

Congleton East

Future demand for early years childcare places and out of school childcare places will in all probability be met by existing provision over the five years - moving toward 2027.

Summary Conclusion

Theme	Status	Supporting Evidence												
Is there an estimated additional forthcoming demand – up to 2027 – for 0-4 years early years childcare places in the Congleton East Schools Planning Area?	No	Local Authority calculations indicate that 0 new early years childcare places for 0-4 years would be required to maintain the 2022 sufficiency ratio.												
Is there an estimated additional forthcoming demand – up to 2027 – for 0-4 years out of school childcare places in the Congleton East Schools Planning Area?	No	Local Authority calculations indicate that 1 new out of school childcare places (including actual school-based) for 5-11 year olds would be required to maintain the 2022 sufficiency ratio.												
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Are there any evident plans by the Local Authority to develop new school places in the Congleton East Schools Planning Area – as of summer 2022.	No													

The **Congleton East Schools Planning Area** is located in the central east area of the Cheshire East locality.

There is one new housing development planned for construction and eventual occupation up to 2027, which will yield approximately 236 new dwellings within the Congleton East locality.

Source: Cheshire East Council 2022

Table 1 - resident number of children/young people and the potential additional population up to 2027 created by new housing developments Source: Office of National Statistics 2021

Relevant School Planning Area wards = Congleton East	Number of resident children/young people in Schools Planning Area in 2020	The ONS 2021 forecast percentage increase in cohort population by 2027	Potential future additional population by 2027 for Schools Planning Area - by school cohort - when the new forthcoming 236 dwellings are factored-in – aligned to Cheshire East Council new yield formulas: For 0-4 years = 13 children per 100 dwelling For 5-11 years = 19 children per 100 dwelling For 12-18 years = 15 children per 100 dwelling		Estimated population at 2027 (ONS forecast + yield from new dwellings)	Population increase / decrease 2020 to 2027
0-2 years	441	No change	For: 0-4 years	+31	771	+9 (+1.2%)
3-4 years	321	-6.9%				
Total 0-4 years	762					
5-7 years	494	-5.8%	For: 5-11 years	+45	1,150	+17 (+1.5%)
8-11 years	639	No change				
Total 5-11 years	1,133					
12-18 years	1,018	+5%	For: 12-18 years	+35	1,104	+86 (+8.4%)
Total 0-18 years	2,913	<0.5%		+111	3,025	112 (+3.8%)

Supply and Provision dynamics

Providers located in the Congleton East Schools Planning Area

The following **early years childcare settings/providers** are located in the Schools Planning Area

- Havannah Primary School
- Buglawton County Primary School

These two providers account for a combined total of 64 registered places.

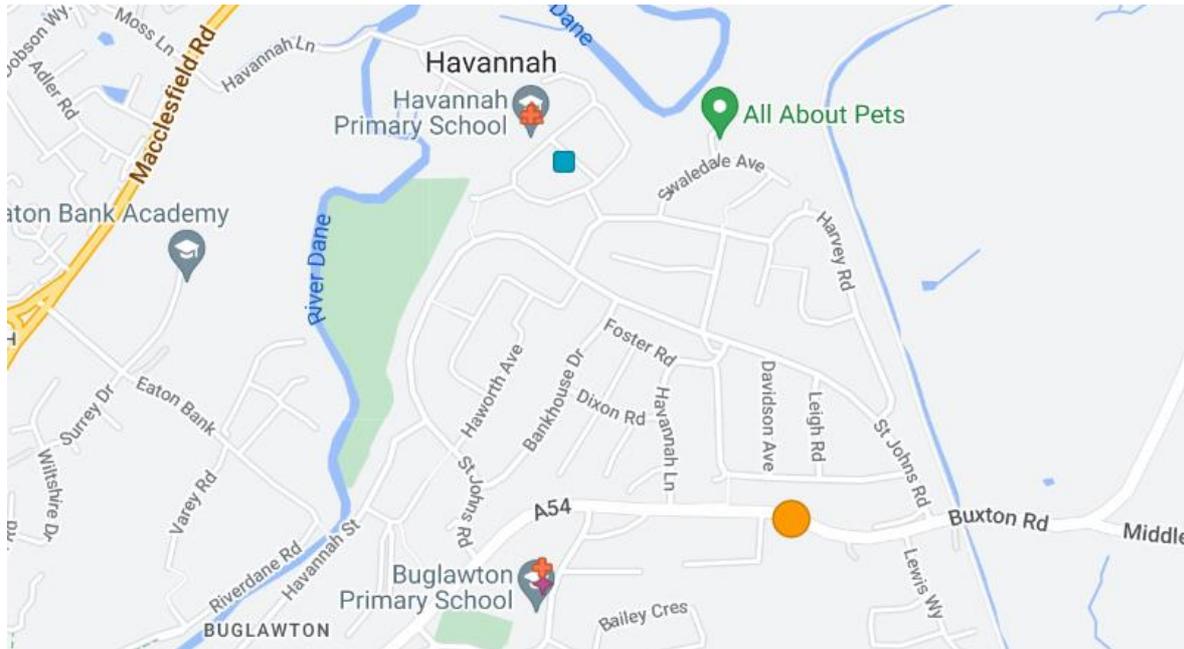
The following **out of school childcare providers** are located in the Schools Planning Area

