that the education that our children and young people deserve can be delivered effectively and consistently

This paper outlines the current Fair Funding Budget Allocation to schools and efforts to distribute equitably to the range of primary schools to meet the educational needs of all learners in Carmarthenshire.

The Welsh Government provides Local Authorities with the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) based on an agreed formula. For education funding it is based on-

- **learner numbers** and
- measures of **deprivation** and
- **sparsity**.

There has been a significant drop in financial reserves within most schools in recent years, and many have accrued deficits which will be very challenging to recoup.

The average budget settlement per primary school pupil for 2019-20 in schools in Wales was **£4033.21**.

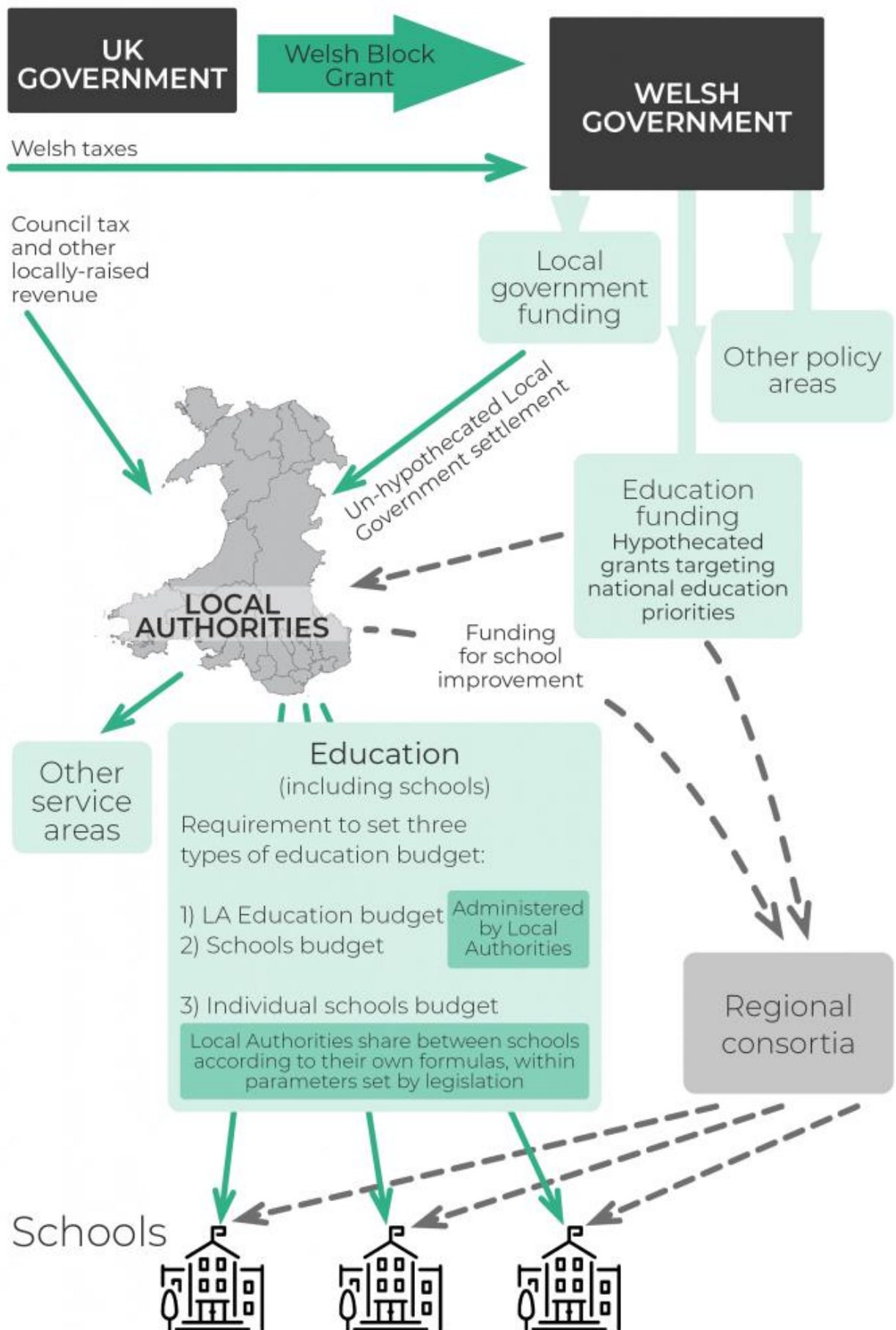
The average for schools in Carmarthenshire was **£3758.16**.

This is in the lowest quartile of settlements in Wales therefore the school system is under greater pressure to provide an equitable standard of delivery within its provision.

Senior officers meet regularly with Headteachers and Chairs of Governing Bodies to scrutinize and offer support in relation to budgets.

However, increasingly, intelligence suggest that adjustments at school level will not be sufficient to address the global funding issue within schools in Carmarthenshire.

The following graphic outlines the funding process for schools-



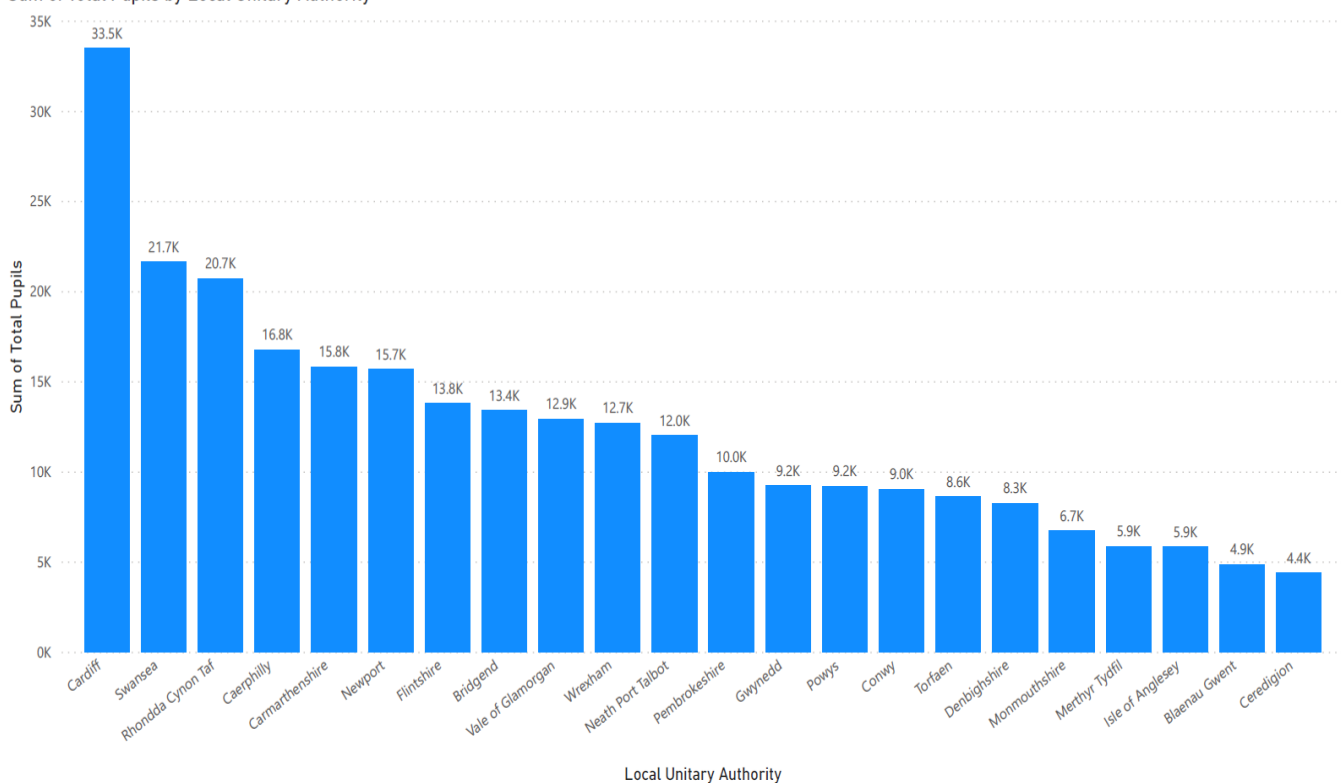
Comparing the number of Primary school pupils across Wales

The information offered in these comparisons have been taken from a range of data from across the Education Department.

- There are 498,500 pupils attending all Primary schools in Wales.
- From the information provided Carmarthenshire has the **5th highest population of Primary aged pupils** (15,800) in Wales after Cardiff, Swansea, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Caerphilly.
- It is evident that whilst many would define Carmarthenshire as a rural County, the densely populated towns of Llanelli, Ammanford and Carmarthen create a pupil population in excess of those attending primary school in traditional highly populated urban areas such as Newport, Bridgend, Vale of Glamorgan, Wrexham and Neath Port Talbot.
- Carmarthenshire’s primary school population is less than half (47.16%) of the primary population of Cardiff, and approximately three quarters of the primary school population of Swansea (72.81%) and Rhondda Cynon Taf (76.33%).
- The Carmarthenshire Primary population is significantly more than that of Ceredigion Primary (28%), Powys (58%), Pembrokeshire (63%) and Gwynedd (58%)

Total Primary School Pupils Per Local Education Authority in Wales

Sum of Total Pupils by Local Unitary Authority

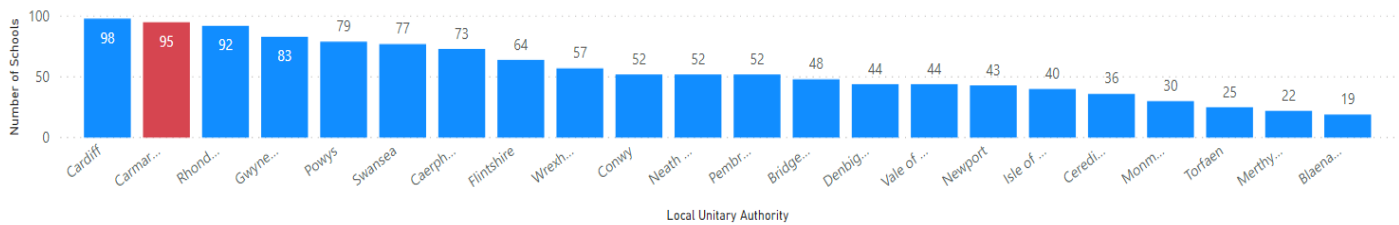


Comparing the number of Primary schools in each Local Authority

- Carmarthenshire has the **second highest number of Primary schools** of all 22 Unitary Authorities in Wales
- Carmarthenshire serves less than half the pupil population when compared to Cardiff and yet has 95 primary schools compared to 98 in Cardiff.
- Swansea has nearly 6000 more pupils yet has 18 fewer primary schools.
- In a rural context Pembrokeshire has rationalised its Primary provision. Pembrokeshire averages over 192 pupils per school, whereas Carmarthenshire only averages 166 pupils per school despite having more densely populated areas.
- One accepts that Powys has issues of rurality and that it averages 116 pupils per school.

