

Securing Sufficient High Quality Learning and Childcare Places

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2019



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Executive summary

All local authorities have a statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient early learning places for eligible 2, 3 and 4-year olds and sufficient childcare places for working parents. This document is a detailed study into the supply and demand of childcare within Kirklees.

Assessing childcare places is a complex process which depends on a large number of variables including but not limited to; the effects of changes in child population demographics, housing developments, the movement of families within local authority ward areas, local geography and parental choice.

A graduated approach is taken to manage the childcare market, the local authority intervenes only when required to ensure there are sufficient places in a local area. This includes advice and support to childcare providers with sustainability risks and the management of grant opportunities when available.

There are 813 registered childcare providers in Kirklees, together they provide 24,221 childcare places. 478 are registered to deliver early learning places for eligible 2, 3 and 4-year-old children. There has been a steady decline in the number of home-based childcare providers, however, across Kirklees, families still have a choice about the types of childcare they can access.

Based on the data gathered through childcare provider audits, sufficiency data collection and Ofsted registration data, evidence suggests there is sufficient childcare and early education provision with some spare capacity across Kirklees. However, parents of children with SEND can experience difficulty in finding suitable childcare for older children aged 5-18 years.

Outcomes for children remain good with support from the Early Years Outcomes Team enabling the quality of childcare in Kirklees to continue to be high with over 94% of early learning and childcare providers rated good or above for all provider types. The team work closely with newly registered childcare provision to ensure excellent high-quality provision is established from the start.

A key priority for 2019 was increasing take-up of free early learning by eligible 2-year olds. The take-up rate in autumn 2019 increased to 79%, this is a 3% increase from the previous autumn. The national average benchmark, measured once a year in the spring term, is 68%. Kirklees take up rate in spring 2019 was 70%, therefore is still above the national average. However, the Kirklees average take-up level is masked by significant variations at a local level. This is particularly evident for the Ashbrow, Batley East, Dewsbury West and Greenhead wards. Kirklees Council will continue to develop strategies and work with partners to offer support and encouragement to parents with eligible 2-year olds to take up their free place.

Demand for the extended entitlement (30 hours free childcare for working parents of 3-and 4-year olds) is beginning to stabilise. The number of children accessing the extended entitlement in

autumn 2019 increased by 8.2% compared with autumn 2018, the increase from the previous autumn (2017) was 9.8%. With limited history to draw upon take-up each term continues to be monitored to ensure there are sufficient places.

With the continuing decline in population of children aged 0-4 and increased cost pressures, some childcare providers, in particular sessional providers, have been experiencing sustainability pressures and some providers have closed during 2019. A proactive approach is taken for identifying providers by maintaining a register of risk indicators; providers are then contacted and offered business sustainability advice.

A detailed analysis of demand and supply of early learning and childcare places in ward areas can be found in the [ward profiles](#).

Finally, the document outlines a set of priorities for 2020:

1. Continue to support parents of two-year olds to take-up their free early learning entitlement by further development of the Action Plan, including establishing a Parent Champion Scheme.
2. Review and improve the Family Information Directory.
3. Work with relevant teams and partners to develop a robust system for supporting families of children with SEND to access childcare.
4. Ensure parents are aware of the support available to families to meet the costs of childcare including Tax-free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare.
5. Development of the Business Solutions Early Years Portal as a communication tool and information source for early years funding and sufficiency information.
6. Support the recruitment and retention of home-based childcare (childminders).
7. Continue to encourage childcare providers to submit vacancy updates/sufficiency data on a termly basis.

Introduction and purpose of this report

Kirklees Childcare Sufficiency Assessments have been published on an annual basis since they became a statutory duty of the Childcare Act 2006. The Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) is a detailed study into the supply and demand of childcare within Kirklees and is a vital tool to share information with the public, elected members and the childcare market itself. The local authority also has a number of specific statutory duties in relation to childcare sufficiency:

- To ensure there are sufficient early learning places for all 3-and 4-year olds and eligible 2-year olds to access their free entitlement
- To ensure there are sufficient childcare places for working parents
- To provide information, advice and guidance to parents/carers seeking childcare

The CSA also provides the evidence base to justify interventions required to help the council meet its statutory duty to ensure there is sufficient childcare available in Kirklees.

The provision of early learning and childcare supports the Council's shared outcomes for Kirklees by helping to achieve the following shared outcomes of the Council:

Best start

- Children have the best start in life

Aspire and achieve

- People in Kirklees have aspiration to achieve their ambitions through education, training, employment and lifelong learning

Sustainable economy

- Kirklees has sustainable economic growth and provides good employment for and with communities and businesses

Full details of the Council's vision for Kirklees can be found in the new corporate plan

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/delivering-services/council-plan.aspx>

An overview of the Kirklees childcare market

The type of provision and number of places

The number of registered places represents the maximum number of children who can attend at any given time, however it should be noted that some providers choose to operate below their maximum number of registered places. During the summer term 2019, all providers were asked to complete the annual daycare audit with up to date information. In addition to the annual audit, all funded providers were asked to provide the local authority with specific sufficiency data regarding their actual operating places for children aged under five. Using the sufficiency data, we can compare the number of places available against the number of Ofsted registered places. The number of children per place is calculated using population figures (Appendix 6) this figure is used as an indicator to make comparisons at ward level (see Appendix 10) and highlight potential pressure on places in a particular area.

Table 1: Maximum Ofsted capacity verses operating capacity under 5's

	No. of providers	Age group	Maximum Capacity (Ofsted registration)	Operating Capacity (Summer 2019)	Children per place based on maximum capacity	Children per place based on operating capacity
Group based - full day	172	Under 2's	1321	1138	2.04	2.28
		2 to 5	6332	5769		
Group based - part day	12	2 to 5	320	290		
Home based (childminders)	284	Under 5's	917	689		
School nurseries	75	3 to 5's	3989	3663		
Independent school nurseries	6	3 to 5's	315	239		

Table 2: Maximum Ofsted capacity over 5's

Provider type	No. of providers	Maximum capacity (Ofsted registration)	Children per place
Home based (childminders)	284	974	3.73
Out of school (PVI)	95	3095	
Out of school (operated by schools)	84	4295	
Holiday scheme (PVI and maintained)	85	2663	

Table 3: Composition of Kirklees childcare market as at 3rd September 2019

	No. of providers	No. of Ofsted registered places	No. of providers registered for free early education and childcare	No. of free early education and childcare places*
Group based – full day	172	7653	172	6332
Group based – part day	12	320	12	320
Home based (childminders)	284	1891	205	695
School nurseries	75	3989	75	3989
Independent school nursery	6	315	6	270
Out of school (PVI sector)	95	3095	8	267
Out of school (maintained sector)	84	4295	0	0
Holiday schemes (PVI and maintained)	85	2663	0	0
Total	813	24221	478	11873

*Group based – full day 2-5 places, Group based – part day 2-5 places, Home based (childminders) number of under 5 registered places, Out of school (PVI) total number of registered places under 8's

