

## Knutsford Rural

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												
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Is there an estimated additional forthcoming demand – up to 2027 – for 0-4 years out of school childcare places in the Knutsford Rural Schools Planning Area?	No	Local Authority calculations indicate that 2 fewer 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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In terms of occupancy, what is there a greater incidence of? a) Waiting Lists b) Vacancies among childcare providers located in the Knutsford Rural Planning Area in summer 2022?	Waiting Lists/ <u>Vacancies</u>	The one responding early years childcare provider/setting did not have a waiting list in summer 2021 – however, it did have vacant places												
Is sustainability of existing childcare providers a risk factor in the Knutsford Rural Schools Planning Area as of summer 2022. (with 'risk' being denoted as greater than 30% of childcare providers stating they had sustainability concerns in summer 2022).		Maybe												
Are there any evident plans by the Local Authority to develop new school places in the Knutsford Rural Schools Planning Area – as of summer 2022?		No												

The **Knutsford Rural Schools Planning Area** is located in the north west area of the Cheshire East locality.

There are 0 new housing developments planned for construction and eventual occupation up to 2027. Source: Cheshire East Council 2022

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

Relevant School Planning Area wards = High Legh	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 0 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	160	No change	For:	+0	256	-7 (-2.7%)
3-4 years	103	-6.9%	0-4 years			
<b>Total 0-4 years</b>	<b>263</b>					
5-7 years	167	-5.8%	For:	+0	421	-9 (-2.1%)
8-11 years	263	No change	5-11 years			
<b>Total 5-11 years</b>	<b>430</b>					
12-18 years	<b>471</b>	+5%	For:	+0	495	+24 (+5%)
			12-18 years			
<b>Total 0-18 years</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<0.5%		+0	1,172	<b>+8</b> (+0.7%)

## Supply and Provision dynamics

### Providers located in the Knutsford Rural Schools Planning Area

The following **early years childcare setting/provider** is located in the Schools Planning Area

- High Legh Pre-School

This provider accounts for a total of 26 registered places.

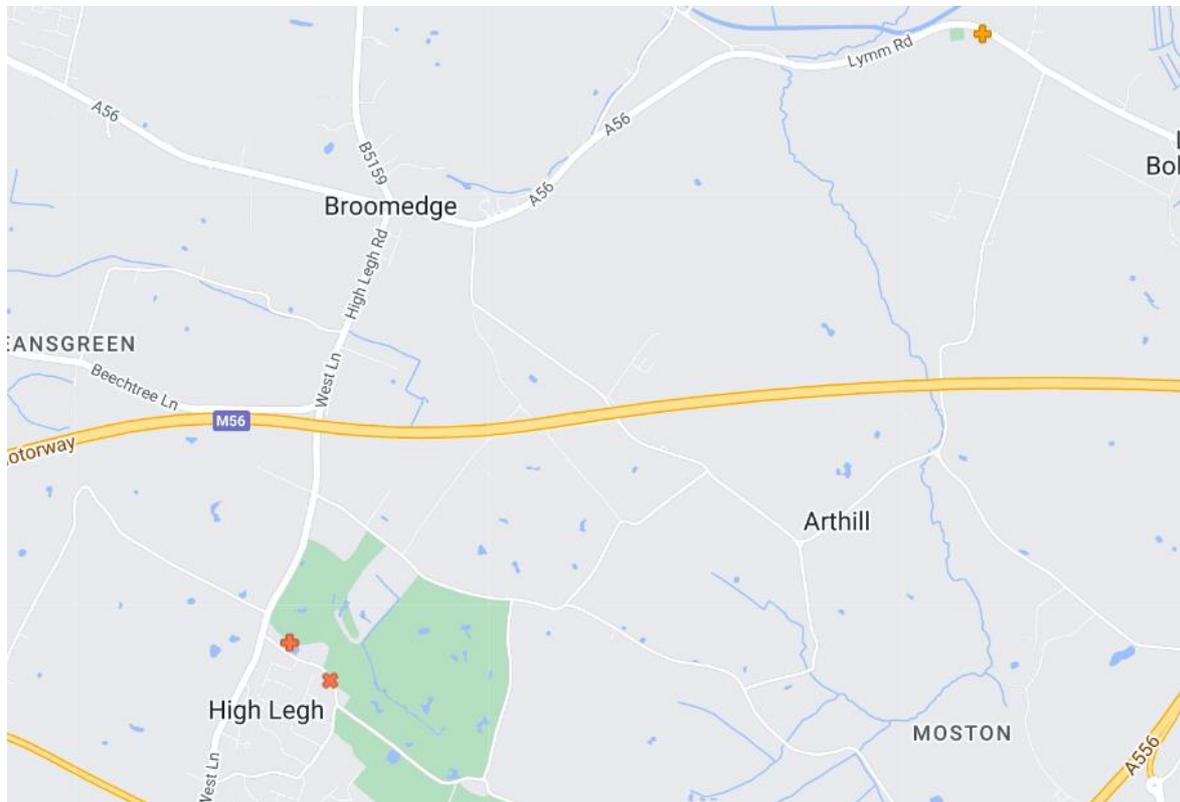
The following **out of school childcare providers** are located in the Schools Planning Area

