

The Current State of the Education Estate



The Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) and TES, surveyed 221 state-school heads about the condition of their school buildings and found that 70% are not 'fit for purpose' [1].

Leaks were a problem for 74% of schools, asbestos was an issue for 68%, and lack of space was cited as causing problems for 66% [1].



£23 billion was provided by the Department for Education between 2016 and 2021 to create new school places, maintain and improve school buildings, as well as rebuild and refurbish buildings in the worst condition [1].

DFE: "This funding supports our priority of ensuring there are sufficient school places and that the school estate is safe and enables a high-quality education [1]."

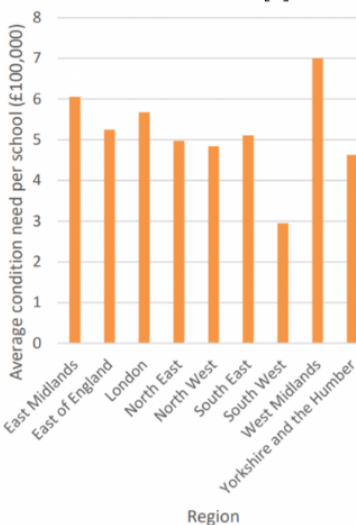
Key for School Leaders has suggested that schools use surplus space to generate income. Space could be used for yoga classes and evening adult education classes [2].

They also suggest that funds can be generated and saved through staffing:

- Outsource staff with specialist skills to schools that need the support but cannot afford, or don't need, full-time staff
- Employ a timetabling consultant who will maximise the efficiency of staff and room timetables
- Hire volunteers [2]



Average condition need per school [3]



[1] Education Business [2] The Key for School Leaders [3] Schools Week