

Whittlefield Maintained Nursery Class Closure

Situated in West Burnley School Planning Area (SPA) - borders North and South Burnley SPA. There are 67 Early Education providers in Burnley, 16 in West Burnley SPA.

Summary of Childcare Places 0-4 Year Olds

Area	Population Requiring Childcare	Maximum Number of Places	Surplus Capacity (Maximum Places)	Working to Places	Surplus Capacity (Working to)
North Burnley	1278	1164	-114	1056	-222
Padiham	507	1303	796	1277	770
Rural Burnley	116	140	24	140	24
South Burnley	1357	1681	324	1439	82
West Burnley	747	874	127	842	95
Burnley	4004	5162	1158	4754	750

The latest Childcare Sufficiency Assessment for 2023/2024 shows we have sufficient places for 0-4 year olds at district level. In West Burnley and South Burnley, we have sufficient places along with an over supply of places in neighbouring Padiham, but a shortfall of places in North Burnley.

However, providers still have the capacity to increase to their maximum number of places in most areas in Burnley. 27 settings have said they would be willing to expand if the demand required it. 6 of those are in West Burnley. Families may also choose to travel across Burnley and into neighbouring SPAs to access a childcare place.