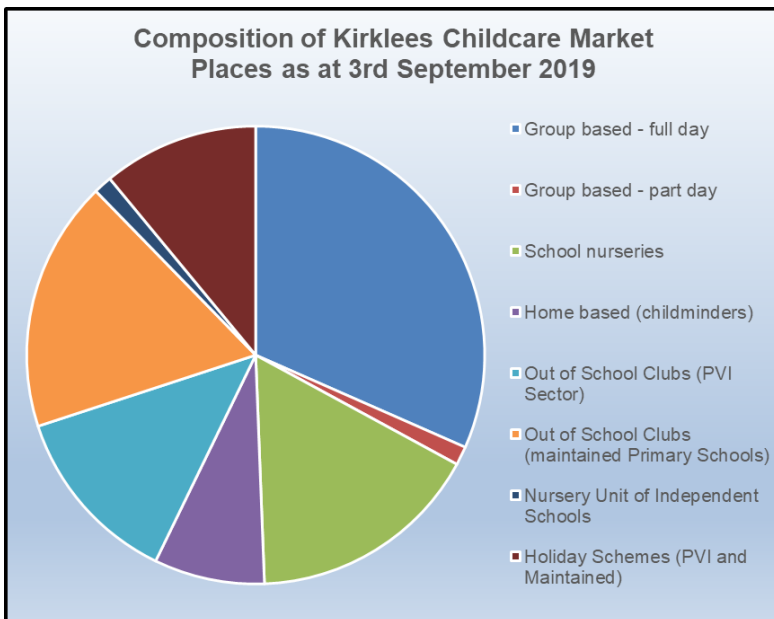
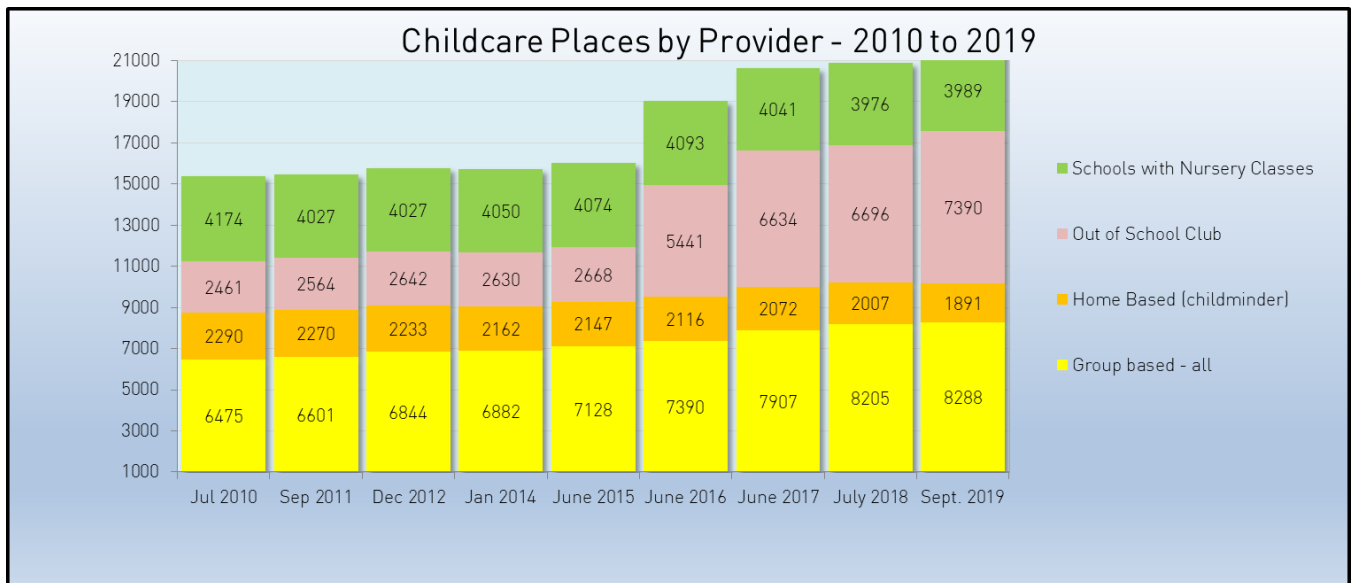


Chart 1: Childcare places by provider type 2010 to 2019



The bar chart above shows the number of places provided by each provider type has remained relatively static, with the exception of home-based places which has seen a steady decline.

At the same time there has been a steady increase in the number of places provided in groupcare.

In previous years, the local authority has held only partial information about the out of school provision operated by schools (as there is no separate registration required with Ofsted). However, after a concerted effort to improve this situation by integration with the school census, a much more complete picture is now available. This has resulted in a significant increase in the number of out of school places reported, resetting the base line and providing a comparison between the 2016 places with historic place information.

Early years vacancies

Using a combination of sufficiency data and vacancy information collected during the annual audit, the table below indicates the number of childcare vacancies for each provider type. It is important to note childcare vacancies can and do change regularly and the vacancies shown below are correct at the time of data collection. Providers are asked to report vacancies on a regular basis, however, not all providers choose to do this. In general, vacancy rates are higher in the autumn term when a full cohort of children move to school.

Table 4: Early years' vacancies summer 2019

Type of provision	Number of providers	Total number of full time vacancies (0-5 years)*
Home based (childminders)	284	176
Group based – full day	172	1709
Group based – part day	12	34
Schools with nursery provision	75	594
Independent school nurseries	6	56
Total	549	2569

*Average daily vacancies are calculated by dividing the total number of vacancies in the week by the maximum number of sessions.



Refer to ward profiles for more detailed vacancy information.

Cost of childcare

The table below represents the average rate for childminders, day nurseries, pre-schools and out of school care in Kirklees. There may be variations to prices based on the number of hours a family uses, with reductions for longer hours, or discounts for sibling groups. There may also be additional payments for lunch and other meals which are not included in these prices.

The average cost of childcare in Kirklees is slightly less than the average cost in the Yorkshire and Humber region and considerably less than the national average.

Table 5: Childcare prices

Provider type	Price
Home based (childminders)	£3.84 average price per hour
Day nurseries	£41.81 average price per day
Pre-schools	£9.39 average price per 3-hour session
Out of school care	£14.37 average price for a before and after school session



A detailed cost analysis including local variations and comparisons to regional and national averages can be found in Appendix 7.

The quality of childcare in Kirklees

All childcare providers must register with and be inspected by Ofsted. Ofsted is the Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills who regulate services that care for children and young people and services providing education and skills for learners of all ages. Ofsted give providers an overall grade for the quality of their provision. Schools with nursery provision have an overall inspection grade for the whole school and most also have a separate early years’ grade. Schools and providers have four possible outcomes: ‘Outstanding’, ‘Good’, ‘Requires Improvement’ and ‘Inadequate’. Providers awaiting their first full inspection are excluded from the inspection outcome calculation shown below.

Research is clear, to maximise the outcomes for children it is important that the places available are good quality. Chart 2 shows the Ofsted quality judgements by provider type for Kirklees.

Significant progress has been made in improving the quality of childcare in Kirklees since 2009. The following bar chart illustrates this positive picture despite the inspection regime becoming more rigorous over time.

