



He said: 'Logistically, there are impacts on working parents. But I have queues of people at my surgeries that can't get a school place.'

Other councils are likely to monitor the council's plans after Education Secretary Michael Gove gave head teachers more flexibility to alter the school day and set term dates.

LGA figures released yesterday forecast that Costessey in Norfolk, Purfleet in Essex and central Croydon, South London, will have at least 75 per cent more pupils by 2015 than the number of places currently available.

The Government this week said 93 free schools would open across the country, creating an extra 43,000 spaces for primary and secondary school children.

Mr Gove said yesterday: 'We have more than doubled funding for new school places and we are setting up great new free schools, which are giving parents a choice of high quality school places.'

But Margaret Morrissey, founder of the pressure group Parents Outloud, said: 'It's not acceptable to have three-day weeks for children.'

Parents and pupils could be asked to rate their teachers to help set performance-related pay in all state schools.

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