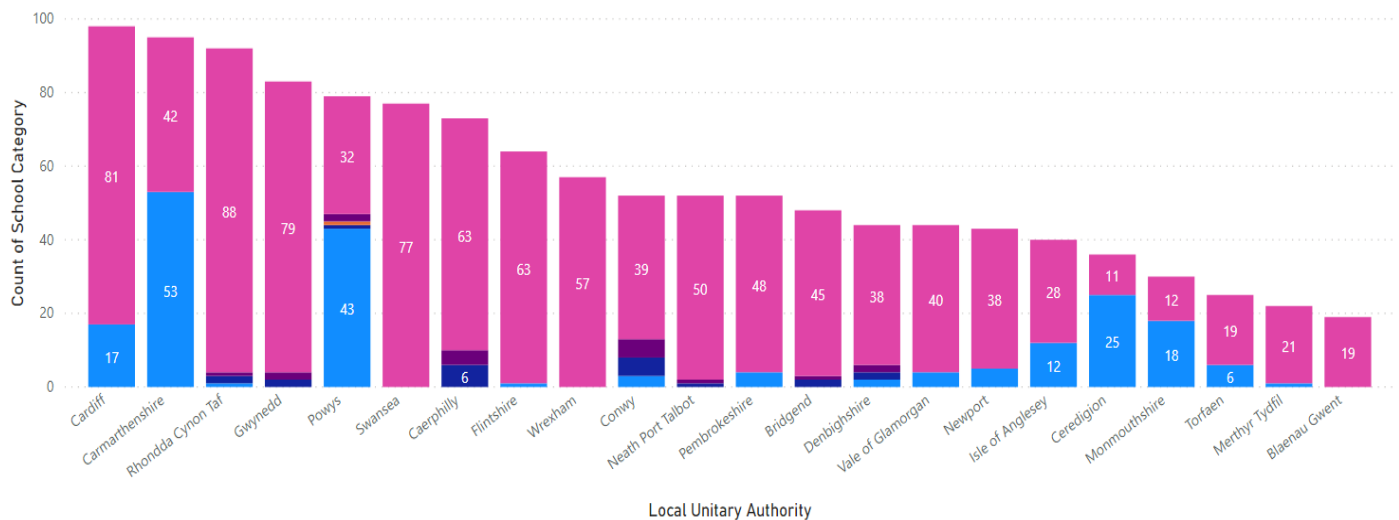
Distribution of Primary Schools In Wales

Number of Primary Schools by Local Unitary Authority



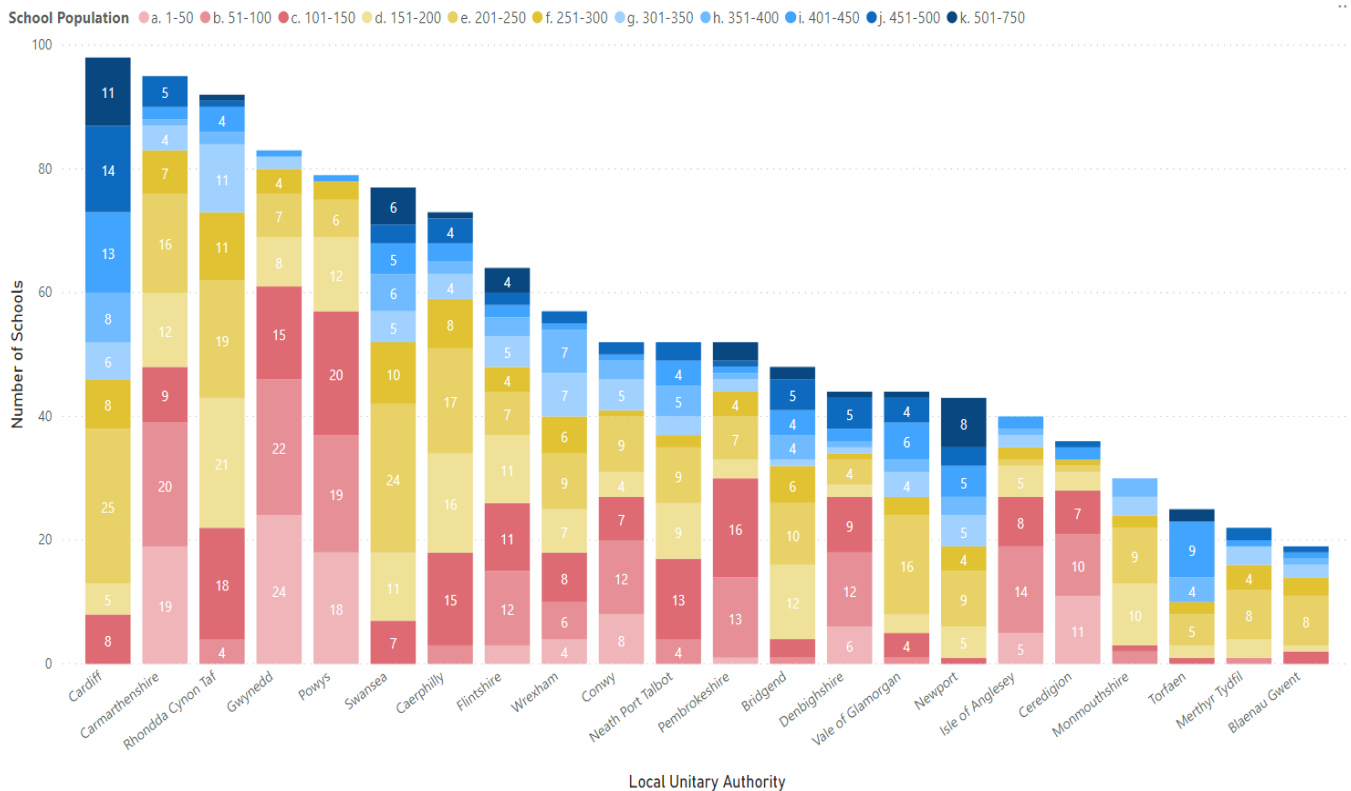
Number of Primary Schools by School Category in each Local Unitary Authority

School Category: Primary: infant and junior (Blue), Primary: Infant school with nursery provision (Dark Blue), Primary: Infant school without nursery provision (Orange), Primary: Junior school (Purple), Primary: nursery, infant and junior (Pink)



The above graph breaks down the number of Primary schools in each Local Authority. Of our 95 primary schools, 53 are a combination of infants and juniors whilst the remainder are a combination of Nursery, Infant and Junior (42).

Number of Primary Schools by School Pupil Population for Local Authority in Wales



The above graph denotes the size of schools in each of the Local Authorities.

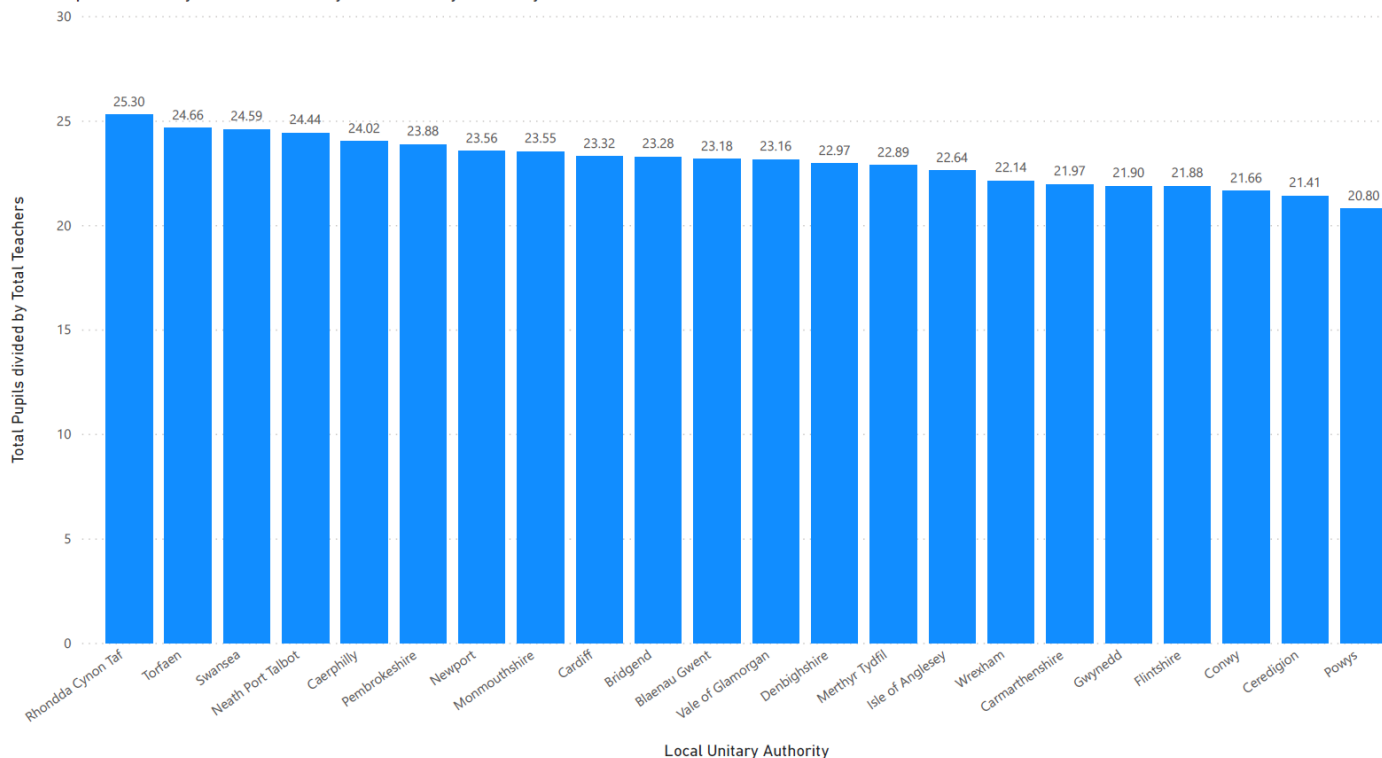
- Carmarthenshire has the 2nd largest number of schools in Wales with 50 or less pupils (19) (cf Gwynedd 24)
- Carmarthenshire has the 2nd largest number of schools in Wales with less than 100 pupils (39) (cf Gwynedd 46)
- Carmarthenshire has the 3rd largest number of schools in Wales with less than 150 pupils (48) (cf Gwynedd 61; Powys 57)
- 20% of Carmarthenshire schools have a population under 50 pupils (compared with 30% in Ceredigion / 5% in Flintshire)
- 42% of Carmarthenshire schools have a population under 100 pupils (compared with 37% in Ceredigion / 23% in Flintshire)
- 50.5% of Carmarthenshire schools have a population under 150 pupils (compared with 19% in Ceredigion / 41% in Flintshire)
- There is strong evidence to support the argument that schools of less than 200 pupils are in need of supplements to off-set the costs of equitable delivery within and across local authorities.

