

SUSTAINABILITY BASELINE REPORT REFRESH

ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY LGD ANALYSIS

1. The analysis presented in the SBR as published in 2021 has now been expanded through the examination of the 2021/22 school year Census data.
2. It remains broadly consistent with the 2020/21 data, showing:
 - No change in the overall number of schools (61 schools in total – 51 primary and 10 post-primary) (**Chart 1**) or the management type of those schools ((**Charts 2 and 3**) in the Antrim and Newtownabbey LGD
 - Available places (at both primary (**Map 1**) and post-primary (**Map 2**) phases remain most prevalent in the controlled and maintained sectors
 - An increase of 365 available places at primary school phase has been partially offset by a reduction of 139 places at post-primary phase (**Chart 4**)
 - From 1 September 2022, 1,053 of the available places at primary phase will be removed under the Department’s “Resetting for Area Planning (downsizing) process” (467 Catholic maintained, 484 controlled and 102 controlled integrated) (**Table 1**)
 - The examination of available places for the 2021/22 school year, when expressed as a percentage of overall approved places in the LGD has risen at primary phase by 2.3 percentage points and fallen by 1.9 percentage points at post-primary phase (**Chart 5**)
 - Following three years of consecutive reductions in the number of schools below the Sustainable Schools Policy (SSP) enrolment thresholds from 2018/19 to 2020/21, there is an overall increase of 2 schools below the thresholds in the 2021/22 school year (**Chart 6**)
 - The proxy measure of four or fewer Full Time Equivalent (FTE) teachers for small primary schools operating composite classes of more than two year groups shows an increase from 2 in the 2020/21 year to 5 in the 2021/22 year. The number of primary schools in the LGD with fewer than 4 FTE teachers and with a financial deficit greater than 5% of their budget allocation has doubled (from 1 school to 2) (**Chart 7**)
 - The number of children educated in primary schools below the SSP enrolment thresholds has fallen by 170 in the 2021/22 year (**Chart 8**)
 - However, at post-primary level there is an increase of 90 pupils educated in sixth forms below the SSP threshold of 100 (which is relevant in the context of successive Ministerial priorities that no pupils should be in unsustainable sixth forms which are not compliant with the Entitlement Framework (EF) (**Chart 9**)
 - In overall terms, there is a reduction of 2 schools (both post-primary) in 2021/22 with financial deficits greater than 5% of their budget (**Chart 10**)

- An increase of 2 primary schools (both controlled) operating with deficits greater than 5% of their budget is offset by a reduction of 2 maintained primaries, resulting in no change overall to the number operating outside the 5% tolerance (**Chart 11**)
- At post-primary phase there is one fewer school in each of the controlled and Catholic maintained sectors now operating outside the 5% financial deficit tolerance (**Chart 12**)
- There is no significant change in the number of schools operating with enrolments below the SSP thresholds and with a deficit greater than 5% of their budget (**Chart 13**)
- In overall terms there is no significant change (16 fewer children overall) in the number of children/pupils being educated in schools with enrolments below the SSP thresholds and with a financial deficit greater than 5% of their budget (**Chart 14**)

