

**Subject:** Fwd: New house /child ratio  
**From:** Dorman, Isobel Councillor (Isobel.Dorman@southlanarkshire.gcsx.gov.uk)  
**To:** robfreel@btinternet.com;  
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Hi Robert

I think the response from Jim is more reasonable.

Kind regards

Isobel

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**From:** "Gilhooly, Jim" <Jim.Gilhooly@southlanarkshire.gcsx.gov.uk>  
**Date:** 24/03/2015 11:47 (GMT+00:00)  
**To:** "Dorman, Isobel Councillor" <Isobel.Dorman@southlanarkshire.gcsx.gov.uk>  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: New house /child ratio

Councillor Dorman,

Below is an outline of the approach we use consistently to project school rolls from new house building.

The educational accommodation requirements for primary accommodation are calculated on the following basis:

- 30 pupils per year group per 1000 housing units.
- A pupil split of 75% non-denominational and 25% denominational.
- Based on 7 year groups.

This formula would therefore generate 1 primary aged child per 5 houses with a split between the non-denominational and denominational sector 75% to 25%.

In reality, many houses may provide more school aged children than this formula but likewise, many houses will provide less or indeed no school aged children. However as a planning tool, this is as close a prediction as possible and indeed is very similar to other local authorities, although the denominational / non-denominational split may vary.

We have recently tested our predictions over a 3 year period and in the Primary sector we are within 1% of our predicted numbers and within 0.01% of our predictions in the secondary sector.

As catchment areas are historic we have a number of schools that are closer to housing developments that are not the catchment's school and this is the case for this development. We have no current plans to alter the catchment area which would have to go through the process of a statutory consultation

Regards,

Jim

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From: Dorman, Isobel Councillor

Sent: 18 March 2015 11:21

To: Gilhooly, Jim

Subject: New house /child ratio

Good morning Jim,

At the recent Stonehouse Parent Council meeting we were told that the calculation for the number of children at the new Barratt estate is one child for every thirty houses. Given that the houses are three and four bedrooms the estimated number of children seems to be very low. Can I ask what this ratio is based on?

We were also told the catchment area for the new houses is Stonehouse Primary school which is surprising since Newfield is much closer.

Kind regards

Isobel

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