Proportion of Smaller Primary Schools by Local Authority in Wales

Local Unitary Authority	a. 1-50	b. 51-100	c. 101-150	d. 151-200	e. 201-250	f. 251-300	g. 301-350	h. 351-400	i. 401-450	j. 451-500	k. 501-750
Blaenau Gwent			10.53%	5.26%	42.11%	15.79%	10.53%	5.26%	5.26%	5.26%	
Bridgend		2.08%	6.25%	25.00%	20.83%	12.50%	2.08%	8.33%	8.33%	10.42%	4.17%
Caerphilly		4.11%	20.55%	21.92%	23.29%	10.96%	5.48%	2.74%	4.11%	5.48%	1.37%
Cardiff			8.16%	5.10%	25.51%	8.16%	6.12%	8.16%	13.27%	14.29%	11.22%
Carmarthenshire	20.00%	21.05%	9.47%	12.63%	16.84%	7.37%	4.21%	1.05%	2.11%	5.26%	
Ceredigion	30.56%	27.78%	19.44%	8.33%	2.78%	2.78%			5.56%	2.78%	
Conwy	15.38%	23.08%	13.46%	7.69%	17.31%	1.92%	9.62%	5.77%	1.92%	3.85%	
Denbighshire	13.64%	27.27%	20.45%	4.55%	9.09%	2.27%	2.27%	2.27%	4.55%	11.36%	2.27%
Flintshire	4.69%	18.75%	17.19%	17.19%	10.94%	6.25%	7.81%	4.69%	3.13%	3.13%	6.25%
Gwynedd	28.92%	26.51%	18.07%	9.64%	8.43%	4.82%	2.41%		1.20%		
Isle of Anglesey	12.50%	35.00%	20.00%	12.50%	2.50%	5.00%	5.00%	2.50%	5.00%		
Merthyr Tydfil		4.55%		13.64%	36.36%	18.18%	13.64%		4.55%	9.09%	
Monmouthshire		6.67%	3.33%	33.33%	30.00%	6.67%	10.00%	10.00%			
Neath Port Talbot		7.69%	25.00%	17.31%	17.31%	3.85%	5.77%	9.62%	7.69%	5.77%	
Newport			2.33%	11.63%	20.93%	9.30%	11.63%	6.98%	11.63%	6.98%	18.60%
Pembrokeshire	1.92%	25.00%	30.77%	5.77%	13.46%	7.69%	3.85%	1.92%	1.92%	1.92%	5.77%
Powys	22.78%	24.05%	25.32%	15.19%	7.59%	3.80%			1.27%		
Rhondda Cynon Taf		4.35%	19.57%	22.83%	20.65%	11.96%	11.96%	2.17%	4.35%	1.09%	1.09%
Swansea			9.09%	14.29%	31.17%	12.99%	6.49%	7.79%	6.49%	3.90%	7.79%
Torfaen			4.00%	8.00%	20.00%	8.00%		16.00%	36.00%		8.00%
Vale of Glamorgan		2.27%	9.09%	6.82%	36.36%	6.82%	9.09%	4.55%	13.64%	9.09%	2.27%
Wrexham	7.02%	10.53%	14.04%	12.28%	15.79%	10.53%	12.28%	12.28%	1.75%	3.51%	
Total	8.08%	12.73%	14.94%	13.47%	18.45%	7.84%	6.12%	4.65%	5.71%	4.73%	3.27%

Number of teachers uses by Local Authorities to deliver in schools

Total Pupils divided by Total Teachers by Local Unitary Authority



- The Welsh average number of Pupils per Teacher (FTE) is **23.22**

- The average number of pupils per teacher FTE in Carmarthenshire is **21.97**.

School	a. 1-50	School	b. 51-100
BRYNSARON	22.328	PENBOYR	27.990
FERRYSIDE	19.500	BRO BRYNACH	23.355
DREFACH	18.750	CAE'R FELIN	22.143
LLANGAIN	17.533	LAUGHARNE	21.213
BANCYFELIN	16.569	FFAIRFACH	20.287
BANCCFOSFELEN	16.441	BETWS	20.250
MYNYDDYGARREG	16.250	LLANYBYDDER	20.172
LLANLLWNI	16.250	LLANDDAROG	20.099
HAFODWENOG	16.146	PONTHENRI	19.651
LLANPUMSAINT	15.889	ST MARY'S (CARMARTHEN)	19.211
BLAENAU	15.786	CYNWYL ELFED	18.699
CWRT HENRI	15.220	BECA	18.655
LLANEDI	15.000	GWYNFRYN	17.860
LLANSTEFFAN	14.869	LLANNON	17.825
TALLEY	13.662	PUM HEOL	17.400
PONTIETS	12.930	CARWAY	17.373
Y FRO	12.552	ABERGWILLI	16.827
MEIDRIM	9.533	LLANGADOG	16.600
ABERNANT	8.667	LLANMILOE	16.314
		PWLL	12.971

School	c. 101-150	School	d. 151-200
CROSS HANDS	24.219	DAFEN	24.296
PENIEL	24.167	CARREG HIRFAEN	23.382
GORSLAS	23.593	TY-CROES	23.256
CEFNEITHIN	22.551	BYNEA	23.000
Y TYMBL	22.171	LLYS HYWEL	22.571
LLECHYFEDACH	21.006	BRYNSIERFEL	21.962
GWENLLIAN	19.783	HENDY	21.937
PENTIP	18.248	PENYGROES	21.458
MYRDDIN	13.083	ST MARY'S (LLANELLI)	21.429
		TRIMSARAN	21.367
		PENYGAER	20.346
		OLD ROAD	19.000

Ratio of Primary School Pupils to FTE Teachers in Carmarthenshire

Wales Average Number of Pupils Per Teacher (FTE)

23.22

Primary School Average

School	e. 201-250
BRYN	26.750
SWISS VALLEY	26.632
TEILO SANT	26.198
RHYS PRICHARD	25.125
HALFWAY	25.111
LLANDEILO	24.814
BURRY PORT	24.222
BIGYN	23.902
LLANDYBIE	23.222
PEMBREY	23.065
MAES Y MORFA	22.872
NANTGAREDIG	22.690
RICHMOND PARK	21.900
Y CASTELL	21.698
PARCYRHUN	21.100
PONTYBEREM	20.694

School	f. 251-300	g. 301-350	h. 351-400	i. 401-450	j. 451-500
BRO BANW					17.250
BRYN TEG	23.727				
BRYNAMAN	24.000				
DEWI SANT					28.036
FFWRNES					26.227
GRIFFITH JONES		22.808			
JOHNSTOWN					25.839
LLANGUNNOR			26.583		
MODEL				26.481	
PARC Y TYWYN		23.785			
PENRHOS					24.158
RHYDAMAN		24.000			
SARON		21.639			
STEBONHEATH		24.344			
Y BEDOL			26.364		
Y DDERWEN				24.733	
Y DDWYLAN				18.324	
Y FELIN		16.535			
YSGOL GYMRAEG LLANGENNECH					24.297

- Of the 19 schools with less than 50 pupils, 100% fall below the Welsh FTE average.
- Of the 20 schools with a pupil population of between 51 and 100, 90% fall below the Welsh FTE average.
- Of the 9 schools with a pupil population between 101-150, 66% fall below the Welsh FTE average.
- Of schools with a pupil population of up to 150, 89.6% of schools are staffed above the Welsh FTE average. This number of schools accounts for over 50% of Carmarthenshire schools.
- From the data, we can see that there are significant differing ratios when comparing our smaller schools with the larger schools.
- One might argue that Carmarthenshire can offer a more tailored individualised education for its learners with such high pupil/teacher ratios in some of its schools. However, consequential inequality is a key consideration.