Chart 1

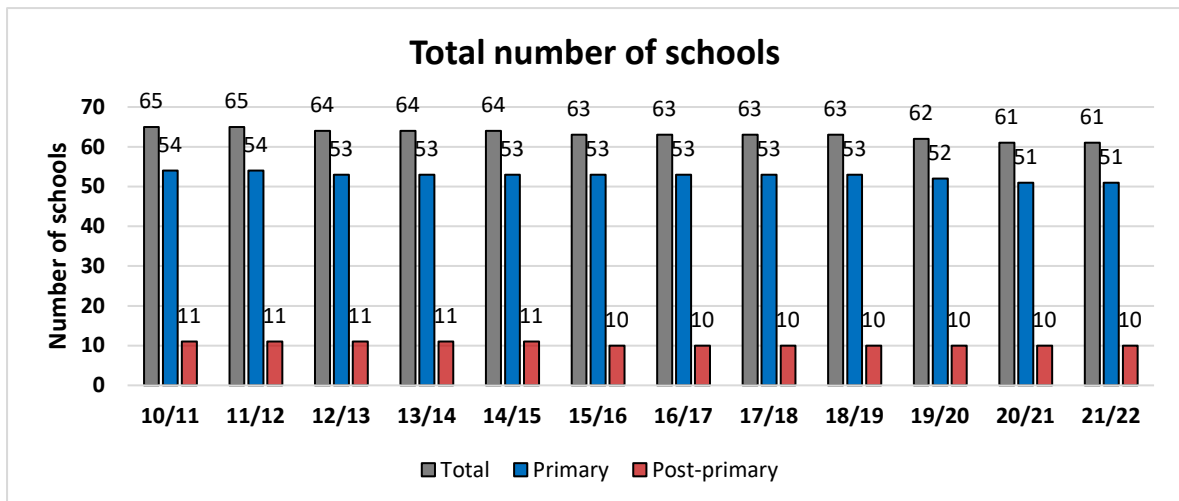


Chart 2

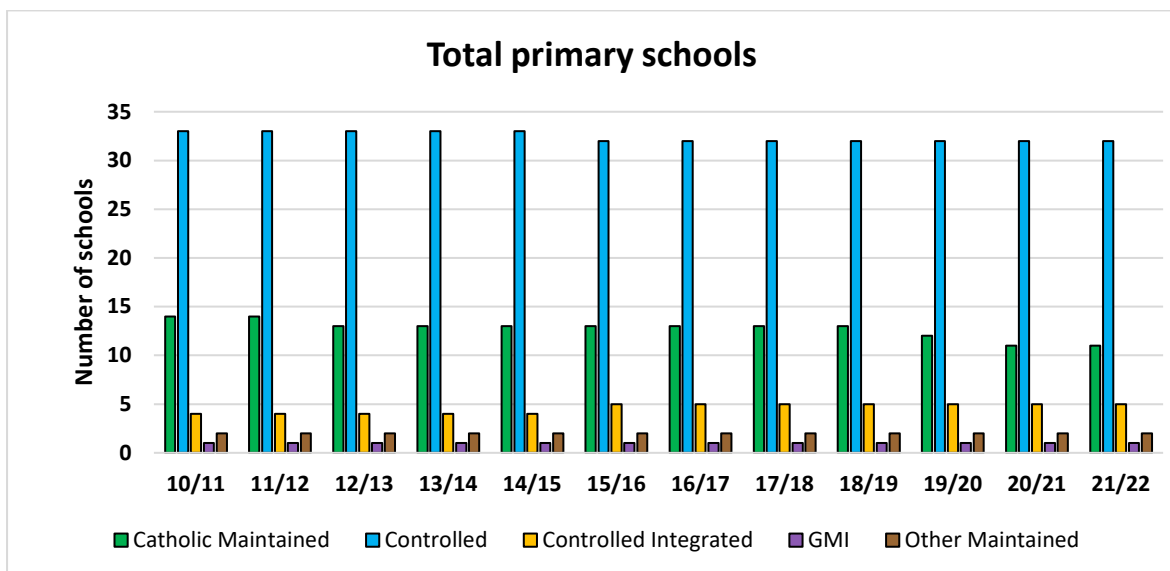