- High Legh Primary School After School Club and Breakfast Club
- Little Bollington CofE Primary School

These two providers accounts for a total of 100 registered places.

There are 0 **registered childminders** resident in the Schools Planning Area.

Image A below indicates the location and relative size of 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.

## Occupancy Dynamics in summer 2022

- The one responding early years childcare provider/setting did not have a waiting list in summer 2021 – however, it did have vacant places
- The (average, across relevant age groups) hourly fee reported by the provider, for non-funded places, was £5.23
- The provider's opening hours were: 8.00am – 18.00pm

## Demand

Table 2 presents an indication of the existing level of sufficiency in the Knutsford Rural 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.

Table 2 - assessment of changing numbers of resident children and potential demand for 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	26	263	For early years childcare providers = 0.099	256	25 (-1)
	(b) Registered childminders	0		For registered childminders = 0		n/a (0)
	<b>Total Reg. Supply</b>	<b>26</b>				25 (-1)
5-11 years	Number of places with: (a) Out of school childcare providers (inc. actual school-based)	100	430	For out of school childcare providers = 0.23	421	98 (-2)
	(b) Registered childminders	0		For registered childminders = 0		n/a (0)
	<b>Total Reg. Supply</b>	<b>100</b>				98 (-2)

Table 2 indicates that 5 fewer childcare places may be required by 2027:

- 1 fewer early years childcare places for 0-4 years would be required to maintain the 2022 sufficiency ratio.
- 2 fewer out of school childcare places for (including actual school-based) 5-11 year olds would be required to maintain the 2022 sufficiency ratio.

The early years childcare provider/setting that is located in the Knutsford Rural Schools Planning Area did not evidently have an intention to develop new provision in the forthcoming two years...

### Funded Childcare

The pre-school offers 8 free entitlement for 2 year old places and: (a) 16, universal free entitlement for 3 and 4 year old places and; (b) also 16, 30 hours childcare offer places, with no vacant places for either entitlement.

For all of its places types the provider generally believed that demand over the forthcoming 2 years would be about the same.

### Workforce, Recruitment and Retention

The pre-school employed 9 team members. 1 staff member had chosen to leave over the previous 12 months. The pre-school did envisage forthcoming problems and/or challenges with recruitment and/or retention, and believed this issue was a big concern which was aligned to the theme of its sustainability.

The setting did not believe that it has any key training needs as of mid-summer 2022.

### SEND

At least one team member working at the setting/pre-school did hold a specific SEND-themed qualification.

1-3 enquiries about a place at the setting were received from a carer during an average year.

If the pre-school could not support a particular child, they would refer the family to another (more suitable in their opinion) childcare provider.

## Perspective of Parents and Carers resident in the Knutsford Rural Schools Planning Area

### Background of respondents

1% of the respondents to the summer 2022 Cheshire East Council Childcare Parental Demand survey were resident in the Knutsford Rural 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 full-time employment/self-employment (30 hours + per week) (40%).

All responding parents and carers responding from the Knutsford Rural 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 Knutsford Rural locality parents/carers	Most frequently stated type of formal childcare accessed during term-time
Up to £16,190	0	n/a
£16,190 - £29,999	20%	n/a
£30,000 - £54,999	40%	Pre-School/Playgroup
£55,000 - £99,999	20%	Out of School Childcare
£100,000 or above	0	n/a
I don't know	0	n/a
I would rather not say	20%	n/a
Did not say	0	n/a

### Feedback from carers of children and young people with SEND

0 responding parents, i.e. carers, who were resident in the Knutsford Rural Schools Planning Area stated that they were caring for a child with SEND or a long-term illness.