Chart 2: Inspection outcomes

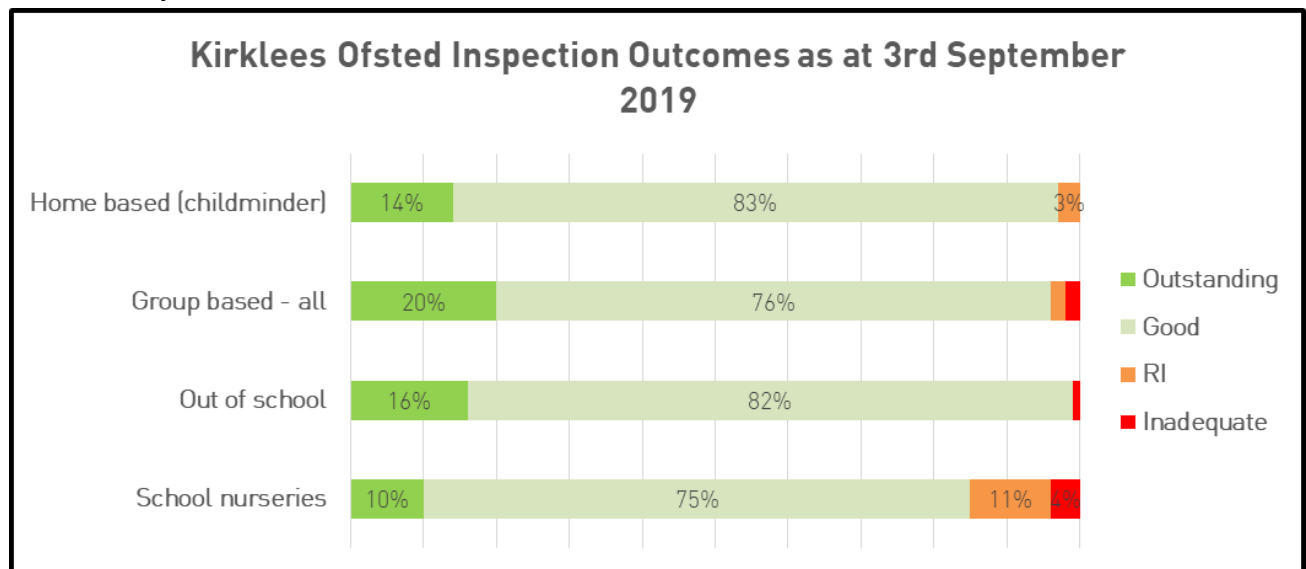
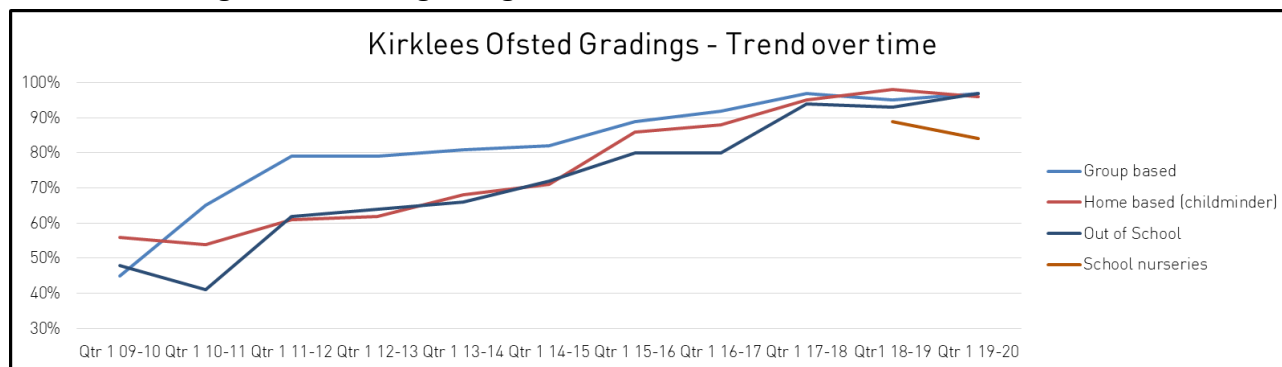


Chart 3: Ofsted good or above gradings – trend over time



The Kirklees percentage for ‘good or above’ rated early learning providers for all provider types is 94% (as at 3rd September 2019). The Kirklees percentage for ‘good or above’ providers on the early years register (i.e. excluding schools) is 95% which is generally in line with other local authorities in the region and 1% below the national figure (comparison as at 31st August 2019).



Ofsted outcomes comparison tables for the Yorkshire and Humber region can be found in Appendix 8.

Quality Improvement Team

Kirklees Council has a dedicated team of Early Years officers who have extensive knowledge and experience in improving the quality of practice in Early Years settings and working in partnership to raise outcomes for children. The team offer training, advice, support and guidance to early years providers within the Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) sector and to schools. The team currently visit all providers on a bi-annual basis but offer increased targeted support to those with a less than good Ofsted outcome where there is a local authority statutory duty to support quality improvement.

Free early learning and childcare for two, three and four-year-old children

The free early learning and childcare entitlement is a national scheme which provides free early learning and childcare for all three and four-year-old children and some two-year olds. Children can have up to 15 hours each week for 38 weeks of the year, 570 hours in total. Some providers offer free places during the school holidays where the entitlement is spread across the year by taking less hours each week, supporting working parents during the school holidays and providing consistency for the child. Parents do not have to use all the hours at one provider and may choose to split them between providers.

Places for less advantaged two-year olds

In September 2013 the entitlement was extended to less advantaged two-year-old children whose families receive certain benefits. Full details about the eligibility criteria can be at the following link <http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/childcare-and-early-education/free-early-education-and-care-for-2-year-olds.aspx>

The current take-up rate in autumn 2019 has increased to 79%, this is a 3% increase from the previous autumn. The national average benchmark, measured once a year in the spring term, is 68%. Kirklees take up rate in spring 2019 was 74%, therefore is still above the national average. However, the Kirklees average take-up level is masked by significant variations at a local level. This is particularly evident for the Ashbrow, Batley East, Dewsbury West and Greenhead wards.

Following contact with some parents in 2019, the most common reasons for not accessing a place were; waiting for places at a nursery of their choice rather than other available providers, did not realise they can take less than 15 hours and increase when they felt their child is ready, said their child is too young, don't need childcare as they have extended family, not aware of the entitlement, did not receive a letter therefore thought they were not eligible. Kirklees Council will continue to develop strategies and work with partners to offer support and encouragement to parents with eligible two-year olds to take up their free place.



