

Know your area- South Solihull

Wards in South Solihull include Elmdon, Lyndon, Silhill, Olton, Shirley wards, St Alphege, Meriden, Knowle, Dorridge and Hockley Heath, Blythe and part of Bickenhill [B92].

What do we know about families living in South Solihull?

South Solihull is a nice place where lots of families live, especially families with young children under 5 years old. There are parks and green spaces where children can play, run, and have fun.

Families in South Solihull come from many different countries and cultures. People speak lots of different languages at home, such as Panjabi, Mandarin, Cantonese, Polish, Gujarati, and Urdu. Many families from Hong Kong have also chosen to make their home in South Solihull.

Some children need a little extra help to stay healthy, but most families are doing well. Compared to North Solihull, fewer children live in poverty, and fewer children struggle with being overweight.

People in South Solihull often feel safe and happy in their neighbourhoods. They feel like they belong and enjoy being part of their community. Most families live in houses rather than flats, homes are less crowded, and many people have cars, which makes it easier to get around.

Overall, South Solihull is a welcoming place for families and children to grow, play, and feel at home.

In East and West [South] Solihull there are x 76 registered childminders. There are also x 1 Best Start Family Hubs and 2 x outreach hubs.

Area name As of April 2026	Percentage of pupils receiving SEND support	Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	Percentage of children in income-deprived families	Total number of childcare providers -see above for south childminder numbers
Elmdon Heath & Catherine-de-Barnes	14%	19%	24%	3
Elmdon Park	14%	19%	30%	4
Lode Heath	13%	23%	20%	9

Lyndon South	13%	17%	36%	7
Central Solihull & Sharmons Cross	11%	27%	11%	9
Monkspath North	9%	26%	10%	2
Knowle	14%	8%	11%	10
Lyndon North	12%	27%	31%	6
Ulverley Green and Langley	10%	12%	11%	4
Olton and Kineton Green	15%	22%	30%	7
Meriden, Hampton-in-Arden & Temple Balsall	19%	5%	20%	5
Monkspath South	10%	22%	14%	4
Blossomfield	13%	30%	25%	20
Shirley East	13%	23%	18%	7
Dorridge	13%	6%	8%	10
Balsall Common	14%	4%	12%	7
Shirley West	12%	23%	21%	15
Shirley Heath	11%	16%	15%	7
Solihull Lodge	14%	14%	30%	8
Dickens Heath, Cheswick Green & Hockley Heath	14%	11%	22%	11
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Ward level information

Solihull Data by Ward	Number of Children under 5 in the Ward	Number of Children under 1 in the Ward	% of population identified as white	% of Single Parent Family
Bickenhall	641	108	86%	7.5%
Blythe	936	172	81%	9.9%
Dorridge and Hockley Heath	515	79	92%	7.5%
Elmdon	675	121	80%	10.7%
Knowle	432	71	90%	7.0%
Lyndon	795	144	76%	11.6%
Meriden	559	100	91%	7.3%

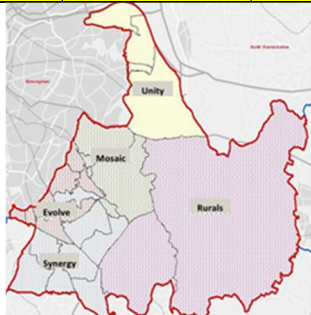
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Olton	528	97	76%	8.0%
Shirley E	575	91	71%	10.2%
Shirley S	628	102	82%	9.6%
Shirley W	803	145	80%	10.3%
Silhill	637	98	72%	8.5%
St Alphege	451	71	76%	5.8%
South totals	8,175	1,399		
Total	11,696	2,073		
	70%	67%		
Solihull HV Data by Ward	Number of Children under 5 in the Ward	Number of Children under 1 in the Ward	% of population identified as white	% of Single Parent Family

Outcomes data for South Solihull

Ages and stages questionnaire [ASQ] for children age 2 – 2 ½ years old.

Area 2024.5	Communication skills (percentage)	Gross motor skills (percentage)	Fine motor skills (percentage)	Problem solving skills (percentage)	Personal-social skills (percentage)	All five areas of development (percentage)
England	87.6%	93.6%	93.7%	93.0%	91.8%	81.4%
Solihull	91.5%	95.2%	96.5%	93.6%	94.5%	85.2%
North Solihull	87.1%					
South Solihull	Between 89.4% [Mosaic] and 98% [Rural]					



Early years foundation stage profile [EYFSP] at the end of Reception

EYFSP 2024/5	PSE	C&L	PD	Literacy	Maths	UW	EAD	Good level of development
England	83.1%	79.5%	84.7%	70.5%	77.6%	80.4%	85.1%	68.3%
Solihull	84%	80.5%	85.9%	72.9%	78.6%	82.9%	87.2%	69.7%
North Solihull	81.1%	76.2%	83.1%	68.6%	73.6%	77.2%	82.6%	66.8%
South Solihull	85.3%	82.2%	87%	74.7%	80.8%	85.3%	89%	71%

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What can you do to help?