- Buglawton Primary School After School Club and Breakfast Club
- Havannah Primary School After School Club and Breakfast Club

These two providers accounts for a total of 108 registered places.

Additionally, the sole **registered childminder** is resident in the Schools Planning Area accounts for a total of 9 registered places.

Image A below indicates the location and relative size of recently completed and forthcoming new housing developments in relation to the current provision of early years and childcare situated in this geographical area



Key – childcare types and size / approved and under construction new housing developments and size

Academy Nursery		0-20 places		Denotes development	Development Size	Denotes development	Development Size
Day Nursery		21-30 places			0-99 new dwellings		200-499 new dwellings
Maintained or Independent School		31-40 places			100-199 new dwellings		500 new dwellings +
Out of School Club		41-50 places					
Pre-School Playgroup		51-75 places					
State Funded Nursery		76-100 places					
Childminder		101-200 places					
		0-5 places					
		6-10 places					
		11-15 places					

Feedback from a summer 2022 consultation with early years and childcare providers that are situated in the Schools Planning Area is outlined below on pages 4-5.

Dynamics in summer 2022

Only the sole childminder responded to the 2022 survey with childcare providers and this individual fed back how:

- They did not have a waiting list in summer 2022
- ...they did have (one) vacant place(s) – and occupancy had decreased since summer 2021
- Their standard hourly fee was £4.50
- They started caring at 7:30am and finished at 19:00pm
- They were concerned that occupancy may continue to decrease moving in to 2023, however they were confident that they would still be in business over two years' time
- Affordability of training had become an issue

Demand

Table 2 presents:

- an indication of the existing level of sufficiency in the Congleton East Schools Planning Area-based aligned to the three types of formal childcare provision: 1/early years childcare settings; 2/registered childminders and; 3/out of school childcare providers.
- an indication about the extent to which forthcoming new housing developments (see Table 1) will alter the sufficiency landscape once all planned developments and new houses are constructed and occupied

Table 2 - assessment of how new housing developments will change numbers of resident children and potential demand for registered childcare

Age Cohort	Existing number of childcare places in the Schools Planning Area in summer 2022		Population of cohort wards in locality in 2022	Childcare places available per child	Estimated population 2027	Estimated demand for places 2027
0-4 years	Number of places with: (a) Early years childcare providers	64	762	For early years childcare providers = 0.084	771	64 (0)
	(b) Registered childminders	9		For registered childminders = 0.012		9 (0)
	Total Reg. Supply	73				73 (0)
5-11 years	Number of places with: (a) Out of school childcare providers (inc. actual school-based)	108	1,133	For out of school childcare providers = 0.953	1,150	109 (+1)
	(b) Registered childminders	9		For registered childminders = 0.008		9 (0)
	Total Reg. Supply	117				141 (+1)

Table 2 indicates that 1 new childcare places may be required by 2027:

- 0 new early years childcare places for 0-4 years would be required to maintain the 2022 sufficiency ratio.
- 1 new out of school childcare places for 5-11 year olds would be required to maintain the 2022 sufficiency ratio.

Perspective of Parents and Carers resident in the Congleton East Schools Planning Area

Background of respondents

3.5% of the respondents to the summer 2022 Cheshire East Council Childcare Parental Demand survey were resident in the Congleton East Schools Planning Area.

All responding parents and carers across all of the Schools Planning Areas were invited to state what term best described their current circumstances aligned to their **employment status**. The most frequent stated circumstance of responding parents was in part-time employment/self-employment (30 hours + per week) (47%).