Full details of take-up by ward area can be found in Appendix 1

Chart 4: Take-up of eligible two-year olds

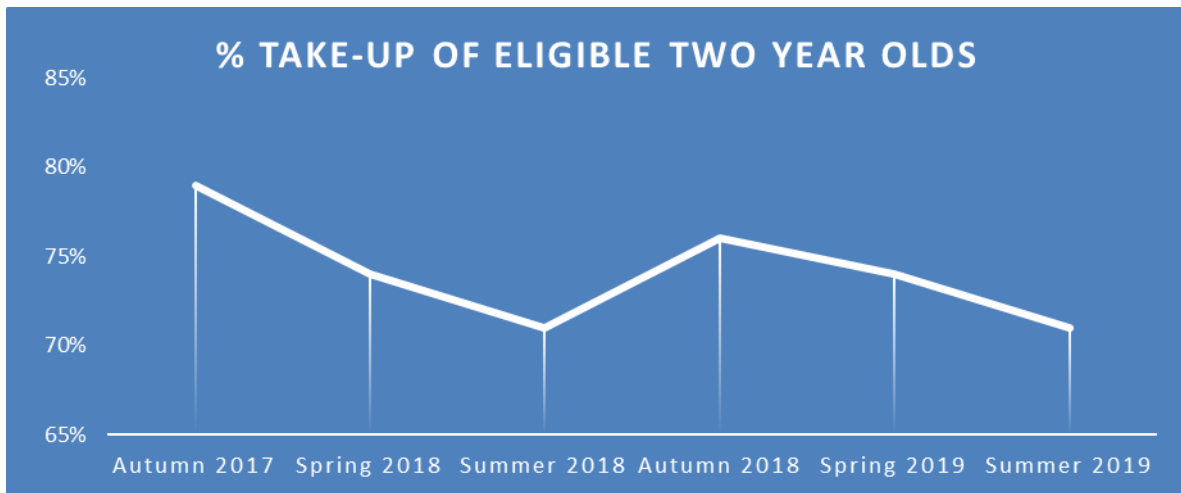


Chart 5: Take-up 3-year olds

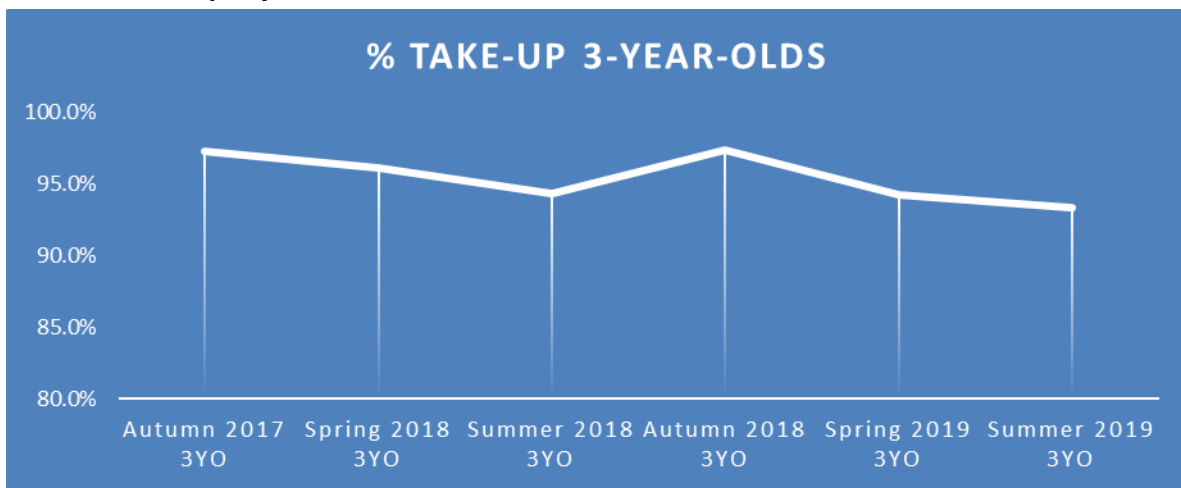
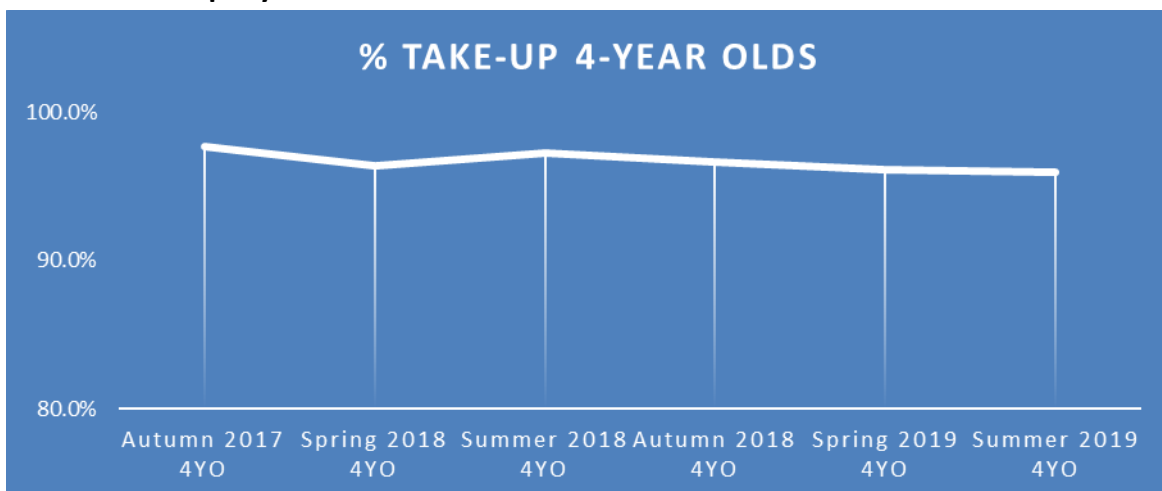


Chart 6: Take-up 4-year olds



Take-up of free early education and care in Kirklees remains relatively high – details of take-up can be found in Appendix 3 and the ward profiles

Take up by sector as an indicator of trends in parental choice

Chart 7: Funded 2-year-old per provider type

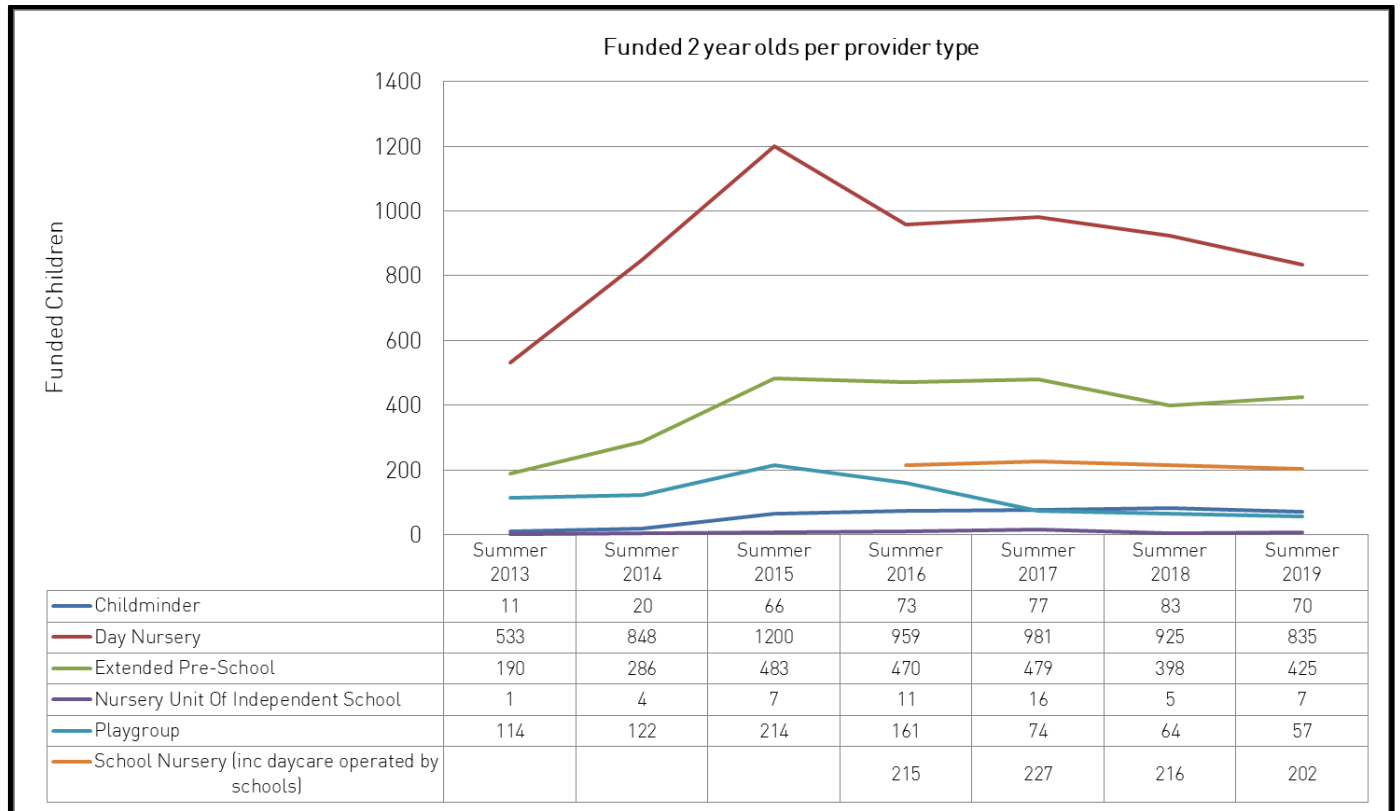
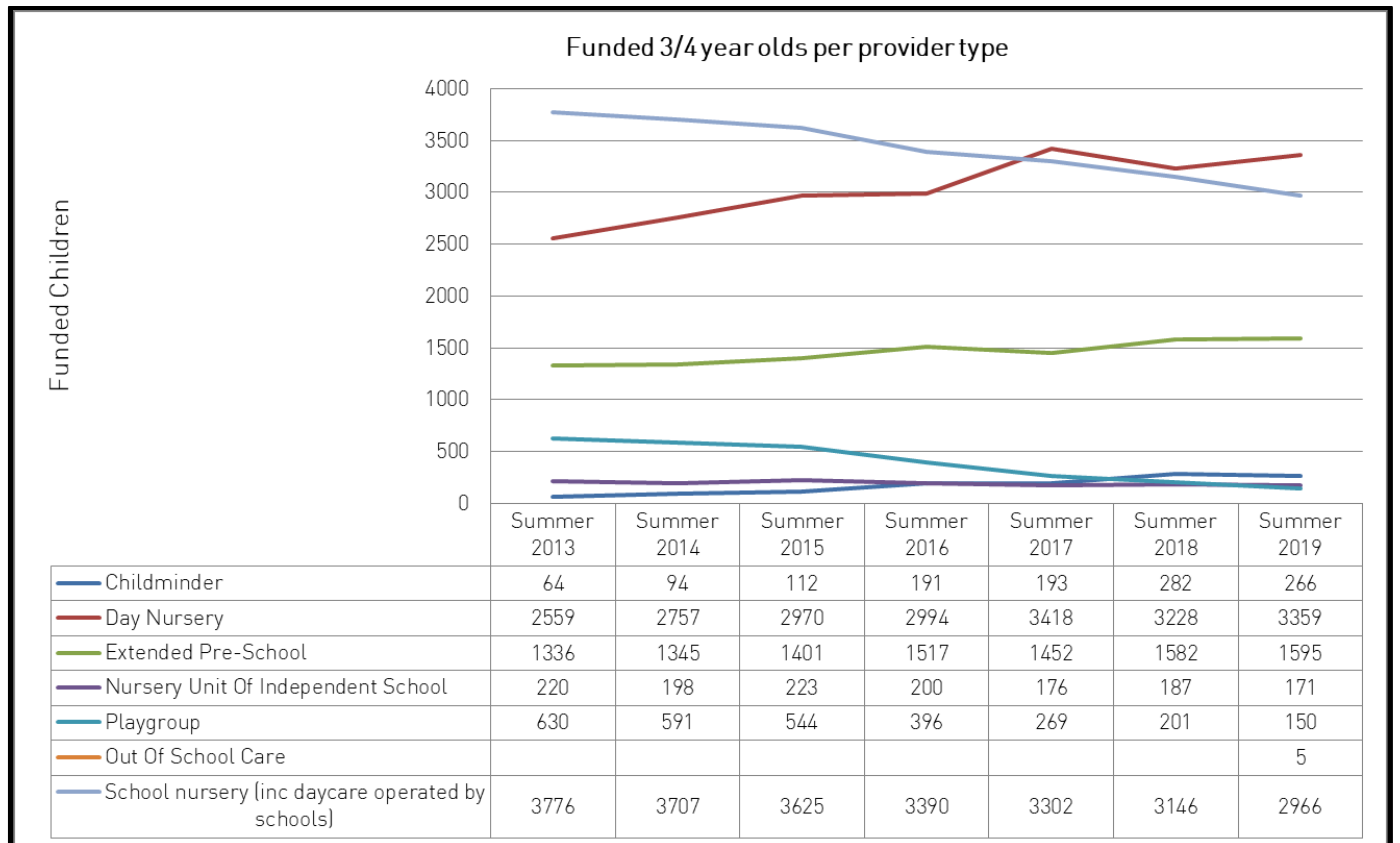