### Usage of Formal and Informal Childcare

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

Schools Planning Area	Most frequent type of formal childcare evidently accessed by responding parents	Most frequent type of formal childcare evidently accessed by responding parents	Most frequent type of formal childcare evidently accessed by responding parents
Knutsford Rural	Pre-School/Playgroup (33%)	After School Club (33%)	Holiday Playscheme (33%)

The type of *informal* childcare responding parents/carers had evidently used (on a more frequent basis) for any of the children in their household at some point in 2022, was just me and/or a partner (60%) followed in frequency by grandparents (50%).

- 20% of responding parents from the Knutsford Rural Schools Planning Area stated that they were: **accessing formal childcare only**
- 60% of responding parents from the Knutsford Rural Schools Planning Area stated that they were: **accessing informal childcare only**
- 20% of responding parents from the Knutsford Rural 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
Knutsford Rural	10	10

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
Knutsford Rural	0 most frequent weekday	0 most frequent weekday

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
Knutsford Rural	£450	0 parent evidently paid for childcare during this period

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? The one repeated type of childcare stated by such parents was a holiday playscheme.

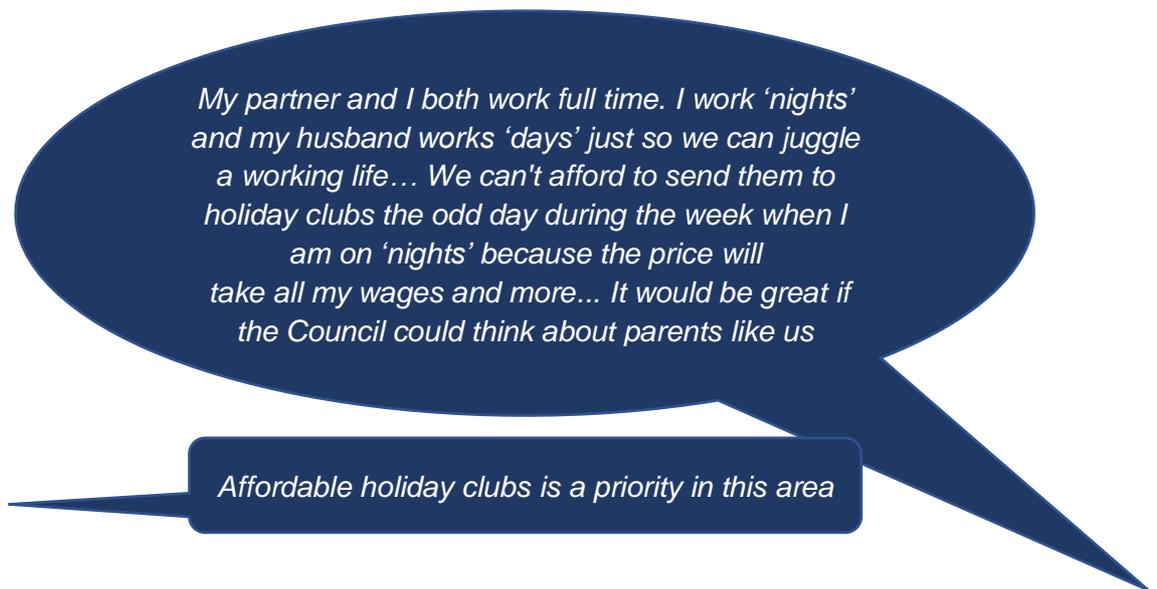
### Barriers to accessing childcare

All Knutsford Rural Schools Planning Area-resident parents were invited to state whether – at some point in time – they had experienced specific barriers to accessing childcare. No specific barrier recurred, however *individual* parents stated:

- I cannot find a childcare provider to offer the times/hours that I need
- I did not know where to find information about childcare
- Preferred provider had a waiting list

### Childcare and Cheshire East Council

Qualitative feedback from Knutsford Rural Schools Planning Area-resident parents were who 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, tended to focus on holiday time childcare:



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: 20% stated that they were – and 80% stated that they were not, or did not provide a specific response either way.