Financing of Primary schools in Carmarthenshire

Individual Schools Budget Per Pupil Across Wales

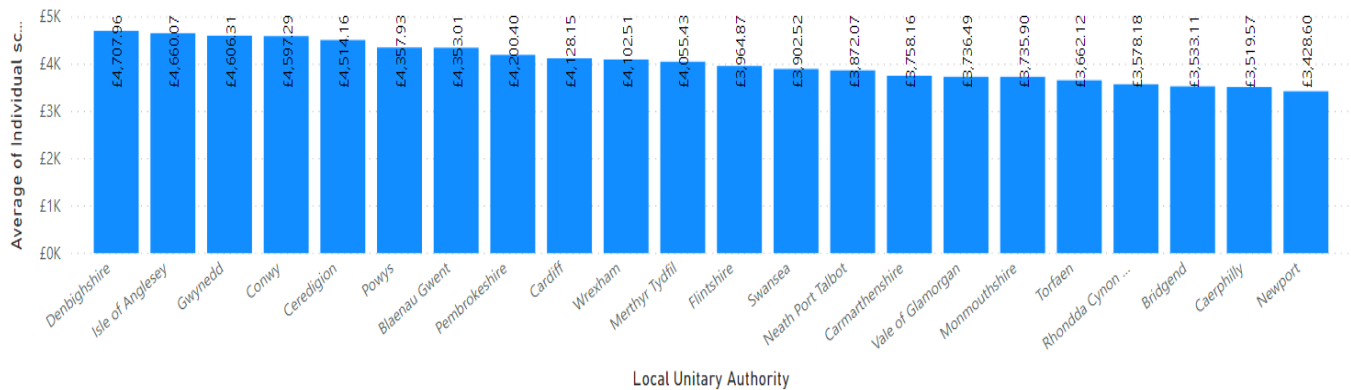
Primary Schools

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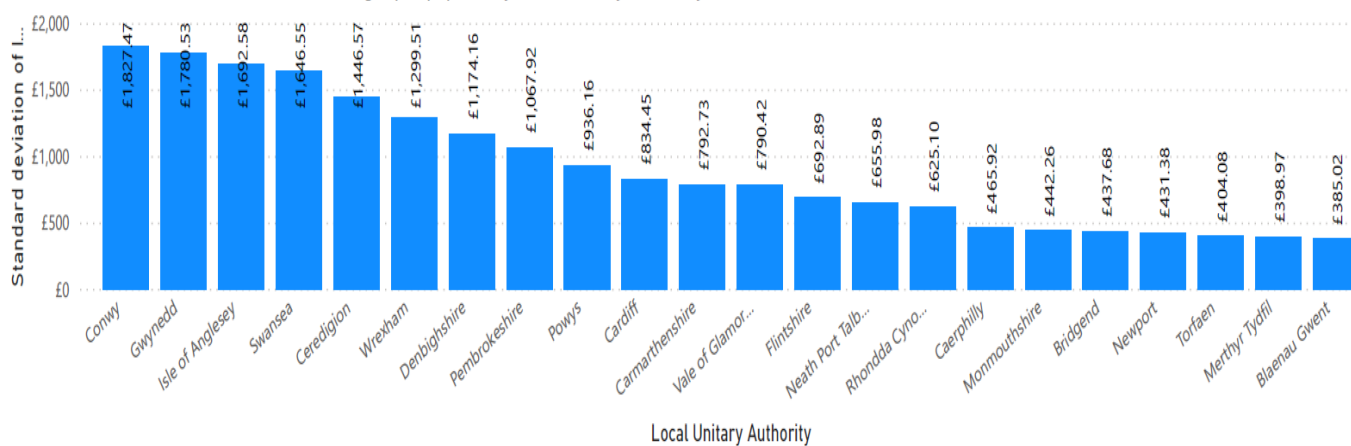
Delegated School Budgets by school 2019-2020

Average of Individual schools budget per pupil (£)

Average of Individual schools budget per pupil (£) by Local Unitary Authority



Standard deviation of Individual schools budget per pupil (£) by Local Unitary Authority

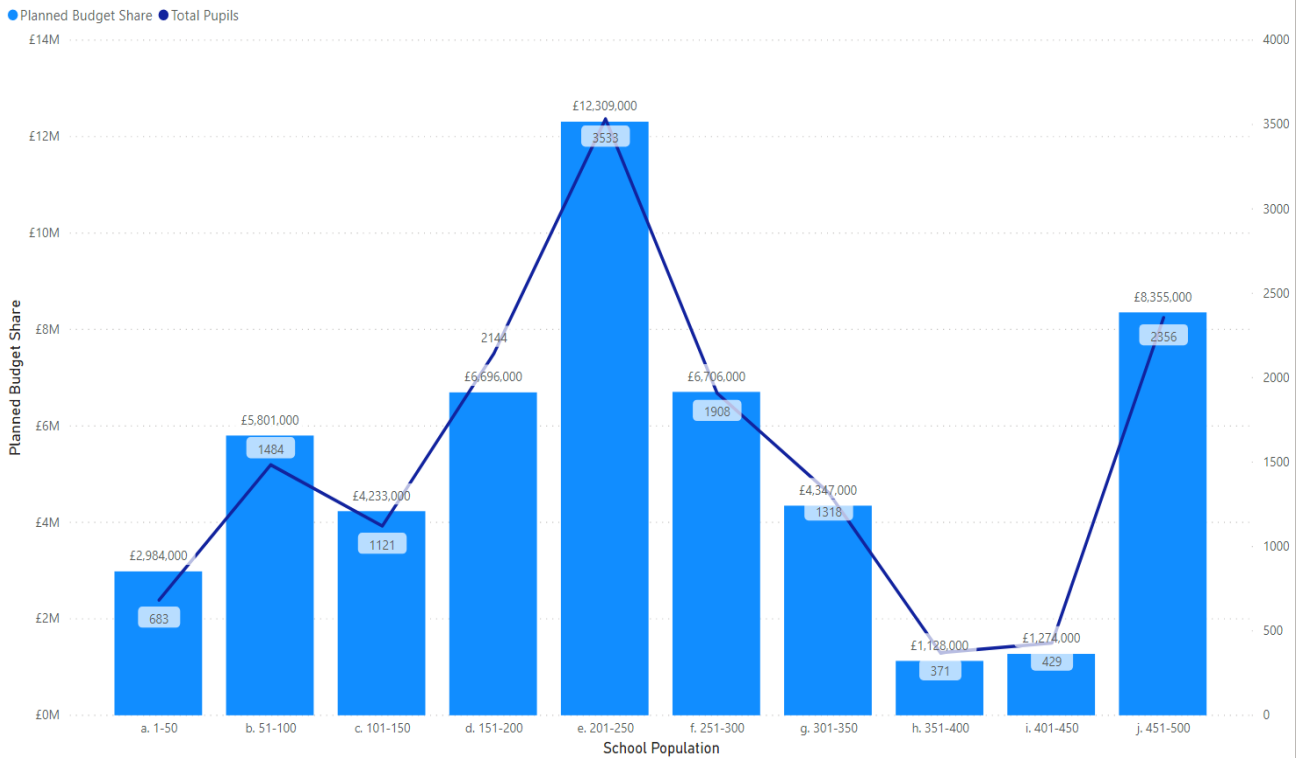


The budget settlement for Primary schools in Carmarthenshire is an average of £3,758 per pupil which places the County 15th out of 22 Local Authorities.

When comparing institutions within local authorities, the standard deviation from average settlement figures is indicative of the variance and proportional allocation across schools within the authority

The capital sum is shared amongst so many schools in Carmarthenshire with the additional costs of buildings, maintenance, utilities and rates all impact on reducing the way the formula funding is distributed.

Planned Budget Share 2019-2020 and Total Pupils by Number Grouping 2020 Primary Schools in Carmarthenshire



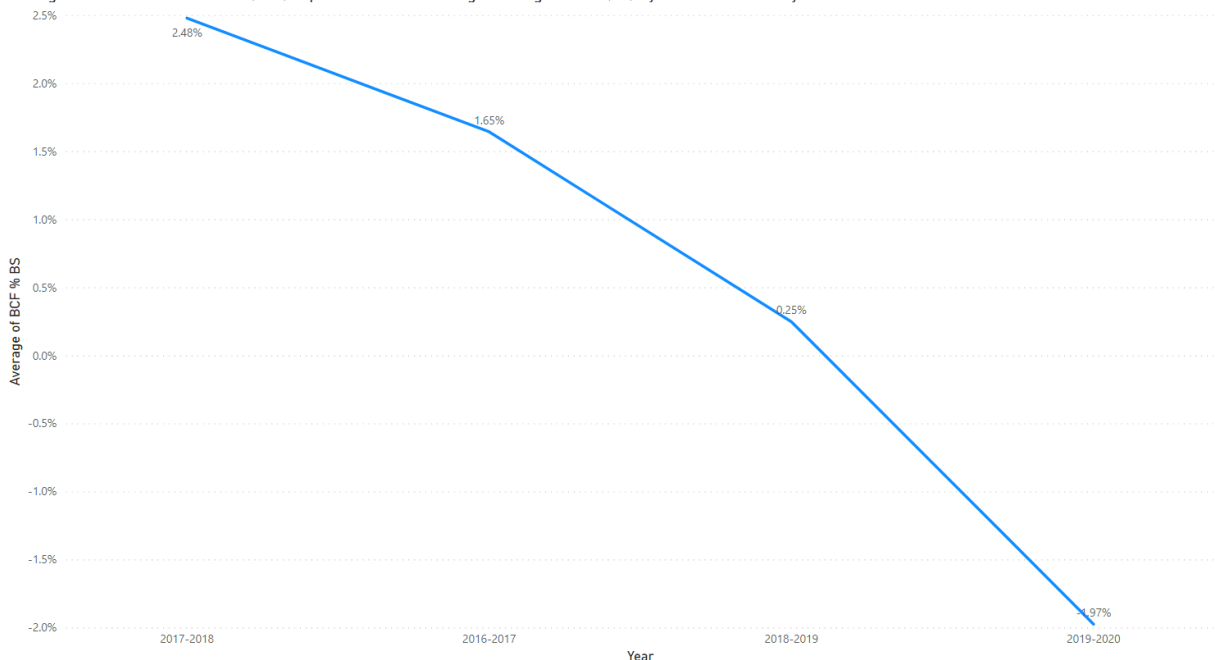
The graph above reveals the budget share against the numbers of pupils attending Carmarthenshire Primary Schools