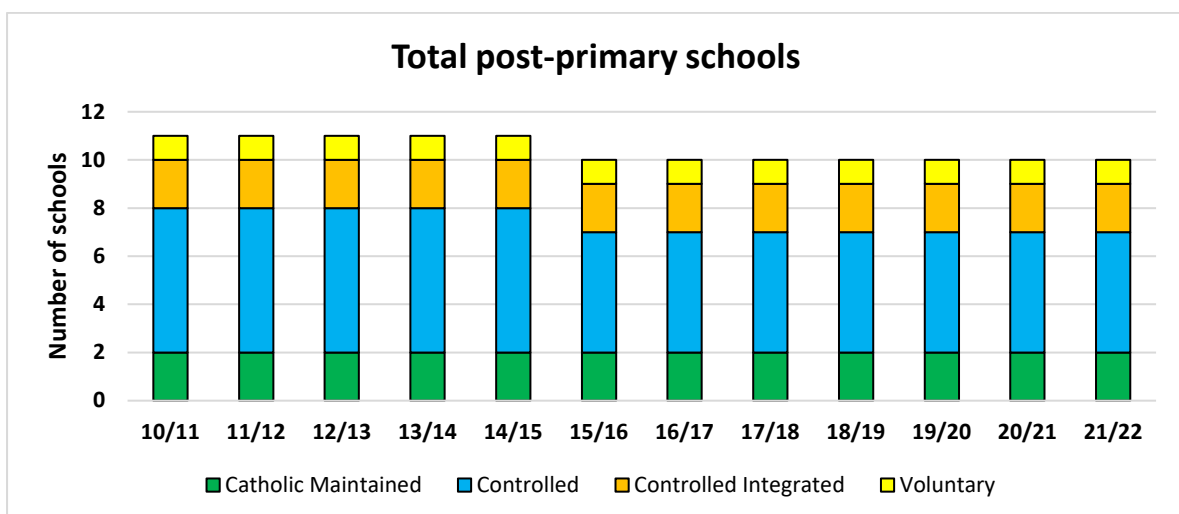
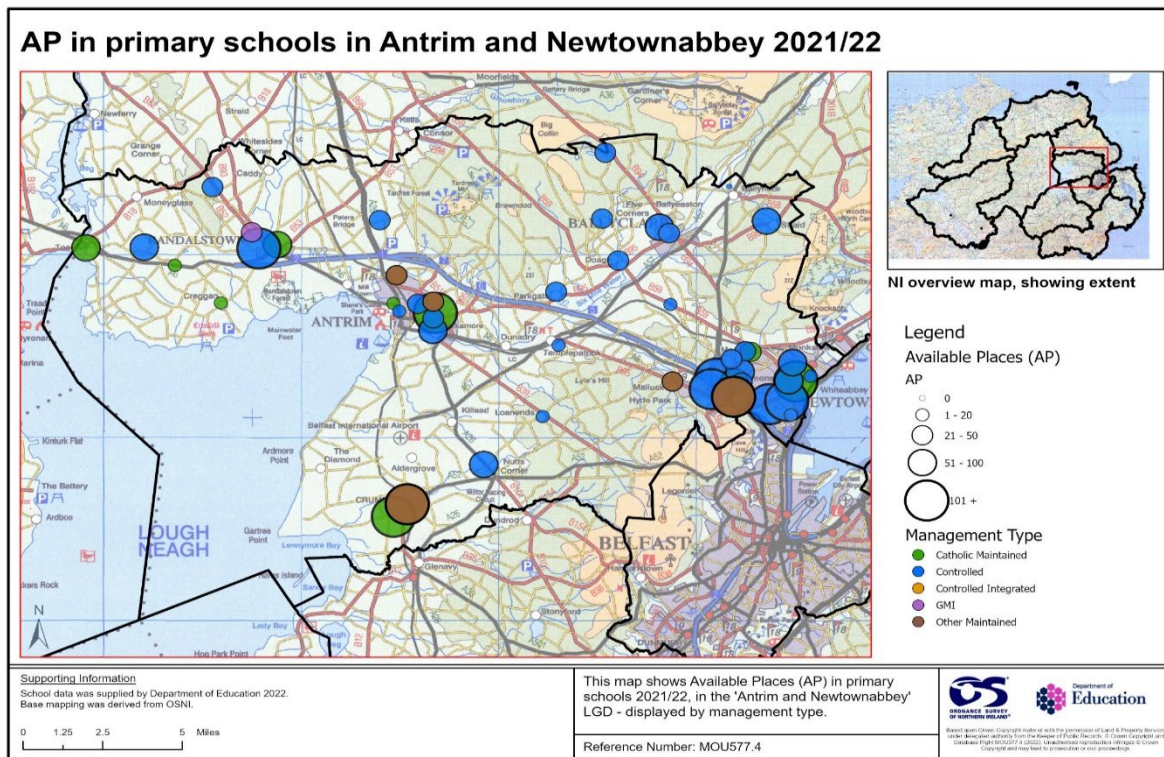


