

Dear Headteacher,

Stephen Twigg, the shadow education secretary, called on George Osborne, the chancellor, to address this "urgent crisis" in his budget. He predicts that pupils will have to be taught in temporary buildings because schools will soon run out of space. In a recent article in The Guardian, Twigg claimed that, over the next few years, the government has promised to fund only an extra 100 schools. These are likely to be free schools – one of the coalition's education reforms.

Official figures show the number of primary-age children in the capital is set to soar from 595,000 to 701,000 over the next three to four years, raising the spectre of children having to be taught in school halls, hired buildings and temporary mobile classrooms.

Education Secretary Michael Gove hit back by blaming Labour for the crisis, saying that warnings were ignored by the last government until it was too late to avert the problem. Several education authorities are already looking at emergency school accommodation.

New Forest Log Cabins has built School Classrooms for many years to meet a whole variety of teaching needs and would like to ask readers to consider if the typical example of a Temporary Classroom is still an acceptable alternative to a purpose build, or custom designed Classroom, ICT Suite, Canteen, Sports Pavilion or Outdoor Education Centre, be it constructed to be permanent or temporary..?

If the cost of hiring a temporary log classroom over 5 years was equivalent to owning outright a classroom that was designed with the key needs of your school built in, we have to ask if this could be considered a better use of the limited funds being given to Schools to cope with the ever expanding needs for extra teaching space.

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