School Balances

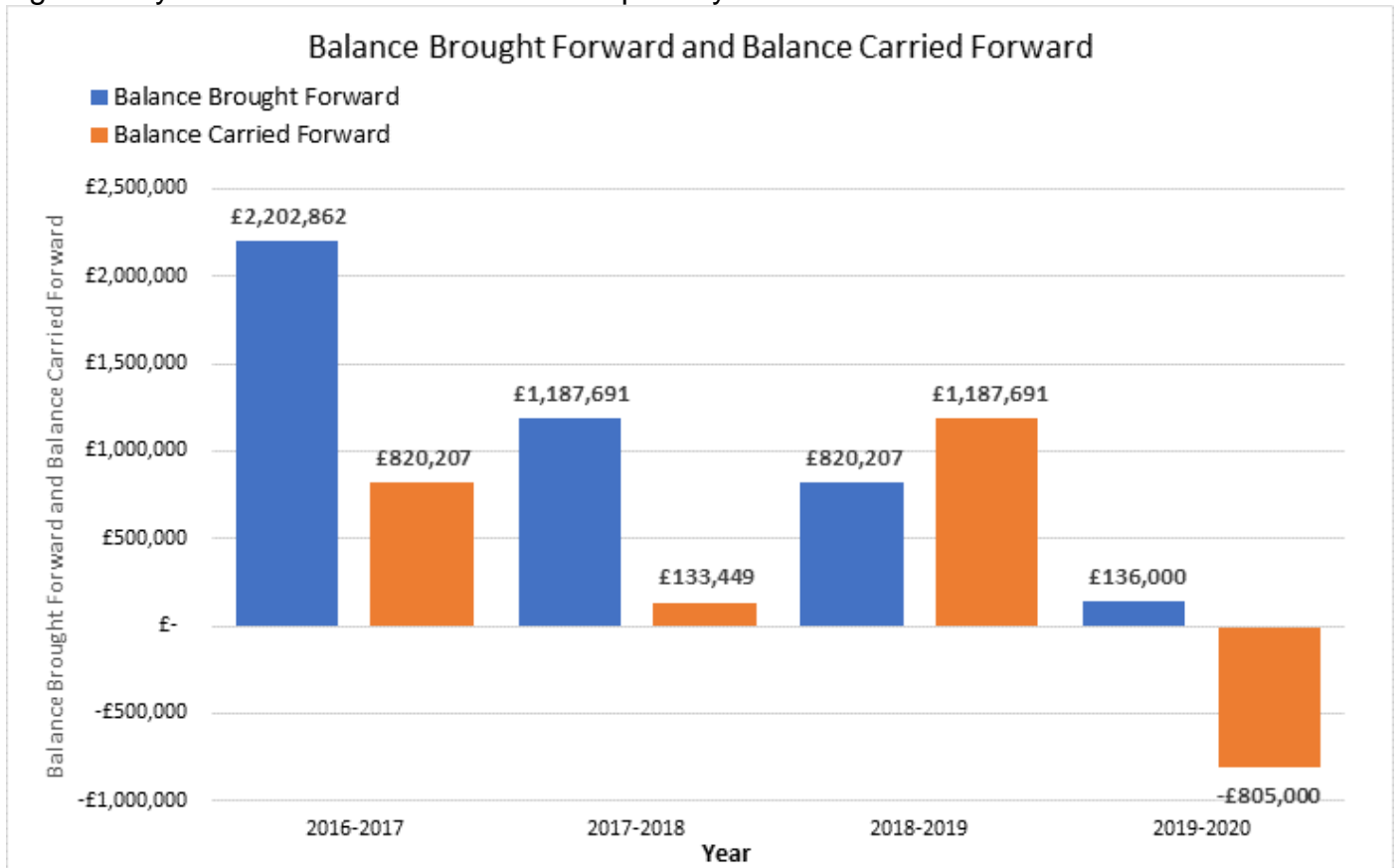
The table below which highlights the trajectory of the collective reserves held in Carmarthenshire Primary schools over the last 5 years as a percentage of their budget share. The losses evidenced here are unsustainable and requires immediate attention as the direction of travel into further negative equity cannot be reversed without significant new investment in school revenue funding or significant remodelling of current Primary provision.

The collective reserve/debt for Primary schools in April 2019 was -£811,000 (Debt)

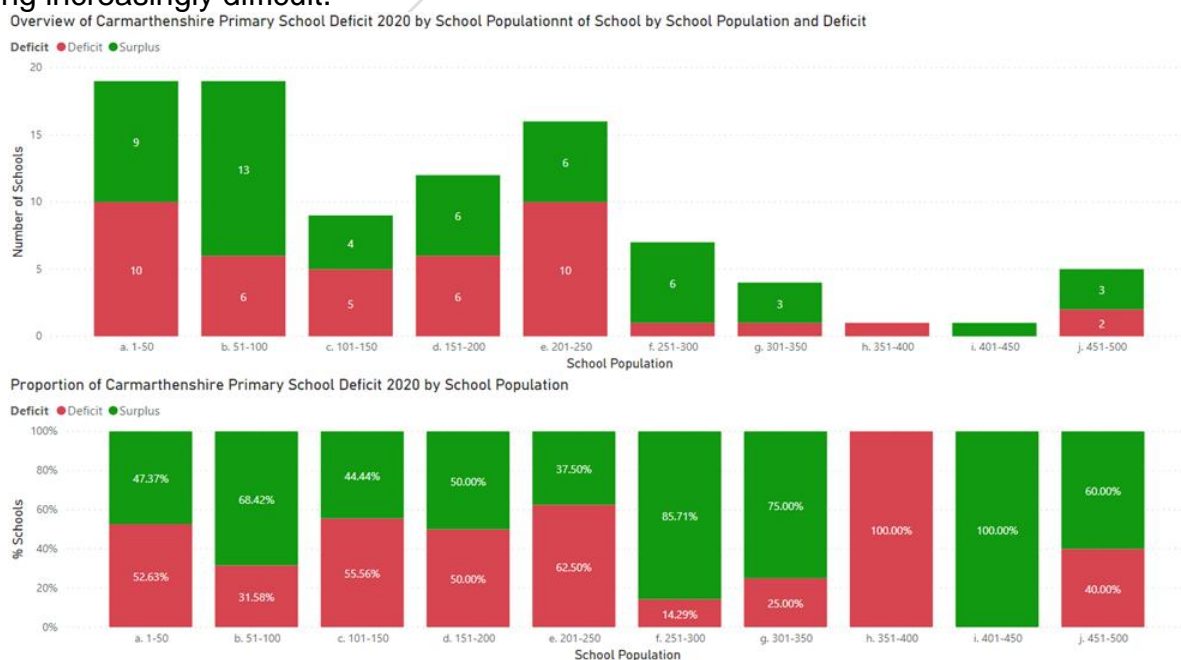
Average Balance Carried Forward (BCF) Expressed as a Percentage of Budget Share (BS) By Year for all Primary Schools in Carmarthenshire



Presented in a different format below one can see the school collective balance brought forward has diminished year on year since 2016. In 2019-20 the collective reserve has fallen to £136,000. It would lead one to suggest that in 2020-21 the collective debt will rise significantly as there are no reserves to temper any losses.

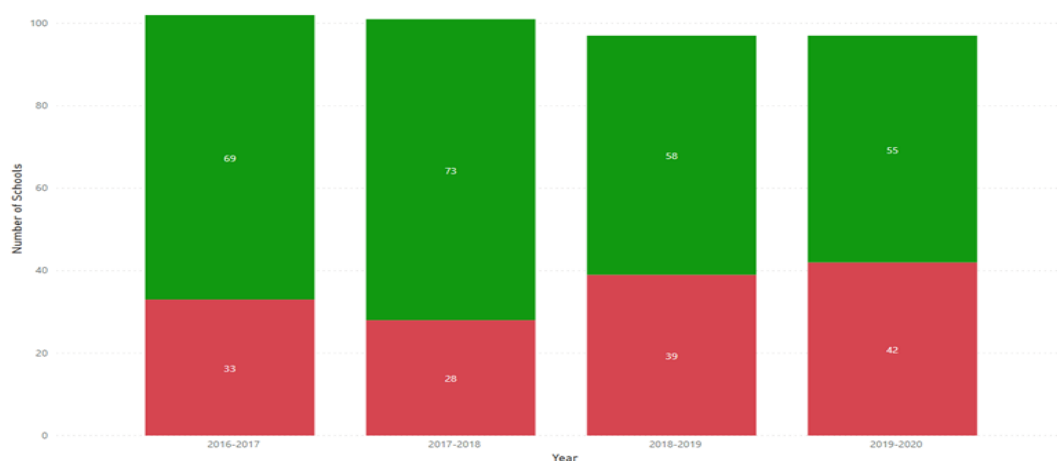


The chart below outlines the number of schools in deficit at the end of the 2019/20 financial year. Economy of scale in schools of 1-50 mean that a deficit budget is unlikely to be recovered due to the capacity in the budget itself, with maintaining a two classroom model being increasingly difficult.



Note – the deficit in the 351-400 schools is based on one recently amalgamated school. The number of schools falling into deficit across the board suggests a need to rationalise funding model.

Overview of Carmarthenshire Primary School Deficit by School By Year
 Deficit ● Surplus



The chart above highlights the four year increase in number of primary schools falling into deficit in Carmarthenshire. This modelling highlights a strong argument for immediate action in relation to funding/allocation of funds across the county.

On the following pages you will find a breakdown of all schools as highlighted in the annual outturn statement. The figures in column 'f' provide a breakdown of individual schools' surplus / deficit at the end of the 2019/20 financial year, yielding an overall deficit of 805k as highlighted above.