Chart 3



Map 1 - Available Places (primary) – locations by management type



Map 2 - Available Places (post-primary) – locations by management type

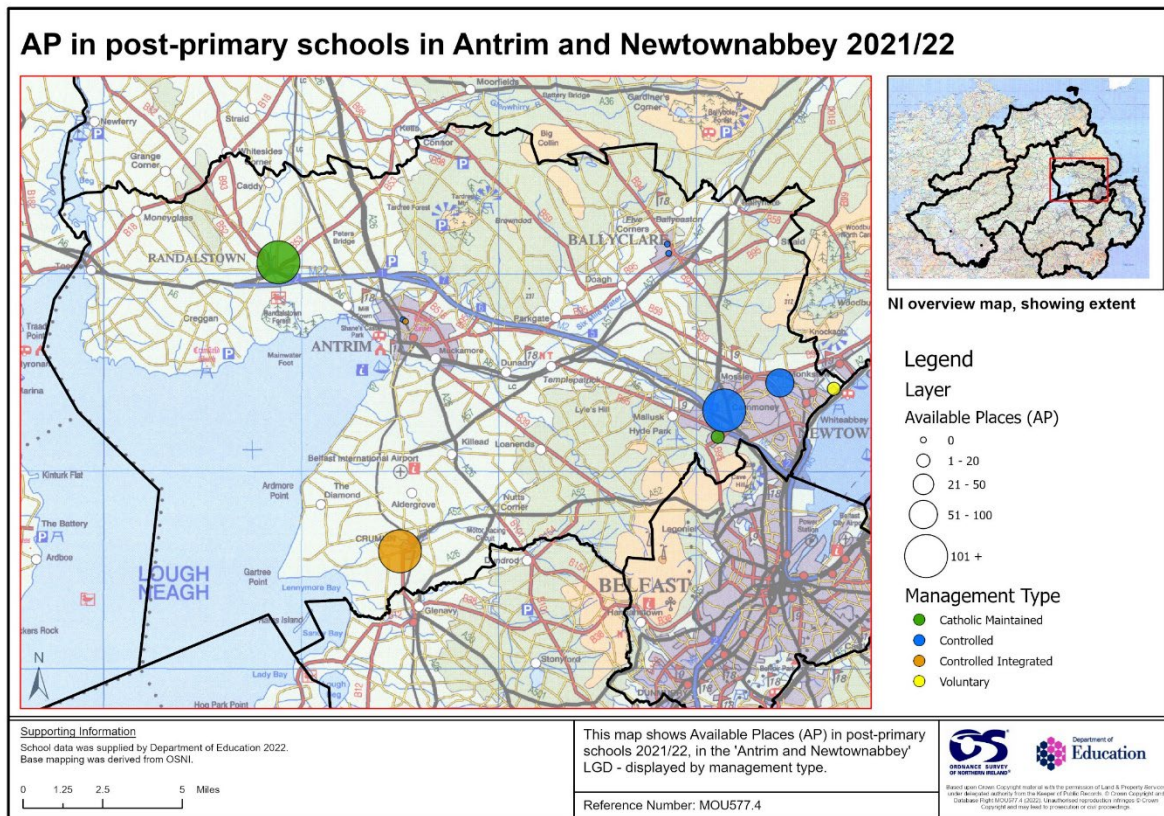


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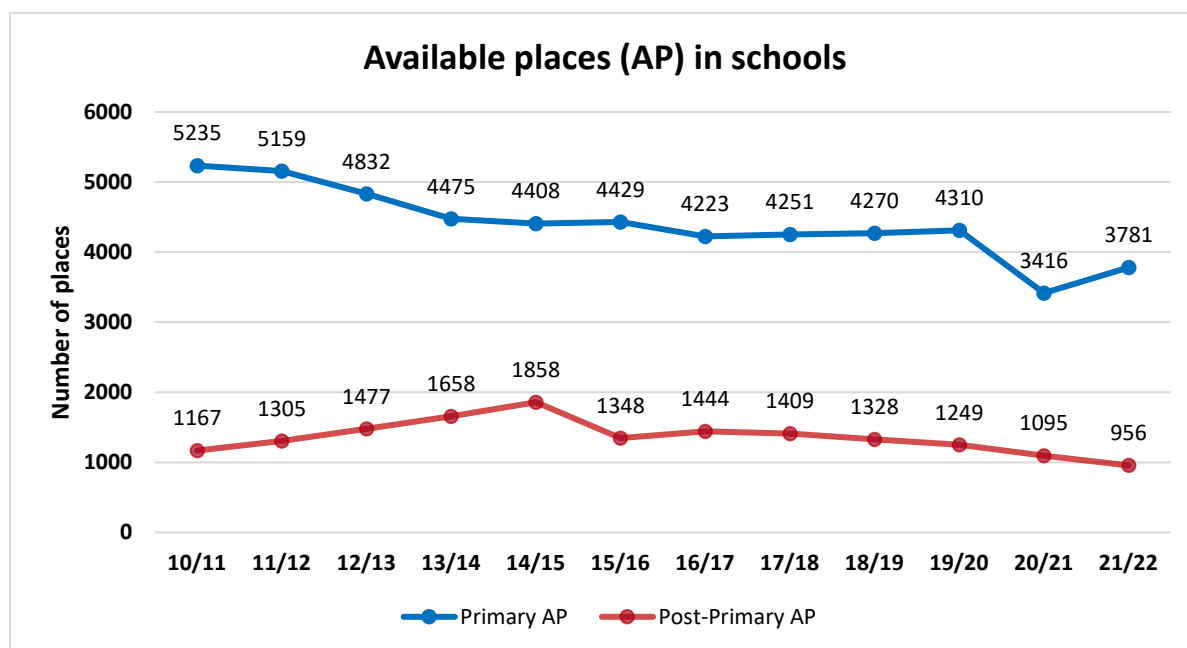


Table 1 - Changes to total approved enrolment from 1 September 2022 under right-sizing¹

Antrim & Newtownabbey	Current approved enrolment	New approved enrolment	Change (places removed)
Catholic Maintained	1937	1470	467
Controlled	1184	700	484
Controlled Integrated	732	630	102
TOTAL	3853	2800	1053

¹ All places that will be removed from 1 September 2022 from schools located in the Antrim and Newtownabbey LGD are at primary school phase.