All responding parents and carers responding from the Congleton East Schools Planning Area were invited to state their annual family income bracket (before tax).

Table 3 - Incidence of gross household income per year (before deductions/tax)

Annual household income	Percentage of relevant responding Congleton East locality parents/carers	Most frequently stated type of formal childcare accessed during term-time
Up to £16,190	13%	Out of School Childcare
£16,190 - £29,999	22%	Breakfast Club
£30,000 - £54,999	13%	Out of School Childcare
£55,000 - £99,999	22%	Day Nursery
£100,000 or above	0	n/a
I don't know	9%	Nursery Class in a School
I would rather not say	4.5%	n/a
Did not say	16.5%	n/a

Feedback from carers of children and young people with SEND

22% of responding parents, i.e. carers, who were resident in the Congleton East Schools Planning Area stated that they were caring for/raising at least one child with SEND or a long-term illness.

The most frequent SEND type stated was Autistic Spectrum Disorder followed in frequency by Speech, Language and Communication Needs.

These relevant respondents were invited to describe any particular issue(s) they have experienced as a carer of a child with SEND in accessing childcare – however, 0 issues/themes were highlighted by the relevant carers.

Usage of Formal and Informal Childcare

Table 4 - Most frequent type(s) of formal childcare evidently accessed within the Congleton East Schools Planning Area

Schools Planning Area	Most frequent type of formal childcare evidently accessed by responding parents	Second most frequent type of formal childcare evidently accessed by responding parents	Third most frequent type of formal childcare evidently accessed by responding parents
Congleton East	Breakfast Club (43%)	After School Club (39%)	Day Nursery (26%)

The type of *informal* childcare responding parents/carers had evidently used for any of the children in their household at some point in 2022, was grandparents (56%) followed in frequency by just me and/or a partner (39%).

- 14% of responding parents from the Congleton East Schools Planning Area stated that they were: **accessing formal childcare only**
- 18% of responding parents from the Congleton East Schools Planning Area stated that they were: **accessing informal childcare only**
- 68% of responding parents from the Congleton East Schools Planning Area stated that they were: **accessing formal and informal childcare**

Table 5 - Average number of hours (relevant) responding parents stated that they were accessing **formal** childcare for on a typical weekday in 2022 during term-time

Schools Planning Area	Average number of hours on a typical week day formal childcare was being accessed for – by relevant parents, during term time	Most frequent number of hours on a typical week day formal childcare was being accessed for – by relevant parents, during term time
Congleton East	5 hours 20 minutes	4

Table 6 - Weekdays which responding parents were evidently most frequently accessing formal childcare during: (a) school term-times and; (b) school holiday-times

Schools Planning Area	Most frequent weekday – during term-times	Most frequent weekday – during holiday times
Congleton East	Tuesday	Tuesday

Table 7 - Average monthly amounts that relevant responding parents spent on formal childcare during: (a) term-time and: (b) school holiday-times

Schools Planning Area	Average monthly expenditure on formal childcare – term-time	Average monthly expenditure on formal childcare – holiday-time
Congleton East	£199.25	£275.20

All responding parents and carers were invited to state any types of *formal* childcare that they would like to access in the near future, which they were not accessing in summer 2022?:

Table 8 - Most frequent type(s) of formal childcare envisaged for future use

Schools Planning Area	Most frequent type of formal childcare evidently envisaged will be accessed in the future	Second most frequent type of formal childcare evidently envisaged will be accessed in the future	Third most frequent type of formal childcare evidently envisaged will be accessed in the future
Congleton East	Holiday Playscheme	Pre-School/ Playgroup	After School Club

The three most frequent themes and assurances that such relevant parents/carers stated that they would look for if they were to consider accessing formal childcare at some point in the future were – in order of frequency:

1. For it to be close to my home
2. For it to be affordable
3. For there to be flexible/Ad hoc availability

Funded Childcare

30% of responding Congleton East Schools Planning Area-resident, parents/carers stated that they had a child aged 2 years. 14% of such parents/carers subsequently stated that they were currently accessing the free entitlement for 2 year olds.

Additionally, 26% of responding parents/carers stated that they had a child aged 3 and/or 4 years and 16% of such parents/carers subsequently stated that they were currently accessing the universal 15 hours free entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds.