Chart 8: Funded 3-and 4-year olds per provider type





The trend of parents choosing more flexible provision (day nurseries, extended pre-schools and childminders) over less flexible sessional provision (some playgroups and some schools with nursery provision) continues. Refer to ward profiles for more detailed take-up information.

30 hours free childcare for three-and four-year olds

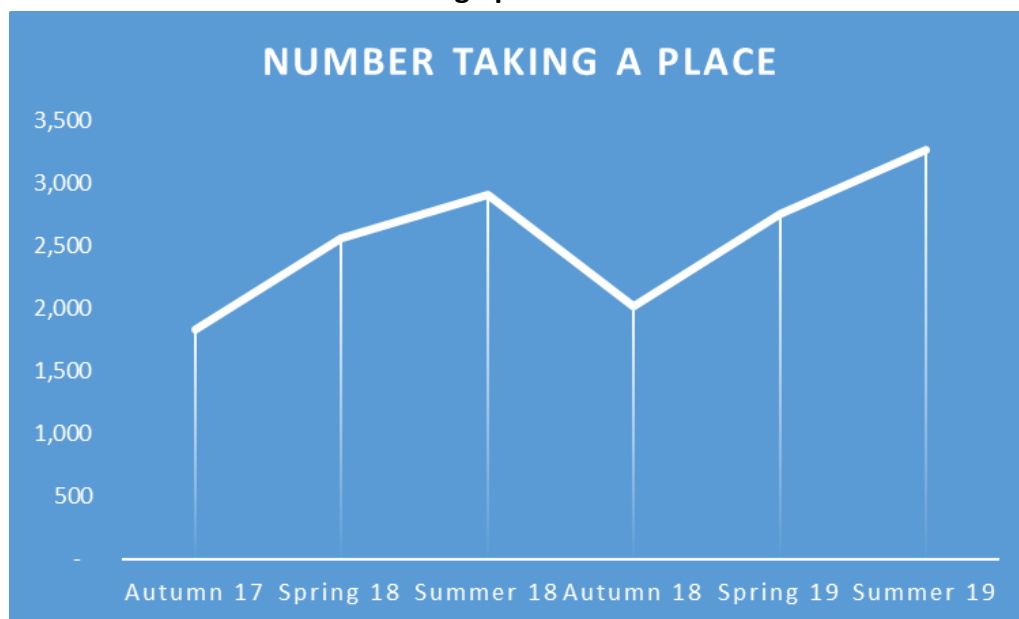
In September 2017, the entitlement was extended to some working parents of three and four year olds so they could receive an extra 15 hours per week of free childcare, (this is known as the extended entitlement) details of the eligibility criteria can be found <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-tax-free-childcare>. Eligible parents can therefore access up to 1,140 free hours until their child starts a reception class in a school.

The table below shows the number of providers offering 30 hours

Table 6: Number of providers offering the extended entitlement (30 hours)

Provider type	Number
Group based – full day	166
Group based – part day	8
Home based (childminders)	195
School nurseries	44
Independent school nurseries	5
Out of school (PVI)	8
Total	426

Chart 9: Number of children taking up the extended entitlement



The number of children accessing the extended entitlement has risen from 2,910 in summer 2018 to 3,267 in summer 2019.



Detailed analysis of estimated supply and demand for 30-hour places can be found in Appendix 9.

Kirklees childcare market – future demand

Population of early years children

In total there are 26,895 children under the age of five living in Kirklees. A proportion of these children may require early years childcare.

Table 6: Number of children aged under 5

Age	Number of children
0	5002
1	5364
2	5457
3	5499
4	5573

Source: WYCSA¹ January 2019

Population of school age children

In total there are 41,096 children aged 5-11 and 16,776 children aged 12-14 living in Kirklees. A proportion of these children may require childcare before and after school and/or during the school holidays.