Chart 5

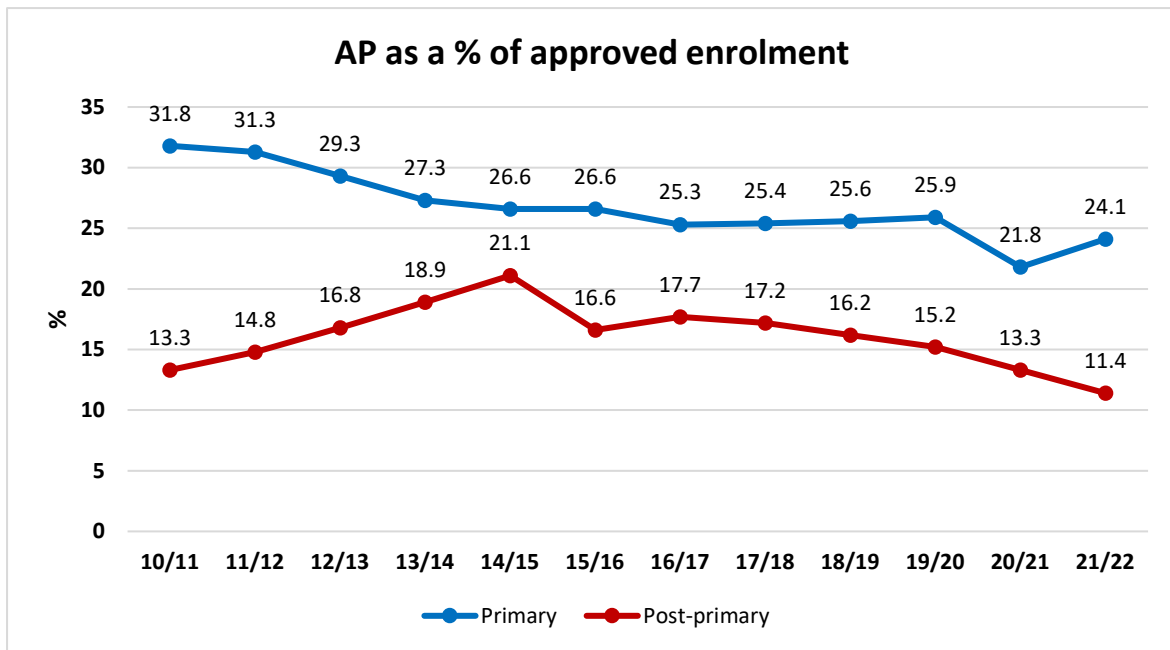


Chart 6 - Sustainable Schools Policy enrolment thresholds

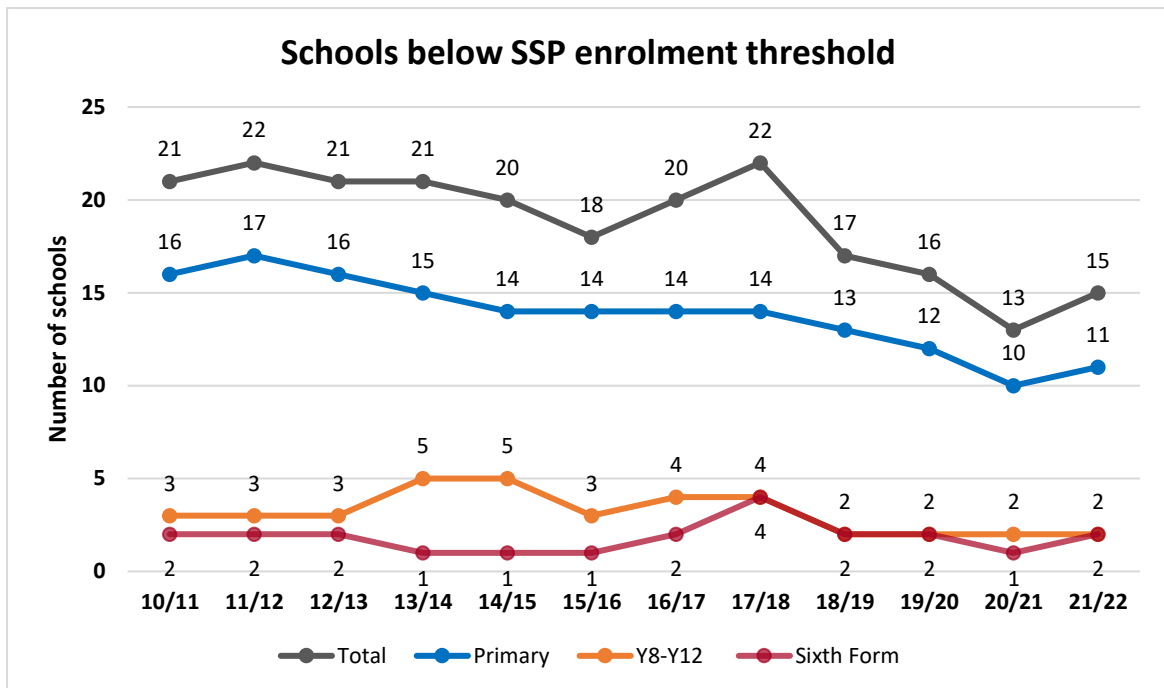
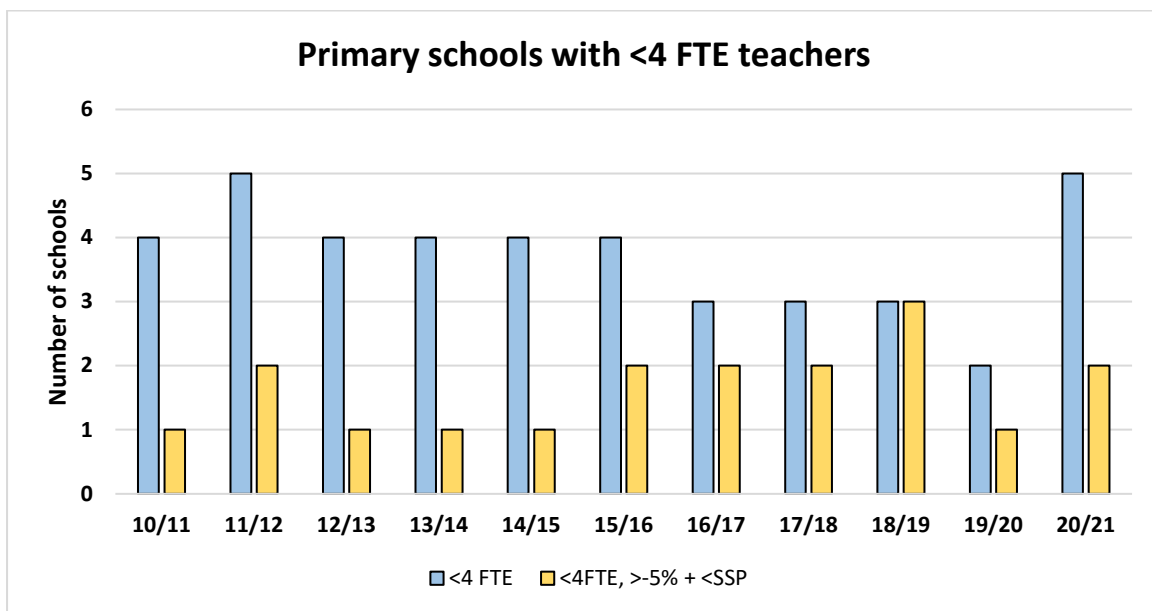


