

Annex 2

**Number of aided special school places and students by type
from the 2018/19 to 2022/23 school years
(as at September of respective school years)**

School Type	2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22		2022/23	
	School places	No. of students Note 1	School places	No. of students Note 1	School places	No. of students Note 1	School places	No. of students Note 1	School places	No. of students Note 1
School for Children with Intellectual Disability Note 2	6 295	5 964	6 421	6 110	6 655	6 210	6 785	6 348	6 873	6 475
School for Children with Visual Impairment	166	110	178	119	200	125	212	126	212	122
School for Children with Hearing Impairment	110	64	110	71	110	63	110	57	110	61
School for Children with Physical Disability	1 030	907	1 030	903	1 030	880	1 040	872	1 020	854
School for Social Development Note 3	1 074	614	1 116	647	1 152	572	1 164	596	1 164	588
Hospital School Note 4	332	280	340	351	348	373	348	312	352	289
Total	9 007	7 939	9 195	8 201	9 495	8 223	9 659	8 311	9 731	8 389

Notes:

1. Under the prevailing policy, school places in public sector schools (including aided special schools) are for Hong Kong children and children residing in Hong Kong with their families as Hong Kong resident.
2. Schools for children with intellectual disability admit children with mild, moderate and/or severe intellectual disability.
3. Schools for social development provide intensive support for students with moderate to severe emotional and behavioural difficulties so that they can resume education in ordinary schools as soon as possible. Students' stay may vary from three months to more than one school year.
4. Since the turnover number of hospitalised children is quite high, the situation that the number of students admitted being larger than the number of places may be observed in the Hospital School.