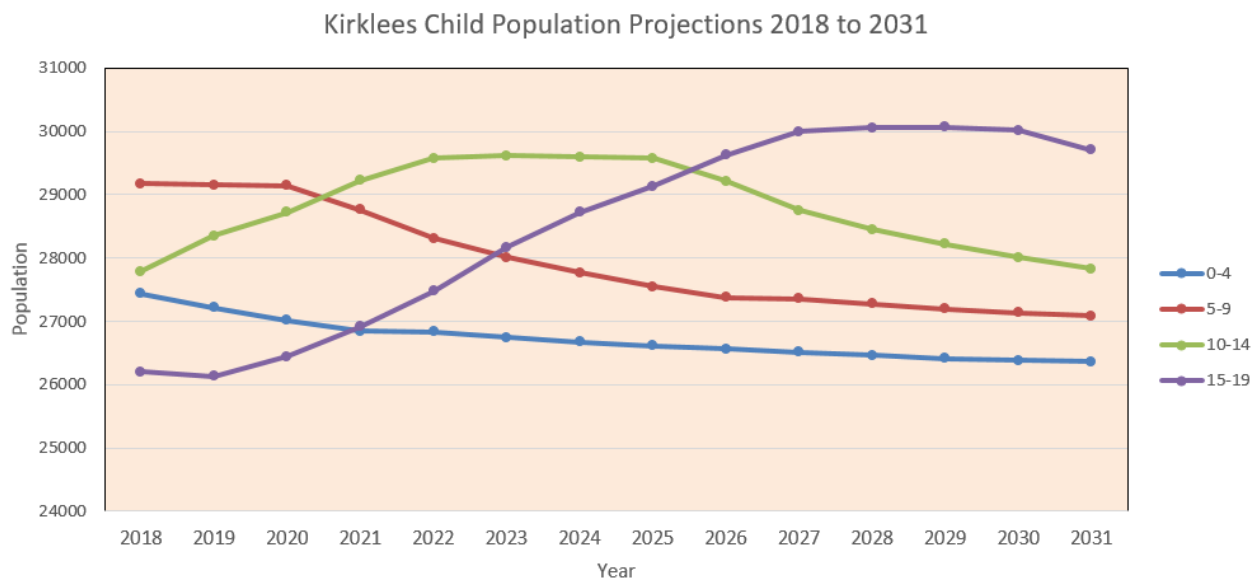
Table 7: Number of children aged 5 to 14

Age	Number of children
5	5751
6	5912
7	6019
8	5883
9	5855
10	5969
11	5707
12	5721
13	5520
14	5535

Source: WYCSA January 2019

¹ West Yorkshire Central Services Agency does not include children living in the ward area Wyke and those without a designated ward

The following table shows the Office of National Statistics (ONS) forecasts for fluctuations in child population at a Kirklees level:



The ONS predictions illustrate a decline in the population of children aged 0-4, however, this decline slows towards 2020 before changing to a broadly static trend. This broadly matches the GP registrations trends towards 2020 illustrated in the chart on page 15.

Caution: should be exercised in using GP registration data as a proxy population for the following reasons:

- GP registration data does not always match ONS forecasts although there has been greater synergy in recent years with both indicators showing similar trends
- It is a snapshot data set from a fixed point in time and subject to change
- The data by its very nature will always be incomplete and out of date before publication
- At a planning area level there are greater accuracy risks associated with smaller sample sizes

The context of variation in the different population estimates in Kirklees can be illustrated by looking at census night (27 March 2011). On this night it was estimated that the normal resident population of Kirklees was 422,500. This figure was 12,000 more than the ONS modelling and 12,000 fewer than GP registrations representing a difference of +/- 2.8%. The further into the future attempts are made to predict population numbers, the less accurate these projections are likely to be.

Further information about Kirklees populations can be found at the following links:

Kirklees Joint Strategic Assessment – Population, migration, births and deaths

<http://observatory.kirklees.gov.uk/jsna/population>

Links to more demographic information about Kirklees

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/information-and-data/area-and-ward-profiles.aspx>

Kirklees Census information:

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/information-and-data/census-information.aspx>

Migration Yorkshire – population and migration information

<http://www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk>



Population at ward level can be seen in the ward profiles and Appendix 6

Housing and business developments – The Local Plan

Kirklees Council's Local Plan is a housing and industry development strategy for the borough and identifies sites across Kirklees that could provide homes or business premises. The Kirklees Local Plan was adopted on 27 February 2019. The Local Plan is now the statutory development plan for Kirklees and has superseded the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan. Planning applications must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Maps are available to view at the following link to find further detailed information about where and when new housing developments may be built in a local area:

www.kirklees.gov.uk/localplan

It is worth noting the following site allocations propose a substantial level of residential growth which are likely to significantly increase the demand for childcare places and therefore potential opportunities for childcare providers.

- Dewsbury Riverside 2310 dwellings and the potential for 1690 beyond the plan period (Dewsbury South).
- Chidswell, 1535 dwellings (Batley East/Dewsbury East).
- Bradley, 1958 dwellings (Huddersfield North).

To assess the impact of new housing developments on future school places, it is an established practice to use a formula of 100 new homes resulting in the additional demand of 3 places per primary school year group and 2 places per secondary year group. As a guide, locally, 1.5 early years and childcare places per age group (0 to 5 years) and 3.5 after school places per age group (5-11 years) have been used to indicate the impact on demand for childcare places.

Whilst combining the above formula assumptions to the phasing table can provide some indications of future demand locally, some caution should be exercised as the phasing is based

upon estimates only and will be subject to adjustments over time. Housing delivery and phasing tables are available in the document 'Kirklees Local Plan Strategy and Policies – Adopted 27 February 2019' www.kirklees.gov.uk/localplan



Full details and copies of all the available Local Plan documents are available here: www.kirklees.gov.uk/localplan

Business sustainability

In order to remain sustainable, it is important that all childcare providers take into account the ever-changing market and make sure their operating costs are met by income generated. It is important to note that Kirklees Council cannot determine the pricing structure of childcare providers and the Statutory Guidance² states local authorities should not intervene where parents choose to purchase additional hours outside of a child's early learning and childcare place.

Since the introduction of 30 hours free childcare in 2017, evidence suggests parents are choosing providers who can meet their childcare needs in terms of flexibility as the demand for sessional childcare provision that operate solely for three hours a day, five days per week has declined (see Chart 8). Providers offering sessional care only may not be viable unless they can offer delivery models that meet the needs of parents.

One essential aspect of sustainability involves marketing and promoting childcare businesses, including the help available paying for childcare. Some parents are unaware of the schemes they may be entitled to, providers can raise awareness by signposting parents to the Childcare Choices website <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>. The website also contains marketing materials which providers can use to promote the various schemes <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/communications-toolkit/>

Kirklees Council continue to produce banners to promote the free entitlement offers (2-year-old and 30-hour funding) which are available for providers to display in prominent positions.

Over and above normal inflationary pressures, childcare providers can expect a number of cost pressures in the next few years as a direct result of changing legislation. This is likely to result in further sustainability pressures which may continue to drive up the cost of childcare:

- Increases in the national minimum wage and national living wage rates <https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>
- Increase in employer pension contributions <https://www.workplacepensions.gov.uk/employer/>

If you plan to develop your existing childcare setting, or are thinking about opening a childcare business please get in touch with The Childcare Sufficiency Team childcare.sufficiency@kirklees.gov.uk

There are several steps childcare providers can take to mitigate the risks of sustainability pressures:

- Consider opportunities to meet the new demand for “30 hours free childcare” either themselves or in partnership with other providers to meet the needs of local parents

² [Early education and childcare - Statutory guidance for local authorities](#)

- Understand what local parents actually want now and in the future by fully engaging them (including future customers) and try to meet these needs with sustainable services where possible
- Ensure that timely and accurate management information including numbers of children, future bookings, income and expenditure is made available to decision makers (e.g. owners, directors, Head Teachers, governing bodies and committee members) so they can react quickly to changing circumstances
- Continue to look for efficiencies including ways of maximising occupancy rates
- Encourage parents to supply their details to apply for Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) and Disability Access Funding (DAF) to maximise funding
- Seek professional advice at the earliest opportunity if there are any concerns about sustainability – don't leave it until it is too late.