Chart 7



Sustainable Schools Policy – pupils educated in schools below enrolment thresholds

Chart 8 – pupils in primary schools

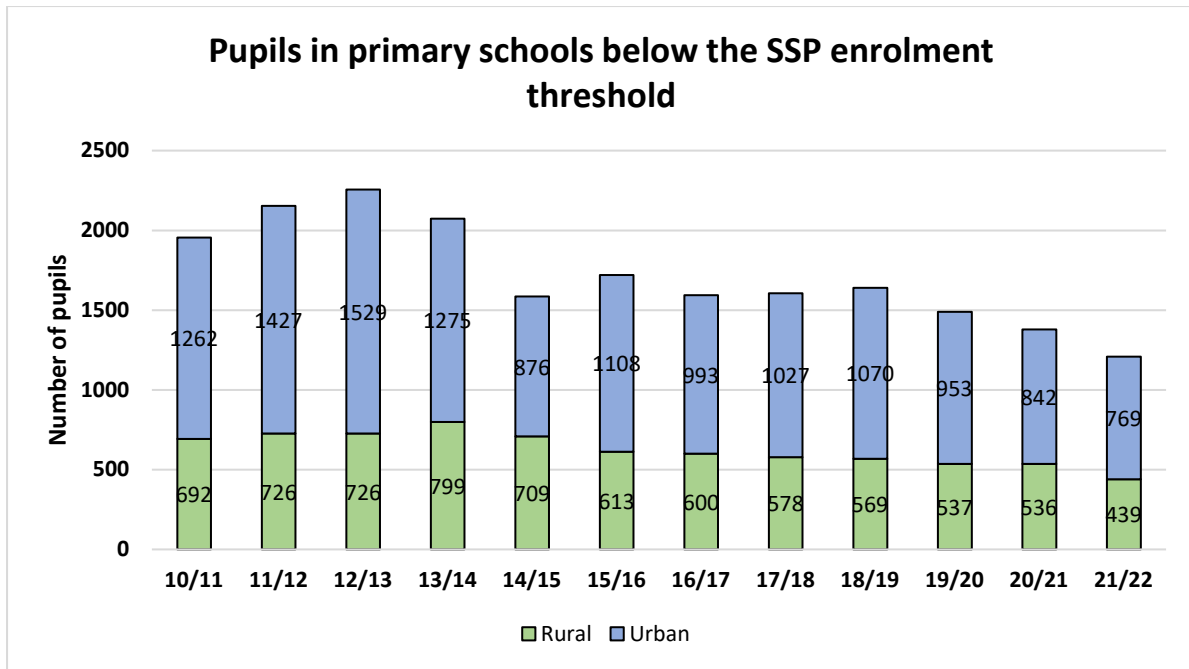


Chart 9 – pupils in post-primary schools