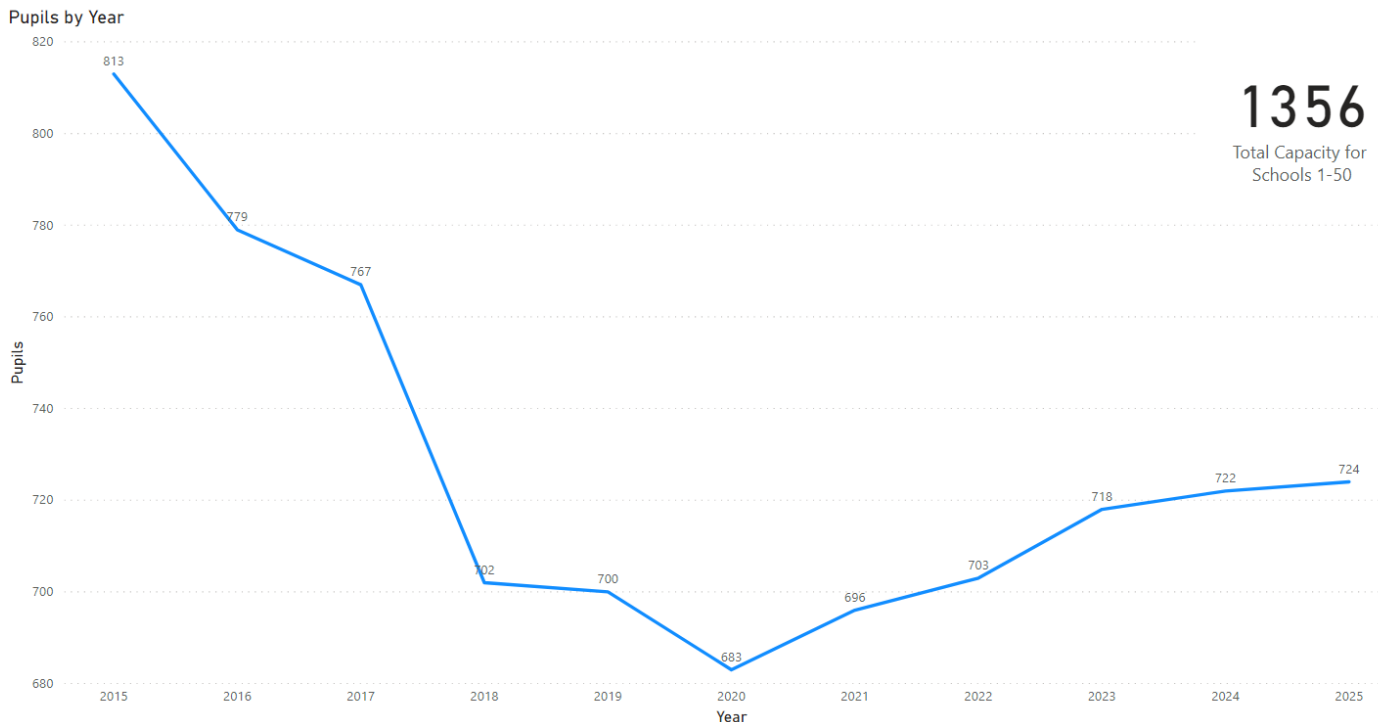
EDUCATION OUTTURN STATEMENT		Financial year:				LEA code:	
School name	Pupils	WG reference number	Planned budget share £k	Balance brought forward £k	Balance carried forward £k	Total school expenditure £k	
			a	e	f	g=d+(e-f)	
Abernant	0	2170	117	14	-10	158	
Y Fro	21	2385	109	27	-9	170	
Meidrim	24	2037	92	23	9	143	
Llanedi	25	2057	153	48	40	191	
W Rh Glanyferi / Ferryside VC	25	3013	161	-4	-24	220	
Mynyddygarreg	30	2112	161	-36	-48	211	
Blaenau	31	2052	203	-99	-84	225	
Llanpumsaint	31	2109	129	15	-0	185	
Llansteffan / Llanstephan	31	2166	159	4	-0	208	
Pontiets / Pontyates	34	2023	187	22	52	221	
W Rh Llanllwni VC	38	3026	145	-18	-36	216	
Banccfosfelen	39	2018	192	20	28	231	
Llangain	40	2009	132	-8	-19	195	
Talylychau / Talley	40	2065	128	35	8	191	
Bancyfelin	42	2034	165	-29	-45	220	
Hafodwenog	42	2182	181	18	20	227	
Drefach	45	2001	245	-1	26	260	
Carwe / Carway	51	2020	263	29	52	302	
W Rh Abergwili VC	51	3000	181	-33	-47	227	

Cwrt Henri	52	2067	158	9	-2	227
Brynsaron	52	2104	167	-39	-94	292
Gwynfryn	54	2019	248	31	28	314
C Rh Santes Fair / St Mary's R C (Carmarthen)	55	3301	246	-13	-52	369
Beca	56	2180	258	21	42	285
Llanmiloe	67	2119	218	30	25	300
Ponthenri	69	2024	246	34	41	315
Betws	71	2043	269	29	24	360
Cynwyl Elfed	71	2187	239	-15	-10	289
Pwll	71	2189	746	-39	7	872
Llanybydder	73	2184	283	-9	-34	373
Bro Brynach	75	2389	295	20	30	372
Llangadog	76	2080	301	29	28	440
W G Penboyr V A	78	3307	279	15	5	441
W Rh Lacharn / Laugharne V C	83	3003	302	19	49	339
W Rh Llanddarog V C	85	3004	312	-2	-33	427
Pum Heol / Five Roads	87	2128	299	25	-8	428
Cae'r Felin	91	2387	308	-69	-114	474
Llannon	92	2167	340	56	34	437
Ffairfach	93	2061	414	8	42	468
Cefneithin	94	2000	312	-61	-54	384
Llechfyedach	107	2003	371	-20	-11	451
Gwenllian	116	2370	347	32	2	481
Peniel	117	2014	396	31	19	502
Myrddin	126	2171	944	33	-43	1,158
W G Pentip V A	126	3321	547	16	-118	803
Y Tymbl / Tumble	130	2006	435	-1	9	542
Cross Hands	136	2008	423	33	23	536
Dafen	142	2123	508	-78	-75	664
Gorslas	145	2007	458	-33	-8	539
Llys Hywel	150	2098	520	17	28	630
Carreg Hirfaen	156	2386	542	11	9	653
Hen Heol / Old Road	157	2159	596	11	5	782
Penygroes	167	2193	562	42	29	701
Bynea	179	2121	565	68	84	744
C Rh Santes Fair / St Mary's R C (Llanelli)	184	3300	594	15	21	753
Brynsierfel	185	2168	652	-25	-35	828
Hendy	186	2131	641	-18	-16	789
Teilo Sant	186	2183	636	56	91	783
Penygaer	186	2190	631	-7	-73	892
Tycroes	190	2044	623	19	-32	832
Parc Waundew / Richmond Park	194	2380	842	-73	-107	1,104
Parcyrhun	200	2050	931	46	57	1,117
Rhys Pritchard	201	2084	643	19	-15	827
Trimsaran	202	2175	610	17	56	749
Nantgaredig	203	2194	843	-99	-115	1,053
Maes Y Morfa	203	2393	758	-13	-55	1,037
Porth Tywyn / Burry Port	207	2394	684	-4	-53	1,000
Bigyn	212	2374	743	-27	-34	992
Llandeilo	217	2185	731	64	31	935
Swiss Valley	221	2176	808	-70	-57	945
Llandybie	223	2181	766	68	71	956
Bryn	226	2120	727	-306	-389	965
Penbre / Pembrey	226	2178	744	18	30	939
Halfway	227	2188	776	58	106	908
Y Castell	228	2192	912	24	-17	1,222
Pontyberem	232	2373	765	-39	-67	950
Parc Y Tywyn	240	2177	853	63	40	1,080
Saron	241	2042	784	50	18	1,014
Bryn Teg	244	2390	998	-43	9	1,295
Y Felin	259	2391	1,298	51	52	1,569
Stebonheath	274	2375	959	46	1	1,265

Rhydaman	283	2179	868	-77	-52	1,085
Y Ddwylan	285	2379	1,146	119	68	1,475
Brynaman	288	2169	946	58	47	1,165
Llangynnwr / Llangunnor	299	2173	999	49	36	1,218
Griffith Jones	309	2384	1,005	39	23	1,271
Y Bedol	324	2388	1,197	-50	-144	1,622
Y Dderwen	358	2116	1,128	8	-24	1,470
Ysgol Gymraeg Llangennech	388	2396	1,355	-17	11	1,688
W G Model V A	394	3322	1,274	-36	-0	1,616
Dewi Sant	436	2371	1,363	-0	57	1,624
Ffwrnes / Furnace	440	2135	1,461	36	95	1,717
Ysgol Pen Rhos	455	2395	1,586	-117	-166	2,180
Tre Ioan / Johnstown	459	2114	1,425	5	4	1,790
Bro Banw	476	2392	2,520	6	-104	3,130
all primary schools			55,783	178	-805	71,241

Projected pupil figures

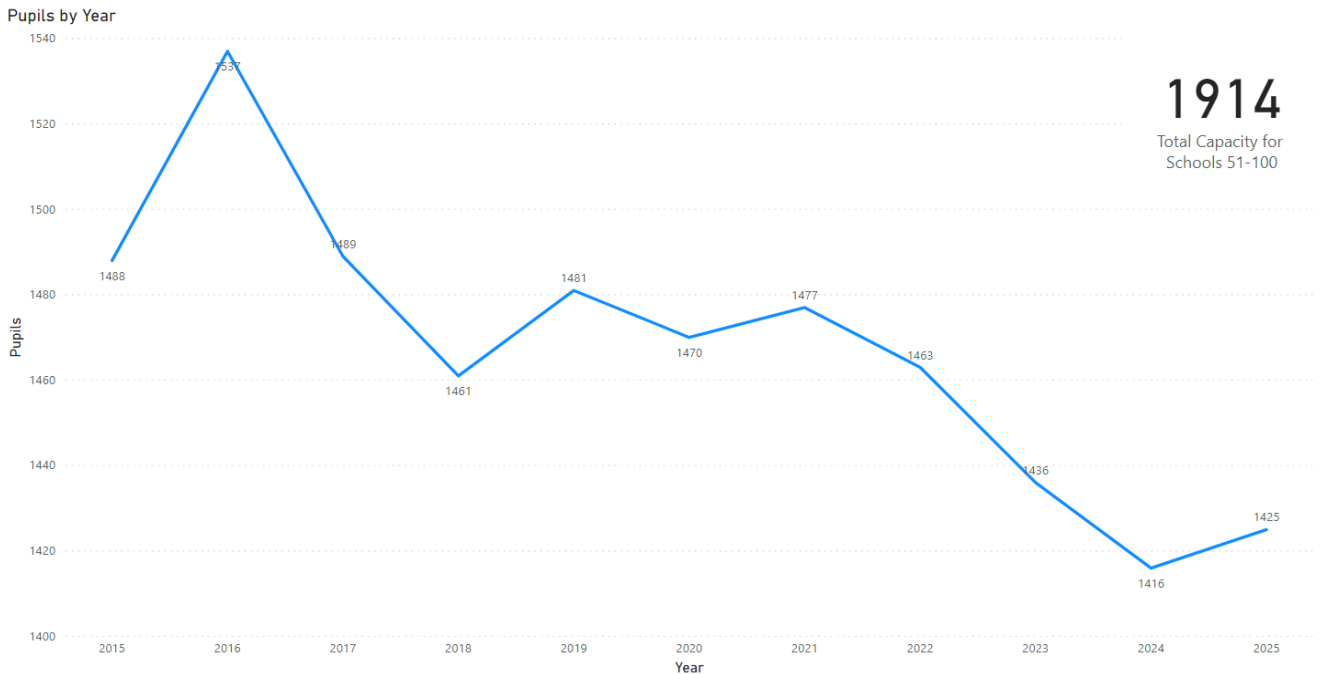
Total Primary School Pupils at Schools with Population of 1-50 in Carmarthenshire by Year



If we focus on pupil populations in schools with less than 50 pupils, we evidence a steep decline in pupils between 2015 and 2020.