33% of such parents/carers subsequently stated that they were currently accessing the extended 30 hours childcare offer, with all of these parents/carers stating that it was either very easy to organise or fairly straightforward to organize.

Childcare and COVID-19

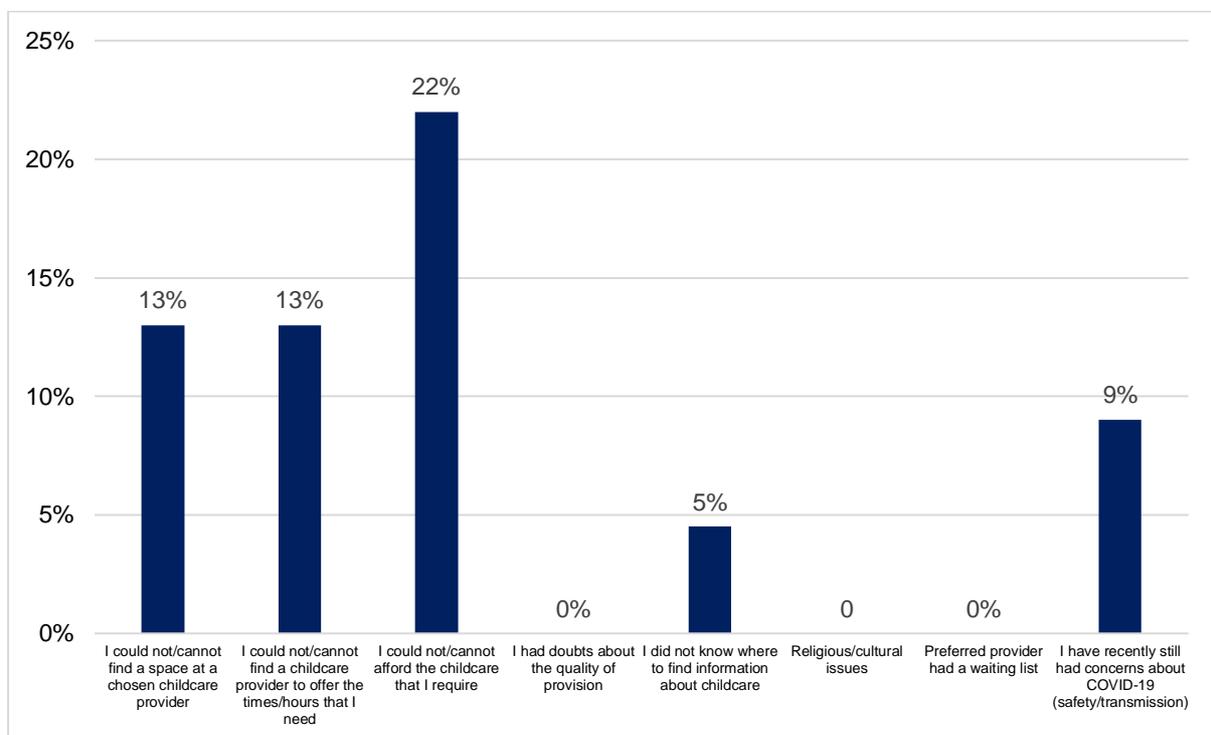
All Congleton East Schools Planning Area-resident parents of pre-school aged children were invited to state whether they had any concerns about their relevant child(ren)'s early development, including their early years education, as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic?

17% of relevant parents stated Yes and the most frequent type of concern was (words to the effect): *“setback with my child’s social skills”*.

Barriers to accessing childcare

All Congleton East Schools Planning Area-resident parents were invited to state whether – at some point in time – they had accessed specific barriers to accessing childcare:

Image H - Incidence of barriers to accessing childcare



Childcare and Cheshire East Council

All Congleton East Schools Planning Area-resident parents were invited to state whether there was anything that Cheshire East Council should be doing in terms of supporting parents and carers with childcare, in 2022.

The most frequent type of feedback was focused upon accessibility:

*If they could promote flexibility...
which would help with my shift
patterns*

*I'd like longer opening times... Breakfast Clubs
should start at 7:00am...
After school club should be extended past 6 pm*

*I found in previous jobs 7.30am-
6.30pm was not long enough when
both parents work shifts*

Finally, all parents were invited to state whether they were aware of the existence of Cheshire East Family Information Service. For those who responded to this question: 22% stated that they were – and 78% stated that they were not, or did not provide a specific response either way.