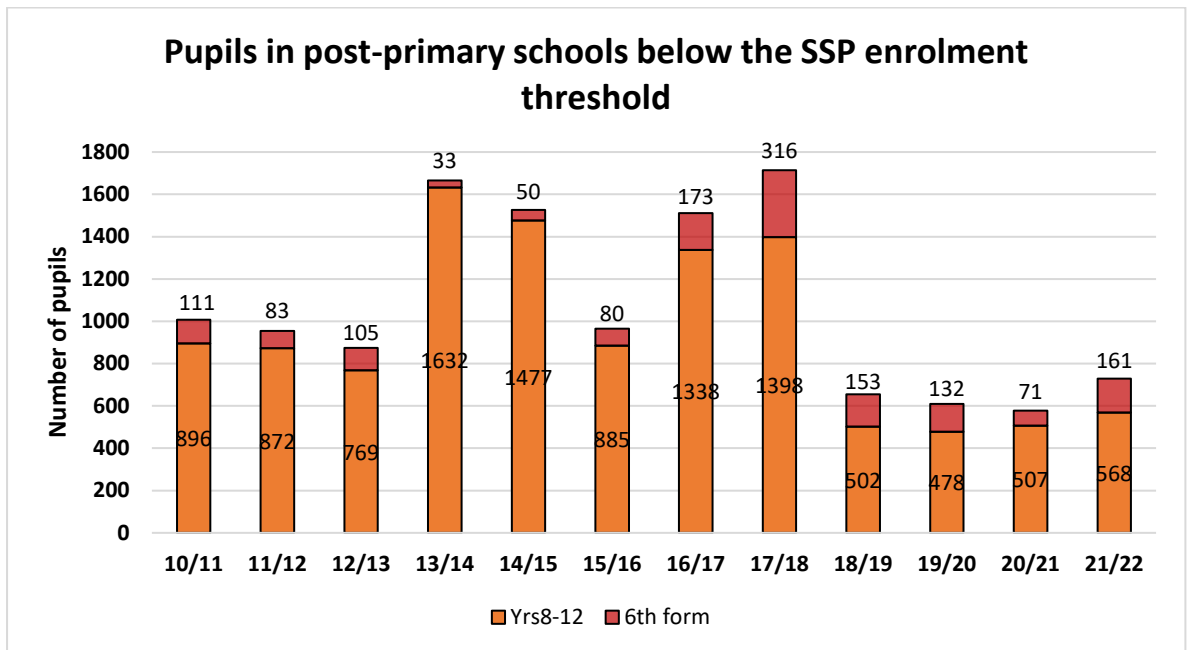


Chart 10 – financial deficit

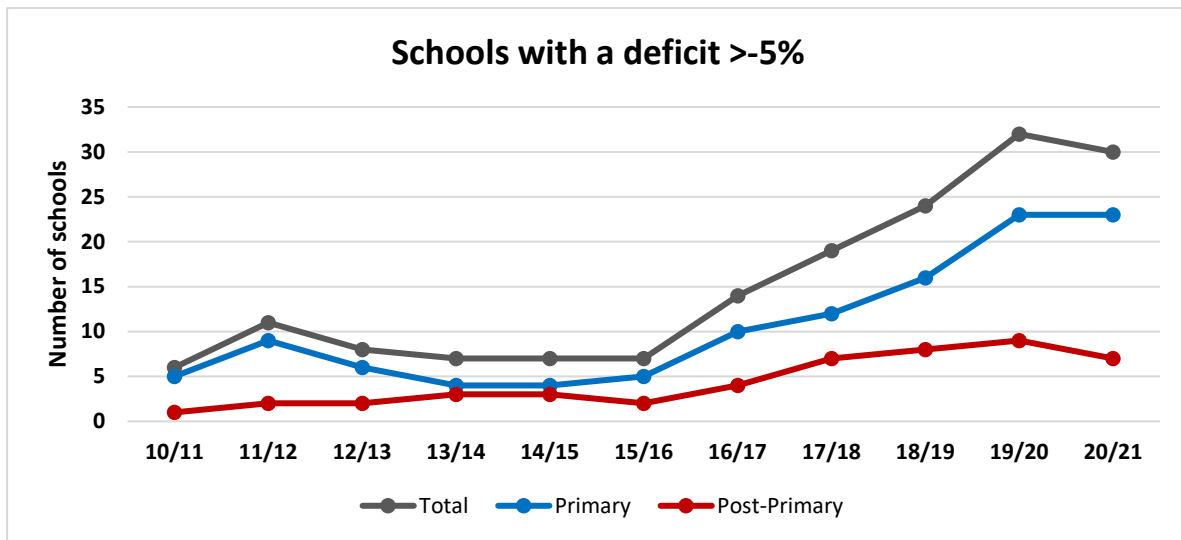


Chart 11 – financial deficit (primary schools) by management type

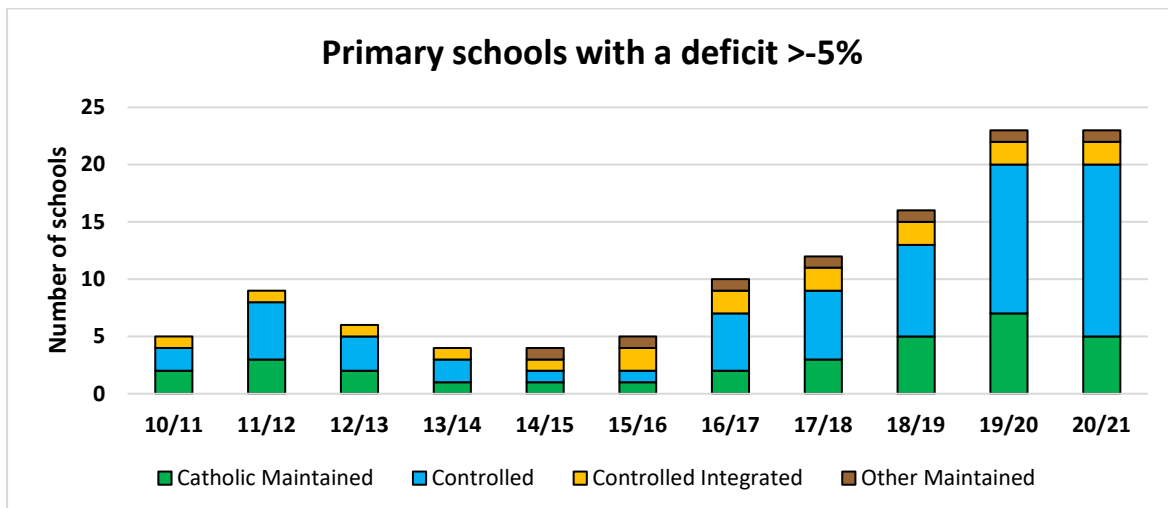