It must be noted that throughout this period numbers are consistently below capacity. In 2020 the figure for such schools was approximately 50% of possible capacity. There is evidence of a marginal rise in predicted figures until 2025. However, with such small numbers these predictions are open to volatile changes if predictions are incorrect.

Total Primary School Pupils at Schools with Population of 51-100 in Carmarthenshire by Year

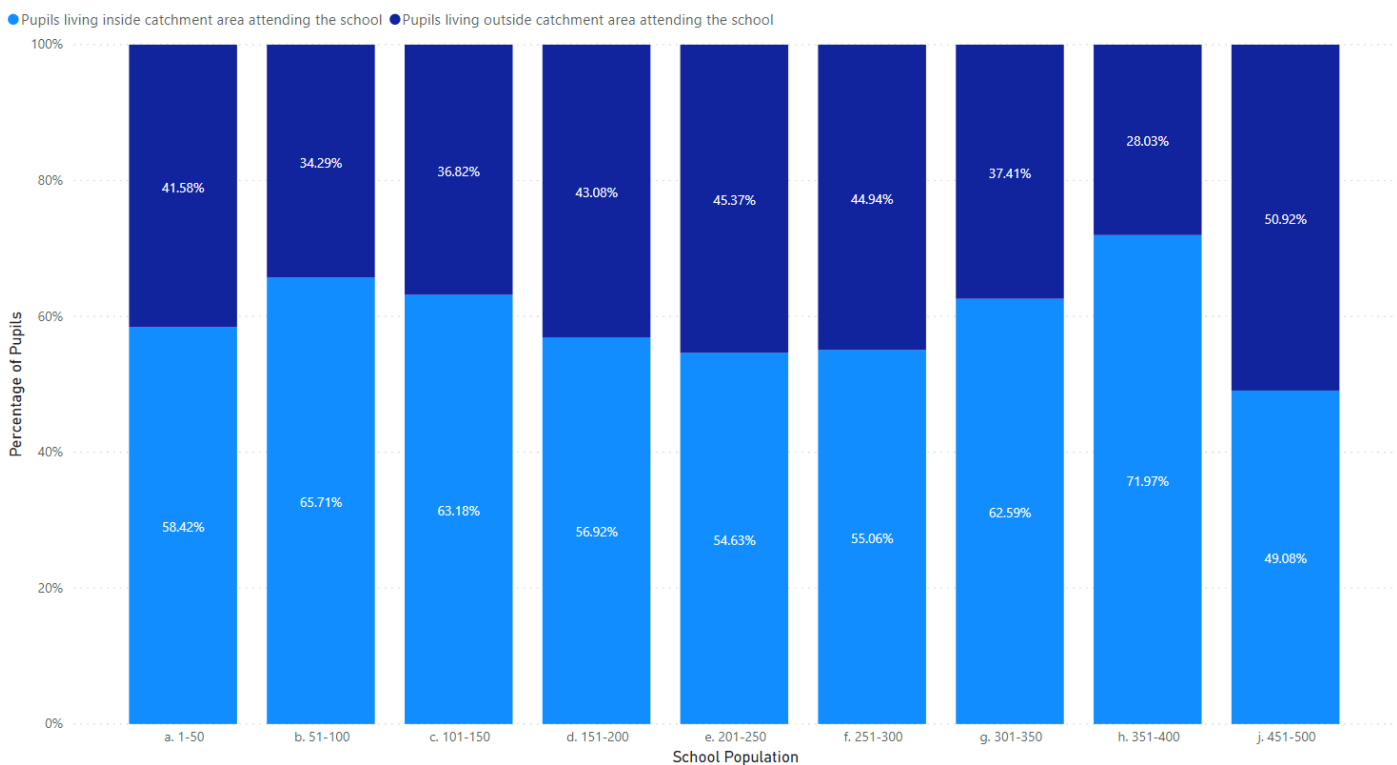


If we focus on primary schools of 51-100, we once again see a fall in numbers, although not as extreme as the under 50 primary schools. Despite a rise in population in 2016 each year falls well below the capacity figures.

Predicted populations between 2020-2025 show a sustained fall in numbers.

Catchment Detail

Pupils living inside catchment area attending the school and Pupils living outside catchment area attending the school by School Population



One accepts that parental choice often impacts upon whether learners chose a school within their own catchment and there are a number of factors that may influence this choice.

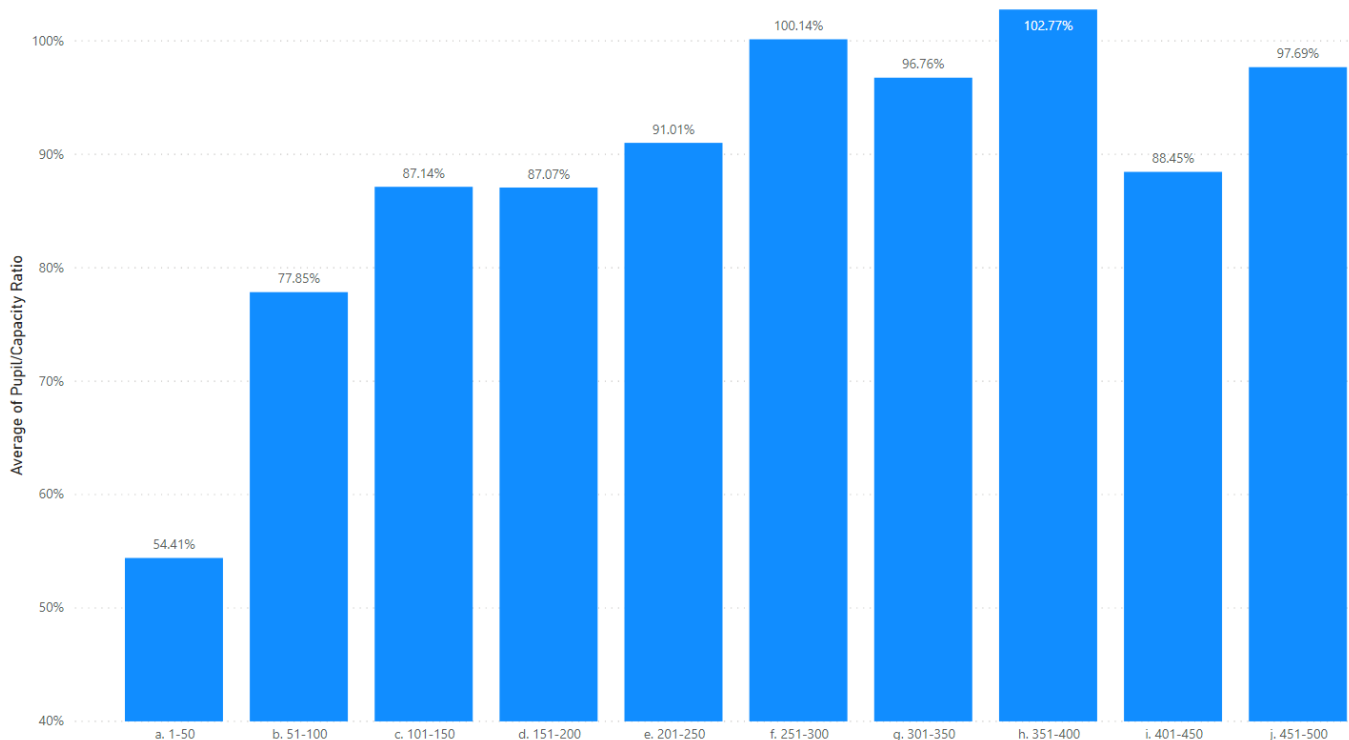
Calculating the sustainability of schools, particularly for smaller schools, creates financial vulnerabilities, when one cannot guarantee sustaining 40% of the out of catchment school population over time.

Of the smallest Primary schools in Carmarthenshire, on average they attract 41% of their population from outside their catchment.

Generally the largest schools have far fewer pupils from out of catchment, although this figure is somewhat distorted by pupils attending specialist provision in these larger settings. This may reflect the larger geographic area they serve; however, it does offer them greater stability in pupil numbers and associated funding streams.

School Capacity

Average of Pupil/Capacity Ratio by School Population

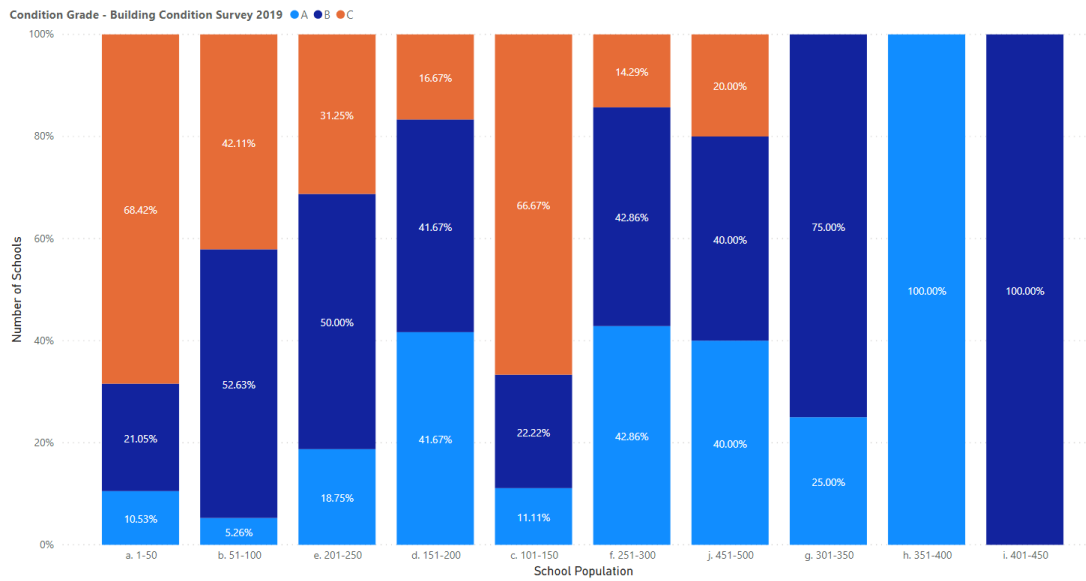


In January 2020 there was a primary school population of 15,701 in Carmarthenshire. The Primary school capacity in Carmarthenshire is 17,977. This suggests that the County's schools are running at an average of 87% occupancy and that there are 2276 surplus places. The projected figures for primary schools in Carmarthenshire in 2023 is 15,551. If the current capacity number is maintained the schools will have an occupancy of 86%.