To help young children learn, play, and grow safely in South Solihull

Families in South Solihull may find it helpful to access the activities on offer in the Family Hub. This includes home learning environment help and access to people who can help parents navigate their child's early years. There are a range of activities that can be found in your area through the Family Information Service Directory. Solihull *Here2Help* is a directory of support available to Solihull families. In a 6 month snap-shot period of time there were 28 notifications for Operation Encompass * in South Solihull early years settings.

Young children in West Solihull often need additional support to develop their speech, language and communication. You can support families by sharing the strategies you use to support communication. There is extra training and a [progress checker](#) on the Speech and Language UK website which may be helpful.

Encourage families to take their children to the dentist and brush teeth regularly. Sugary foods and acid in juice and fruit can cause decay and absence from education as well as being painful.

Outcomes at age 2 – 2 ½ years old show that children at this age need most help with their communication (especially in Mosaic collaborative area). They will also benefit from support with problem-solving. This area evaluates a child's cognitive development; specifically, how they play with toys, interact with their environment, and use spatial reasoning to solve challenges, and also personal and social skills. The EEF 'evidence store' demonstrates, through research, what children need from their early education in settings.

Outcomes at the end of Reception show that children in this area need early support to develop their communication, language and literacy skills and maths skills. Helping children's [fine-motor and pencil control](#) as well as encouraging children to record their [ideas and experiences](#) will help writing development.

The Early Years Foundation Stage Guidance will outline requirements at different stages of development. DfE's 'Help for Early Years Providers' expands this further. Free support is available to parents in Solihull via on-line courses such as 'understanding your child'. CBeebies parenting is also a great source of playful ideas.

Sources of support:

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/early-years/evidence-store>

<https://centreforearlychildhood.org/help-resources/the-explainer-series/>

<https://help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/areas-of-learning>

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<https://earlymaths.org/spatial-reasoning/>

** Operation Encompass is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership enabling educational settings to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse.*

Data sources

Map - Ofsted: explore an area - <https://explore.ofsted.gov.uk/maps/local-authority/E08000029/>

Childminders are not included in 'explore an area' as most have not given permission for their information/ address to be made public.

Solihull Area and Ward Profiles - <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/about-solihull/ward-profiles>

Who can help?

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-families>

Here2Help - <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/here2help>

Family Hubs - <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-families/solihull-family-hubs>

Early Help and the Family Helpline:

Family Helpline: 0121 788 4327 (Mon-Thu 9:00am–4:30pm, Fri 9:00am–4:00pm).

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-help>

Parent support- <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-families/parenting-support/free-online-parenting-courses>

Local Offer and early years and childcare

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-families/solihull-local-offer/early-years-education> - SEND local offer for Solihull families

<https://childrenscommunitytherapies.uhb.nhs.uk/speech-and-language-therapy/resources-for-everyone/> - SaLT resources for families and practitioners

<https://www.solgrid.org.uk/eyc/> - early years and childcare guidance

<https://progress-checker.speechandlanguage.org.uk/> - Speech and Language UK progress checker and training for practitioners.

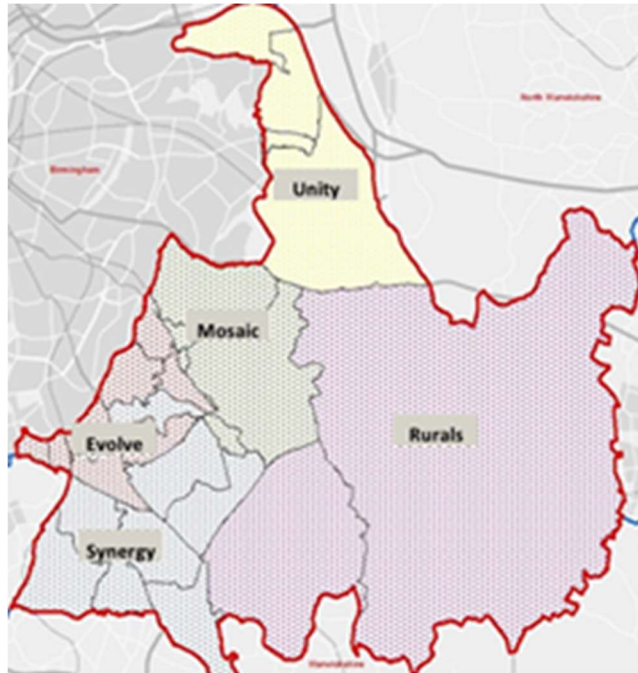
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National Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/language-advice> - a range of guidance and activities to support language and play

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/> - guidance for families of young children

<https://www.youtube.com/@MuddyPuddleParentingOfficial> – expert advice



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