

More than half a million pupils are now crammed into supersize classrooms

Labour

today publishes analysis of overcrowding in English primary schools with more than half a million pupils being taught in super-size classes. It reveals:

- **542,679 children are now in super-size classes in primary school, as class-sizes continue to rise**
- **39,000 primary pupils are in classes of over 36 pupils and 16,571 are now in class sizes of at least 40**
- **The mounting pressure on school places is now starting to hit secondary schools, with figures showing an increase in the number of pupils in very large classes in the last year**
- **The South East and North West are the two worst hit areas with latest figures showing over 90,000 primary school pupils in classes over 30**
- **The number of infant school children (between the age of 5 and 7 years) in classes over 30 has almost trebled since 2010**

Commenting

on the figures, Shadow Schools Minister, Mike Kane, said:

“These figures expose seven years of Tory failure in our schools. The number of pupils being taught in super-sized classes is skyrocketing while schools face the first real terms cuts to their budgets in a generation.

“This situation is unsustainable. If the Tories wanted to give every child the education they deserve they would ensure that children were not crammed into super-sized classes.

“A Labour

Government would ensure that schools are built where they are needed, and cap class sizes at 30 for all primary school pupils.”