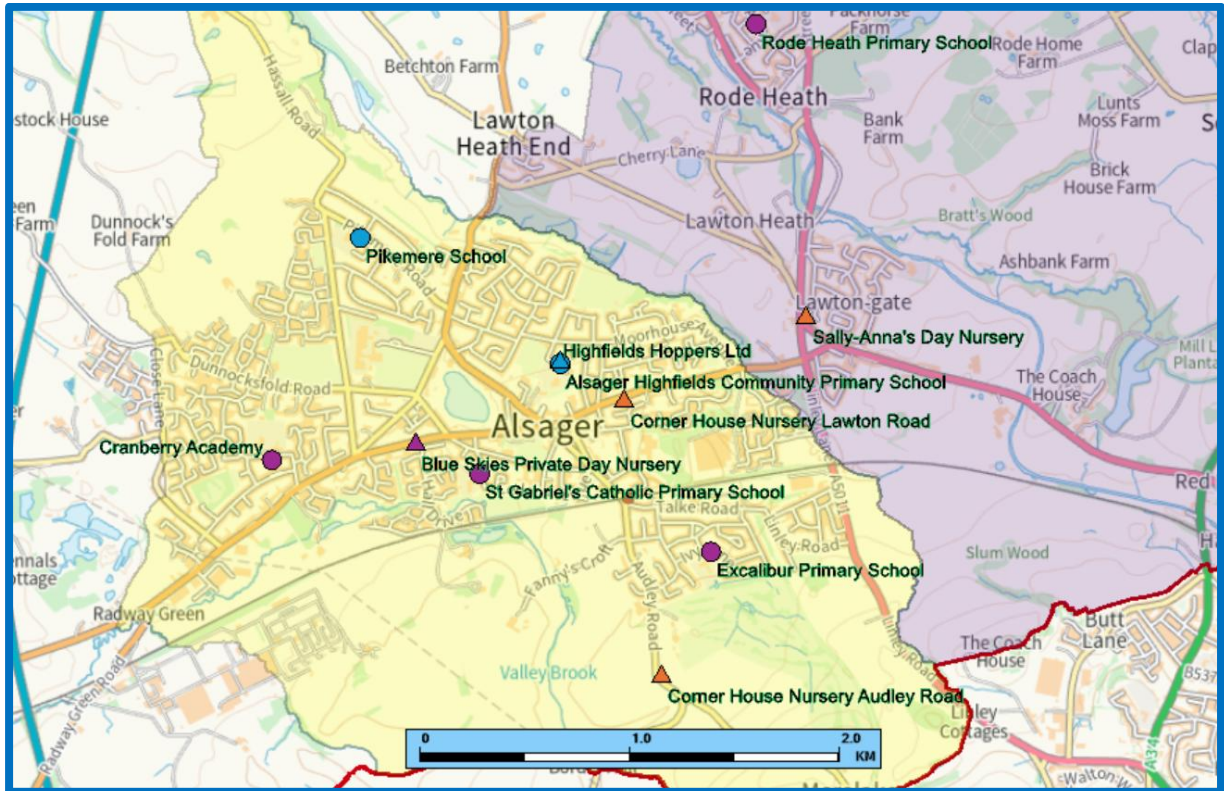


Alsager Schools Planning Area

Summary of Childcare Providers



Number of registered early years childcare places – and type of provision

1-20	Green
21-40	Purple
41-60	Blue
61-80	Orange
81-100	Yellow
101-120	Red
121-140	Magenta

Private, Voluntary and Independent Nursery or Pre School/Playgroup	△
Maintained Sector School Nursery Class	○

Population of 0-4 year olds (ONS forecasts from 2023)

0 - 300	Light Red
301 - 600	Light Purple
601 - 1,000	Light Yellow

note:

1. The location of registered childminders operating in the Schools Planning Area is not included - for privacy.
2. Where shading of population levels is represented by a different/specific shading – this denotes a ward-boundary.
3. An Academy developed a successful application under Phase 2 of the DfE School-based nursery programme - and this is factored in to the above metrics, although the relevant additional places for 3&4 year olds, in fact, come 'on stream' in September 2026.

Alsager Schools Planning Area – key sufficiency indicators informed by 2026 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

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<p>Most frequent type of barrier to using childcare - in early 2026 - stated by parents/carers resident within the Schools Planning Area:</p>	<p>11% of parents find it too expensive.</p>														

<p>Additional early years childcare places for 0-4 year olds potentially needed as an outcome of under construction & planned new housing developments being completed and occupied between the period 2026-2030:</p>	<p>The existing 478 places for 0-4 year olds that are accessible in the Schools Planning Area would <i>ideally</i> be increased by 35 places by September 2030.</p>
<p>Additional wraparound places for 5-11 year olds potentially needed as an outcome of under construction & planned new housing developments being completed and occupied between the period 2026-2030:</p> <p><small>note: the lower range applies a Pupil Product Ratio of 0.17 places per 100 developments which aligns to other regional LAs as a PPR for primary cohort - and the higher range applies a Pupil Product Ratio of 0.29 places per 100 developments which is the Cheshire East Council PPR for the primary cohort. Both figures have been further derived through (also) applying the relevant percentage of parents who - via responses to the 2026 CSA - stated that they intend to access a form of wraparound childcare over the two year period: spring 2026 – spring 2028.</small></p>	<p>The existing c400 wraparound childcare places for 5-11 year olds that are accessible in the Schools Planning Area would <i>ideally</i> be increased by a range of 20 – 35 places by September 2030, and ideally would be accessed at a primary school – aligned to feedback received via the 2026 CSA.</p>
<p>Amber</p>	<p>Supply and/or demand themed analysis indicates that this is a Schools Planning Area of continued focus/review - including as an outcome of the incidence of new housing developments.</p>