When one analyses the size of school against the level of occupancy the data above highlights the significant inefficiency of small schools.

Accommodation review

School Condition Survey Result By Primary School Population



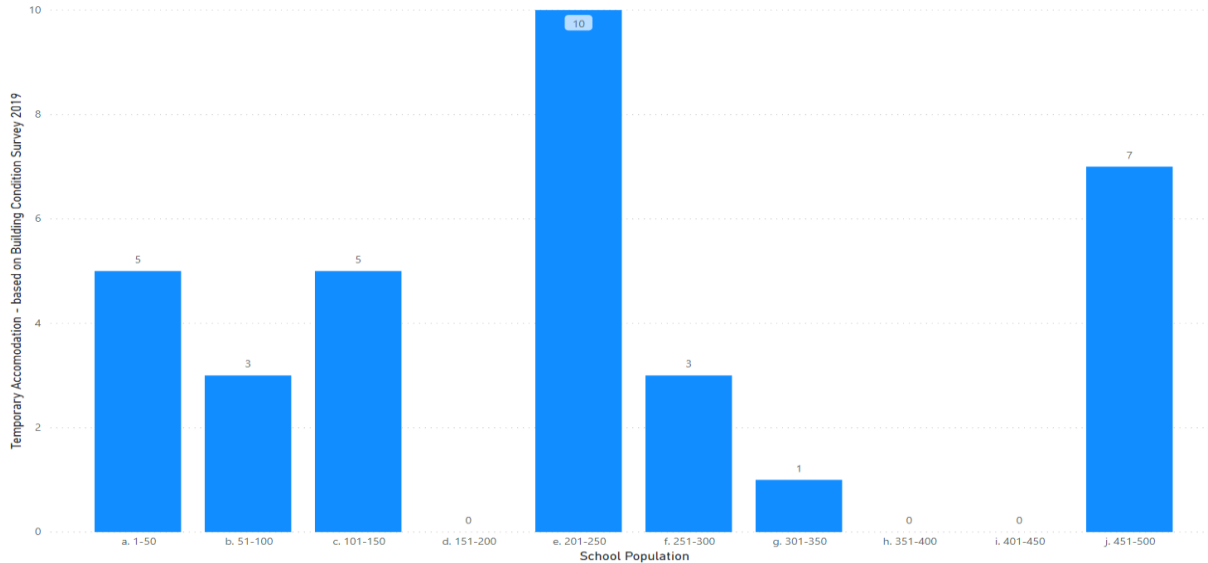
The accommodation survey undertaken in 2019 highlights the condition of its school buildings.

- Those defined as in 'A' condition are new build, renovated or need little investment to meet the needs of learners.
- Those in 'C' condition will require far greater investment to maintain the expected standards required to meet the needs of learners.

There seem to be significant issues with schools who have a capacity of 1-50, where, on average, 68% of such schools are in 'C' condition.

This leads one to conclude that if we are to maintain the status quo then significant capital investments is required to ensure these buildings meet the needs of 21st century learning institutions.

Temporary Accommodation by School Pupil Population



Carmarthenshire is committed to removing all temporary accommodation from its schools as soon as is practicable.

Additional Grant Funding

On top of the budget each school receives from their local authority, the Welsh Government uses several funding streams from its education budget to support the implementation of certain policies and priorities or target additional funding.

These are often in the form of specific grants, such as the Education Improvement Grant and the Pupil Development Grant.

Below you will find a breakdown of most of the grants across the school system. The key objective for each of the main grant can be found towards the end of this report.

Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant (RCSIG)

Education Improvement Grant

The Purpose of this Funding is to secure implementation of the new curriculum with a focus on leadership, professional learning, and excellence and equity within a self-improving system. The action plan focuses on raising standards for all, reducing the attainment gap, and delivering an education system that is a source of national pride and public confidence. The Funding must support delivery against the national priorities for education, at the centre of which is a transformational curriculum.

This transformational curriculum is supported by four key enabling objectives:

- Developing a high quality education profession;
- Inspirational leaders working collaboratively to raise standards;
- Strong and inclusive schools committed to excellence, equity and well-being; and
- Robust evaluation and accountability arrangements supporting a self-improving system.

Funding provided to Carmarthenshire Schools, Nurseries and Pupil Referral Units:	£1,331,188
Number of pupils to potentially benefit from the funding:	28,045

Foundation Phase

The Purpose of the Funding is to support schools in accordance with the recommended ratios and non-maintained settings to deliver high quality Foundation Phase.

The Funding allocation must be used to support the Foundation Phase staff to learner ratios and can be used to facilitate COVID-19 social distancing requirements. As part of the delivery of a high quality and effective Foundation Phase curriculum (including payment for supply cover for absences other than for training purposes) settings must be working towards or to achieving the Foundation Phase ratios of 1:8 for Nursery and Reception and 1:15 for Year 1 and Year 2.

Funding provided to Carmarthenshire Schools, Nurseries and Pupil Referral Units:	£4,957,637
Number of pupils to potentially benefit from the funding:	7,769

Pupil Development Grant (PDG)

The Purpose of this Funding is to reduce the attainment gap between Free School Meal pupils and their peers.

Eligible learners include:

- pupils who are eligible for free school meals and are educated in maintained schools
- pupils who are singly-registered in pupil referral units (PRUs) and education other than at school (EOTAS)
- pupils within early years settings where the Foundation Phase is delivered
- looked after children (LAC), and former LAC who have been adopted from care or who are subject to a special guardianship or residence order aged 3-15

The PDG Funding should be used to:

- develop staff, both teaching and support, in the use of practice such as growth mind-set and quality feedback, that are currently viewed to be the most effective for learners from deprived backgrounds.
- intervene early to address weakness, particularly in literacy and numeracy. This applies to early years but is also relevant at the start of secondary school and at any point that a weakness is observed.

- ensure that increased resources are targeted at Key Stage 3, both in the classroom and in enrichment activities and raising aspirations, while recognising the importance of Year 11 for all learners. In support of the principles of early intervention and prevention, the Minister for Education expects secondary schools to deliver an aspiration of 60% of PDG invested in Key Stage 3 learners.
- identify where and when support is required using appropriate diagnostic and tracking systems and what this looks like.

Funding provided to Carmarthenshire Schools, Nurseries and Pupil Referral Units:	£5,068,464
Number of pupils to potentially benefit from the funding:	4,462

Small and Rural Schools Grant

The Purpose of the Funding is to enable schools to support a national strategy by means of one or more of the following key purposes:

To encourage innovation – this purpose is intentionally wide to encourage the development of innovative practice to raise standards and contribute to the sustainability of small and rural schools.

To support greater school to school working – this purpose includes informal association, formal collaboration or federation to raise standards. Federation has been shown to be particularly beneficial in allowing rural school to remain open and viable in their communities

To provide additional administrative support in schools where the head teacher has a significant timetabled teaching commitment of at least 10% of the timetable. The intention of this key purpose is to improve the capacity of these head teachers to provide leadership and management and raise standards in their schools. Consideration should be given to innovative ways of working with other schools for example to share backroom functions and/or through the use of a shared business manager. The funding should not be used to fund general administrative support in the school.

To increase the community use of school buildings whether for education or non-education purposes - Where opportunities exist and there is local demand, school facilities might be used by pre-school groups; for after school activities; adult education; sport, ICT centres; libraries or for a wide range of non-educational community purposes. Funding may be used to assist with the associated costs of establishing such arrangements whether these are administrative or associated with equipment or adaptations of the facilities.

Funding provided to Carmarthenshire Schools, Nurseries and Pupil Referral Units:	£187,000
Number of pupils to potentially benefit from the funding:	2,464

Accelerating Learning Programme

The expectation of the funding is to help schools meet the demands of the Recruit, Recover, Raise Standards: Accelerating Learning Programme as announced by the Minister for Education on the 9 July 2020.

This funding enables investment in schools to allow them to recruit and deploy additional human capacity to support learners in addressing their needs following the initial COVID-19 crisis and period of school closure.

The primary purpose of the funding is therefore to enable investment in schools to allow them to recruit and deploy additional human capacity to support learners in addressing their needs following the initial COVID-19 crisis and period of school closure.

Funding provided to Carmarthenshire Schools, Nurseries and Pupil Referral Units:	£1,086,261
Number of pupils to potentially benefit from the funding:	26,095

Reducing Infant Class Sizes Grant

The Purpose of the Funding is to reduce infant class sizes.

Currently, no infant class should contain more than 30 pupils where an ordinary teaching session is conducted by a single school teacher

The criteria for the funding is infant classes of 29 or more pupils, in schools that demonstrate at least one, or a combination, of the following:

- Significant levels of free school meals
- Below average outcomes and where a school is judged to be red or amber under the school categorisation system.
- Significant levels of additional learning needs
- Significant levels of where Welsh/English is not the first language

This funding aims to improve early years attainment, have a significant impact for poorer and disadvantaged pupils, and support teachers to be innovative and to increase pupil engagement.

Funding provided to Carmarthenshire Schools: **£347,370**

This funding has enabled nine of the County's Primary Schools to employ additional teachers to reduce the size of their infant classes.

*To note, this is the final year of a 3 year grant.

Professional Learning Grant

The Purpose of the Funding is to help schools meet the demands of the new National Approach to Professional Learning (NAPL) and enable investment in the elements of the model. For example, it enables investment in practitioners' individual professional learning journeys and investment in collaboration.

The primary purpose of the funding is creating time in schools for practitioners to make the changes they need to make in advance of the realisation of the new curriculum.

The funding is to be targeted at the learning required by teachers and learners to prepare them for the new curriculum.

Funding provided to Carmarthenshire Schools, Nurseries and Pupil Referral Units:	£417,848.00
Number of pupils to potentially benefit from the funding:	28,045