

Buckshaw Village Future Primary School Need

Buckshaw Village is a development which straddles the Chorley South Ribble border, on the former site of the Chorley Royal Ordnance Factory. Once complete, the development will comprise of **4,089** dwellings, 1,234 approved by South Ribble Borough Council, 2,855 by Chorley Council. There are still approximately 1100 properties yet to be built on the village- mainly on the Group One site in Chorley.

On 16th July 2014 the Provision Planning Team undertook a leaflet drop to all built properties on Buckshaw Village, delivering to approximately 3,000 properties. The questionnaire asked respondents to identify when they first occupied their home, how many bedrooms their property has, whether there are any children under the age of 5, the month and year of birth of any children, and what, if any childcare they were using for under 5s.

The number of responses received by the closing date (8th August 2014) for returns of was around 12.7% (259 paper returns, 122 electronic returns).

Of the 381 returns, 117 returns identified they had no children under the age of 5.

The return could be seen to be self-selecting, ie parents who require a school place could be more likely to complete the return, (particularly the numbers of parents with pupils in the 0-5 age range). This may be to our advantage as it gives an indication of the 0-5 year olds currently living on the village who will need a local primary school place.



Buckshaw Village spans three Wards, Astley & Buckshaw, Clayton-le-Woods & Whittle-le-Woods and Leyland St Ambrose. The total births in these Wards will not all live on Buckshaw Village. The

Provision Planning Team have yet to receive the births for the 2013/14 academic year so any pupil projections will currently be based upon births upto August 2013.

The questionnaire asked parents to identify the date of birth of all children living in the property and an extract from this information is displayed in the table below. This shows responses from the parents of pre- school age.

Academic Year of Birth	Number of pupils - Leaflet Return	School Reception Year of Entry
10/11	93	2015/16
11/12	76	2016/17
12/13	67	2017/18
13/14	66	2018/19

The following table shows (for those questionnaires returned) the number of under 5's together with the time they have lived in the village.

Year the family first occupied the house	Number of Households	Number of under 5s against year house was occupied
2003	5	0
2004	3	3
2005	5	3
2006	13	7
2007	23	24
2008	17	13
2009	33	31
2010	57	60
2011	53	47
2012	52	56
2013	64	59
2014	53	44

One data capture which would account for the number of pupils being greater than expected based on the births in Buckshaw Village is that there are families who move on to the development after their children have been born elsewhere. From the results of returned questionnaires in the table above, houses occupied from 2010 and later make up a higher proportion of properties.

Talking Points

Is the 12% return for the questionnaire a representative figure for the population on Buckshaw Village?

From the questionnaire returns, 93 pupils who live on Buckshaw Village will be requiring a school place next year. Will all of these be expecting a school place at a local school?

Are the higher number of returns from houses occupied in the previous 4 years indicative of anything?

Have young families started having children elsewhere and moved on to the village, or are families waiting a couple of years before starting a family?