

FOI Request - Nursery School Figures - 101003705678

1. Projected figures of children for each ASG going into Nursery school for the next five years.

The information held that reflects the next 3 years of projections comes from the CHI Nursery population forecast (birth rates).

Nursery Population
Forecasts 2025-
based on CHI data
from 2024

ASG	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	Total 3-5s
Buckie High	126	111	129	131	260
Elgin Academy	143	131	144	152	296
Elgin High	125	112	147	149	296
Forres Academy	137	139	136	152	288
Keith Grammar	72	55	81	71	152
Lossiemouth High	92	88	109	105	214
Milne's High	58	61	66	67	133
Speyside High	51	39	58	49	107
Total	804	736	870	876	1746

Nursery Population
Forecasts 2026-
Based on CHI data
from 2024

ASG	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	Total 3-5s
Buckie High	126	111	129	240
Elgin Academy	143	131	144	275
Elgin High	125	112	147	259
Forres Academy	137	139	136	275
Keith Grammar	72	55	81	136
Lossiemouth High	92	88	109	197
Milne's High	58	61	66	127
Speyside High	51	39	58	97
Total	804	736	870	1606

Nursery Population
 Forecasts 2027-
 Based on CHI data
 from 2024

ASG	3 to 4	4 to 5	Total 3-5s
Buckie High	126	111	237
Elgin Academy	143	131	274
Elgin High	125	112	237
Forres Academy	137	139	276
Keith Grammar	72	55	127
Lossiemouth High	92	88	180
Milne's High	58	61	119
Speyside High	51	39	90
Total	804	736	1540

2. Number of Nursery places per each ASG currently available, split by private/council/3rd sector.

Please see attached (Nursery Registration Jan25 document)

3. Projected figures of nursery places per each ASG for the next five years.

Detail of capacity is included in attachment for answer to No. 2.

4. Quote from Moray Council website - "council run Early Learning and Childcare settings operating a year-round model is being reviewed to bring them in-line with term-time settings and to meet current parental preferences" how Moray Council defines current parental preferences and how it measured this.

Attendance patterns for the remaining year- round nurseries have been monitored for a number of years. During holiday periods and at start/end of longer days there is a variance in uptake of spaces. This fluctuates between settings being as low as 19% attendance rates up to just over 60%. To ensure we support a financially sustainable business model (whilst adhering to Care Inspectorate requirements regarding staff to child ratios), we have to consider whether these attendance rates are sufficient to justify staffing through holiday periods and for the start/end of longer days.

5. How much money Moray Council received as income through extra non funded hours in each Nursery, broken down by each nursery.

Setting	22/23		23/24		24/25, to date	
Cullen ELC Nursery	£	2,507	£	5,234	£	1,570
Lady Cathcart ELC Nursery					£	503
Lhanbryde ELC Nursery	£	5,455	£	7,679	£	7,790
Pilmuir ELC Nursery	£	2,043	£	1,990	£	115
Seafield ELC Nursery	£	4,819	£	11,796	£	9,880
Linkwood ELC Nursery	£	8,271	£	12,401	£	9,638
	£	23,093	£	39,099	£	29,495

6. How much money Moray Council pays private providers per hour for childcare.

ELC Providers Hourly Rate (including Childminders)	Rate for 1 st August 2024 – 31 st March 2025
3-5 years	£7.12
2 year olds	£8.55
Lunches	£2.35