Advice, examples and resources to help early years providers run a sustainable childcare business

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/early-years-business-sustainability>
- <http://www.childcareworks.co.uk/resources>
- https://www.ndna.org.uk/ndna/news/early_years_business_zone.aspx
- <https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/business-and-management>
- Providers can contact the Kirklees Childcare Sufficiency Team if they have sustainability concerns, the team may be able to help or signpost to someone who can. Email: childcare.sufficiency@kirklees.gov.uk

Kirklees Early Years Funding Formula

Providers will be funded at the rates shown below:

The base hourly rates for the financial year 2019/20 are:

- £5.00 for two-year olds
- £4.14 for three-and four-year olds (universal and extended entitlement hours)

From Autumn 2019, both base rates were increased by 6p on a temporary basis.

Eligible three and four-year-old children are entitled to additional funding:

- a) Deprivation supplement; measured using the Income Deprivation affecting Children Index (IDACI). The hourly rates are:
 - Band 1: £0.05
 - Band 2: £0.11
 - Band 3: £0.14
 - Band 4, 5 and 6: £0.21
- b) Early Years Pupil Premium; applicable to universal entitlement hours only, the hourly rate is £0.53.
- c) Disability Access Funding (DAF); a lump sum payment of £615 is available each year to funded children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA).

Increase to Early Years Funding from 2020/21

The Department for Education (DfE) has recently announced an extra £66m for early years from 2020/21. The additional funding from the DfE could increase the Kirklees Early Years budget by approximately £500,000. It is proposed that the extra funding is used to increase the base rates and not make any changes to the deprivation and inclusion fund elements of the formula, details of the proposals can be found at the following link <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/working-with-children/pdf/childcare-providers/early-years-funding-formula.pdf> Providers were invited to comment on the proposals via an online survey between 5th December 2019 and 8th January 2020.

Families in challenging circumstances

Looked After Children

The vast majority of looked after children in Kirklees aged 2 to 4 access free early education and care. Where they are not accessing their entitlement, the reason is known, and the validity checked by a lead social worker. Furthermore, protocols are in place to only place Looked After Children in provision judged by Ofsted to be 'good' or 'outstanding'.

The Kirklees Virtual School plays a significant role in ensuring the educational needs of each child are met. An initial PEP (personal education plan) is completed with the early years setting, social worker and carers at age 3 to ensure each child's development in the early years is supported and tracked. This is reviewed on a termly basis.

Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

The council's ambition for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) is the same for all children and young people – that they achieve well in their early years, at school and in college and lead happy and fulfilled lives.

Children with SEND and their families are entitled to good quality, affordable childcare the same as any other family. The Children and Families Act 2014 stipulates that childcare must be available for young people with special needs or disabilities up to the age of 18. Childcare providers are not allowed to treat a child any less favourably because of their disability and they must not charge more for a disabled child.

There are a number of schemes available to support parents to pay for childcare;

- Two-year-old children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance are eligible for 15 hours of free early education.
- The Disability Access Fund (DAF) is a lump sum payment of £615 per child each year to providers who have eligible funded 3 and 4-year-old children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA). For further information see <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/working-with-children/pdf/childcare-providers/disability-access-fund-application-form.pdf>
- Tax-free childcare supports working families by reducing childcare costs. For every £8 a parent pays into an online account, the government tops up an additional £2. Tax-free childcare provides up to £2,000 per year for each child under 12, or £4,000 per year for disabled children under 17. Further information is available at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk
- The SENDIF (SEND Inclusion Funding), previously known as the Access Fund is available to support the inclusion of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

attending early years settings. The offer for children 0-4 will be extended to children accessing their free early learning entitlement in school-based nurseries. This fund will continue to offer additional funding to support children with identified SEND who meet criteria.

In 2018/19 financial year, 303 applications for Access Funding were approved to fund additional support for children with SEND.

The vast majority of children in receipt of Access Funding transition successfully into mainstream provision at school age, with a very small minority requiring specialist provision on the basis of their very complex and profound level of need.

The number of children in Kirklees with a Statement of SEN or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) is 1896 (school census January 2019).

[The Kirklees Local Offer](#) brings together information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families. Kirklees childcare providers are encouraged to let us know any experience they have with caring for children with additional needs to enable parents to make informed choices about suitable childcare.

Kirklees Council will continue to work with parents and providers to ensure good quality, accessible childcare is available to all.



Appendix 9 provides information on the numbers of children in receipt of Access Funding in 2018/19

Families in or at risk of poverty

Early learning and childcare supports the return to work to tackle poverty by providing:

- Access to childcare, thereby removing a barrier to work for parents and facilitating work as a route out of poverty
- Access to highest quality early learning experiences thereby helping to improve life chances and facilitate social mobility as a step towards reducing future poverty.

Increasing the take-up of early learning for eligible two-year olds and a continuation of a challenge and support strategy to improve the quality of early learning and childcare provision remain priorities to help tackle poverty.

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) provides extra funding for three-and four-year-old children who have either been in care, adopted from care, or whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits. Childcare providers should use the additional funding to support children's learning and development.

Childcare brokerage service

Most families are able to find suitable childcare by use of the online self-service website, local providers or the general telephone helpline. For a minority of families with more complex needs or those which require just a little more help, a personalised brokerage service is available. Brokerage services are tracked and analysed to identify potential childcare sufficiency pressures.

Between 1st January and 30th September 2019, four cases were referred as brokerage to the Childcare Sufficiency Team. One case was resolved, however, there were three instances of unmet demand where parents were unable to find registered childcare to meet their child's needs. These particular cases involved care for children with very complex special educational needs and the requirements for childcare to cover shift working patterns.

- Contact: Family Information Service, fis@kirklees.gov.uk

Movement of childcare demand between wards

Parents will take several factors into account when they choose suitable childcare including but not limited to:

- Where they work
- Their route to work
- Where extended family live
- Their preference for a particular type of provision or perception of quality provision

Patterns of movement across ward boundaries may change as 30 hours free childcare entitlement becomes embedded and parents alter their choice of new providers who are more convenient to them.



Data is held about where children taking up free early education live and where they access provision. This can be used to help understand the scale and direction of movement across ward boundaries and is presented in Appendices 2 and 4

Links between childcare and the planning of school places

Early learning places and school places are inherently linked. Children naturally move from early learning and childcare places to statutory school places. Approximately a third of early learning provision in Kirklees is provided by schools and around half of primary schools have a nursery class which is included in the legal definition of "childcare" and therefore included in this assessment.

An increasing number of schools offer additional childcare services such as breakfast clubs, after school clubs and full daycare. Others share their building or site with independent providers of these services or have other formal and informal links.

Whilst linked, there are also distinct differences which include the challenges of estimating childcare demand where parents pay for the majority of services, early learning for 2-year olds and 30 hours free childcare with eligibility criteria and greater parental choice to defer access to early learning.

The strategic responsibility for ensuring sufficient childcare places, school places, 16-19-year-old places and specialist provision, rests with the Kirklees Learning and Early Support Service. Officers work closely together joining up work where possible for the benefit of Kirklees schools, Kirklees providers and most importantly the children and families they serve.