Chart 12 – financial deficit (post-primary schools) by management type

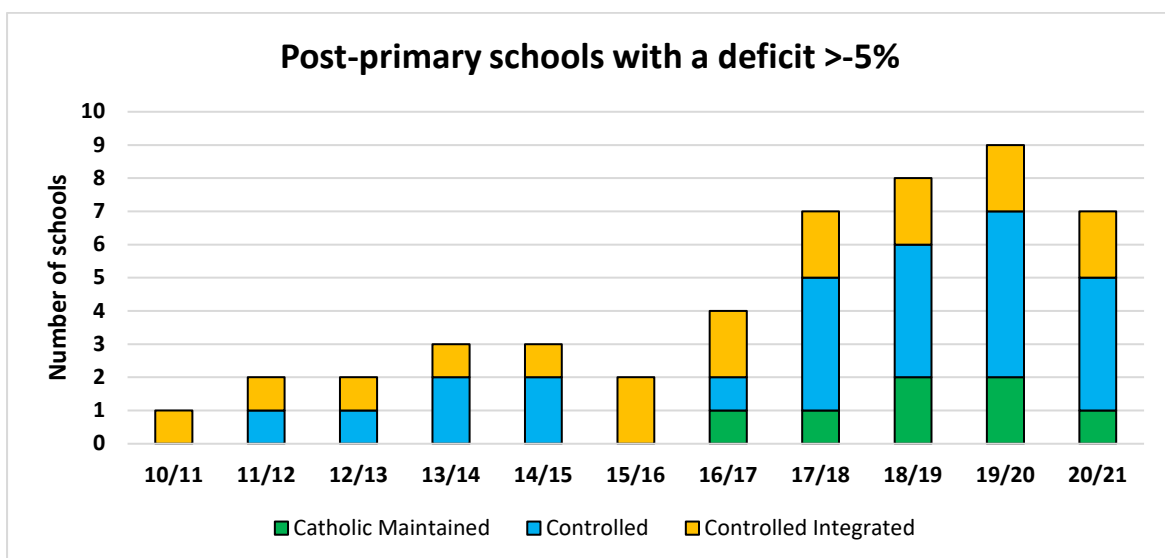


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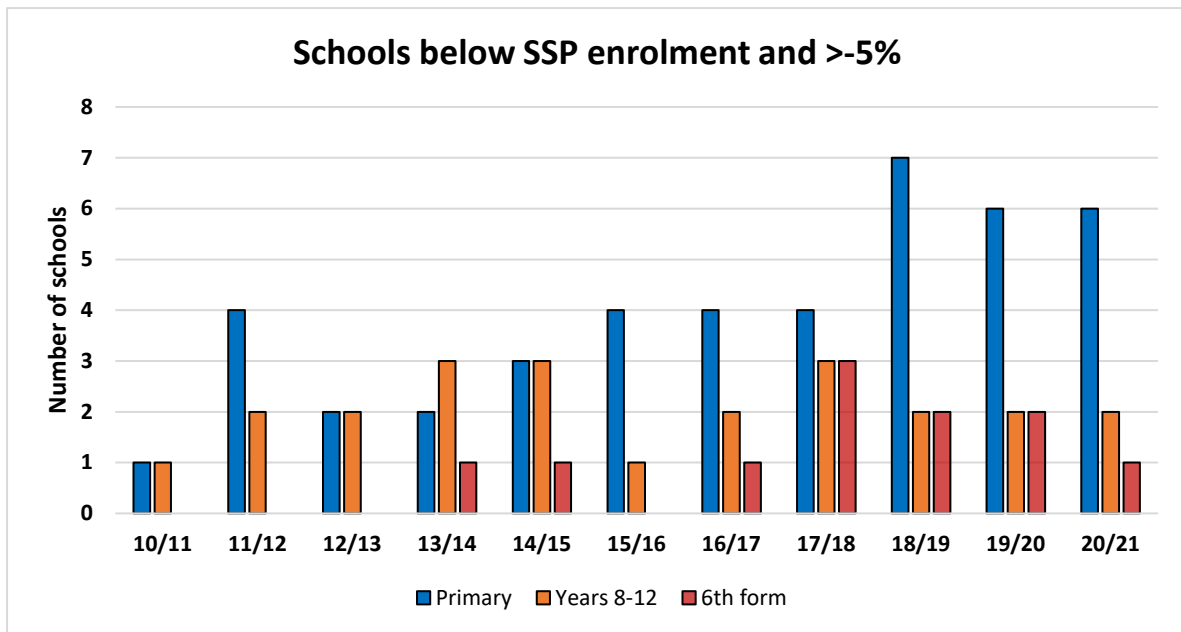


Chart 14