Sufficiency of statutory school place information is available at the following link:
<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/school-organisation-and-planning.aspx>

Meeting the priorities set out for 2019

1. Continue to monitor supply and estimate future demand for 3-and 4-year-old places, intervening where appropriate, to ensure sufficient supply of places to meet the growing demand for “30 hours free childcare”.

Demand for the extended entitlement is beginning to stabilise. The average increases from the first year of implementation to the second year were as follows; autumn 2017 to 2018 - 10%, spring 2018 to 2019 - 7%, summer 2018 to summer 2019 - 12%. The average increase from autumn 2019 compared to autumn 2018 was 8%. The Childcare Sufficiency Team has not received notifications from parents/carers stating they are unable to find a suitable 15-hour or 30-hour place for their child therefore is reasonably confident there are sufficient places.

2. Review the action plan to support increased take-up of free early learning by eligible 2-year olds, specifically targeting areas of below average take-up.

The Action Plan has been reviewed and implementation has begun. Take-up in Autumn 2019 increased to 79%, which is an increase of 3% from the previous Autumn.

3. Review the marketing strategy to support increased take-up of eligible 3-and 4-year-old children accessing their free extended entitlement (“30 hours free childcare”)

A number of new publicity materials have been produced and distributed to all stakeholders in addition to a social media campaign.

4. Support providers to develop sustainable business models to offer inclusive, high quality and flexible services, including “30 hours free childcare”.

The Childcare Sufficiency Team continued to work with settings by offering financial/business advice including budget forecasting and staff modelling to support sustainable provision.

5. Review opportunities to improve comprehensive receipt of accurate and timely childcare vacancies to support childcare sufficiency assessments.

The Childcare Sufficiency Team introduced a new online sufficiency data collection system allowing providers to submit termly information relating to places and vacancies.

Priorities for 2020

1. Continue to support parents of two-year olds to take-up their free early learning entitlement by further development of the Action Plan, including establishing a Parent Champion Scheme.
2. Review and improve the Family Information Directory.
3. Work with relevant teams and partners to develop a robust system for supporting families of children with SEND to access childcare.
4. Ensure parents are aware of the support available to families to meet the costs of childcare including Tax-free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare.
5. Development of the Business Solutions Early Years Portal as a communication tool and information source for early years funding and sufficiency information.
6. Support the recruitment and retention of home-based childcare (childminders).
7. Continue to encourage childcare providers to submit vacancy updates/sufficiency data on a termly basis.

Contacts

Help to find suitable childcare and find out about help with childcare costs

Website: www.kirklees.gov.uk/childcaresearch

For parents experiencing difficulties finding suitable childcare:

Family Information Service

Tel: **01484 414887**

Email: fis@kirklees.gov.uk

For childcare sufficiency issues or to comment on this assessment:

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Please note that website links provided in this document were correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change over time.

If you would like to comment on Kirklees Childcare Sufficiency Assessments please send an e-mail to:

childcare.sufficiency@kirklees.gov.uk

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Eligible 2-year olds per ward and take up – summer 2019

Ward Name	Total No. of potential eligible 2YO at ward level	No. of 2YO placed at ward level	Placed 2YO in %	No. not taking up
Almondbury Ward	58	51	88%	7
Ashbrow Ward	177	117	66%	60
Batley East Ward	163	93	57%	70
Batley West Ward	133	90	68%	43
Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward	69	44	64%	25
Cleckheaton Ward	66	55	83%	11
Colne Valley Ward	43	39	91%	4
Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward	139	99	71%	40
Dalton Ward	113	89	79%	24
Denby Dale Ward	29	20	69%	9
Dewsbury East Ward	115	80	70%	35
Dewsbury South Ward	146	116	79%	30
Dewsbury West Ward	265	159	60%	106
Golcar Ward	92	67	73%	25
Greenhead Ward	158	86	54%	72
Heckmondwike Ward	109	66	61%	43
Holme Valley North Ward	38	28	74%	10
Holme Valley South Ward	26	20	77%	6
Kirkburton Ward	19	19	100%	0
Lindley Ward	53	36	68%	17
Liversedge and Gomersal Ward	82	62	76%	20
Mirfield Ward	46	42	91%	4
Newsome Ward	114	81	71%	33
Out of area	8	31		
Grand Total	2253	1590	71%	694

Source: The Department of Work and Pensions benefits data, Kirklees CareFirst data (Looked After Children) and Kirklees Learning and Early Support Service free early education and care funding data.

Children accessing 2-year-old funding outside ward of residence (summer 2019)

Appendix 2

Ward of Residence	Ward in which Free Early Education is accessed - Summer 2019																								
	Almondbury Ward	Ashbrow Ward	Batley East Ward	Batley West Ward	Birstall and Birkenshaw	Cleckheaton Ward	Colne Valley Ward	Crosland Moor and Netherton	Dalton Ward	Denby Dale Ward	Dewsbury East Ward	Dewsbury South Ward	Dewsbury West Ward	Golcar Ward	Greenhead Ward	Heckmondwike Ward	Holme Valley North Ward	Holme Valley South Ward	Kirkburton Ward	Lindley Ward	Liversedge and Gomersal Ward	Mirfield Ward	Newsome Ward	Grand Total	
Almondbury Ward	36								9	1					1				1				3	51	
Ashbrow Ward		93							3						18				1	2		1	2	119	
Batley East Ward			65	11	1						11	2	6			1									97
Batley West Ward			17	55	2						5	2	2			3						1	2		89
Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward			3	1	38	1																3	1		47
Cleckheaton Ward				2	1	45										2						4			54
Colne Valley Ward		1					29							4	1		2	1							38
Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward	1	1					1	76	1					7	3		2	1		2				6	101
Dalton Ward	8	3							58					2	3		1			1				12	88
Denby Dale Ward										19									1						20
Dewsbury East Ward				3				1			70	1	5												80
Dewsbury South Ward			3	1							4	105	5			1							1		120
Dewsbury West Ward			1	3							23	2	122			5							4		160
Golcar Ward		1					16							42	6								5	1	71
Greenhead Ward		8						1						4	59									2	83
Heckmondwike Ward		1		7	2	2					1		7			41									67
Holme Valley North Ward							1	3									20	2		1				1	28
Holme Valley South Ward																	1	16	1					1	19
Kirkburton Ward	2									3		2					1		10					1	19
Lindley Ward										1				5	7						20			1	34
Liversedge and Gomersal Ward		1	1	1	1	13			1			1	1			15						27	3		65
Mirfield Ward	1		2						1						1	1						2	32		40
Newsome Ward	1	2						5	4					2	6			1						60	81
Out Of Area		6	1	2	4	6		1		1		2	1		4		1	2		2	1				34
Grand Total	49	117	93	86	49	67	47	87	77	25	114	117	149	66	109	69	28	23	13	42	44	44	90	1605	

Includes children accessing more than one provider

Take-up of Free Early Education and Care for 3-and 4-year olds – trends by term

		2017			2018			2019	
		Spr17	Sum17	Aut17	Spr18	Sum18	Aut18	Spr19	Sum19
3 year olds	Population	5,699	5,572	5,465	5,441	5,493	5,402	5,425	5,404
	No. placed	5,378	5,178	5,315	5,231	5,180	5,263	5,113	5,042
	% take-up	94%	93%	97%	96%	94%	97%	94%	93%
4 year olds*	Population	5640	5548	5609	5743	5583	5,468	5,526	5,561
	No. placed	5,550	5,482	5,478	5,535	5,430	5,286	5,215	5,338
	% take-up	98%	99%	98%	96%	97%	97%	96%	96%

*A proportion of 4 year old children are in reception class

Children accessing 3-and 4-year-old funding outside ward of residence (summer 2019)

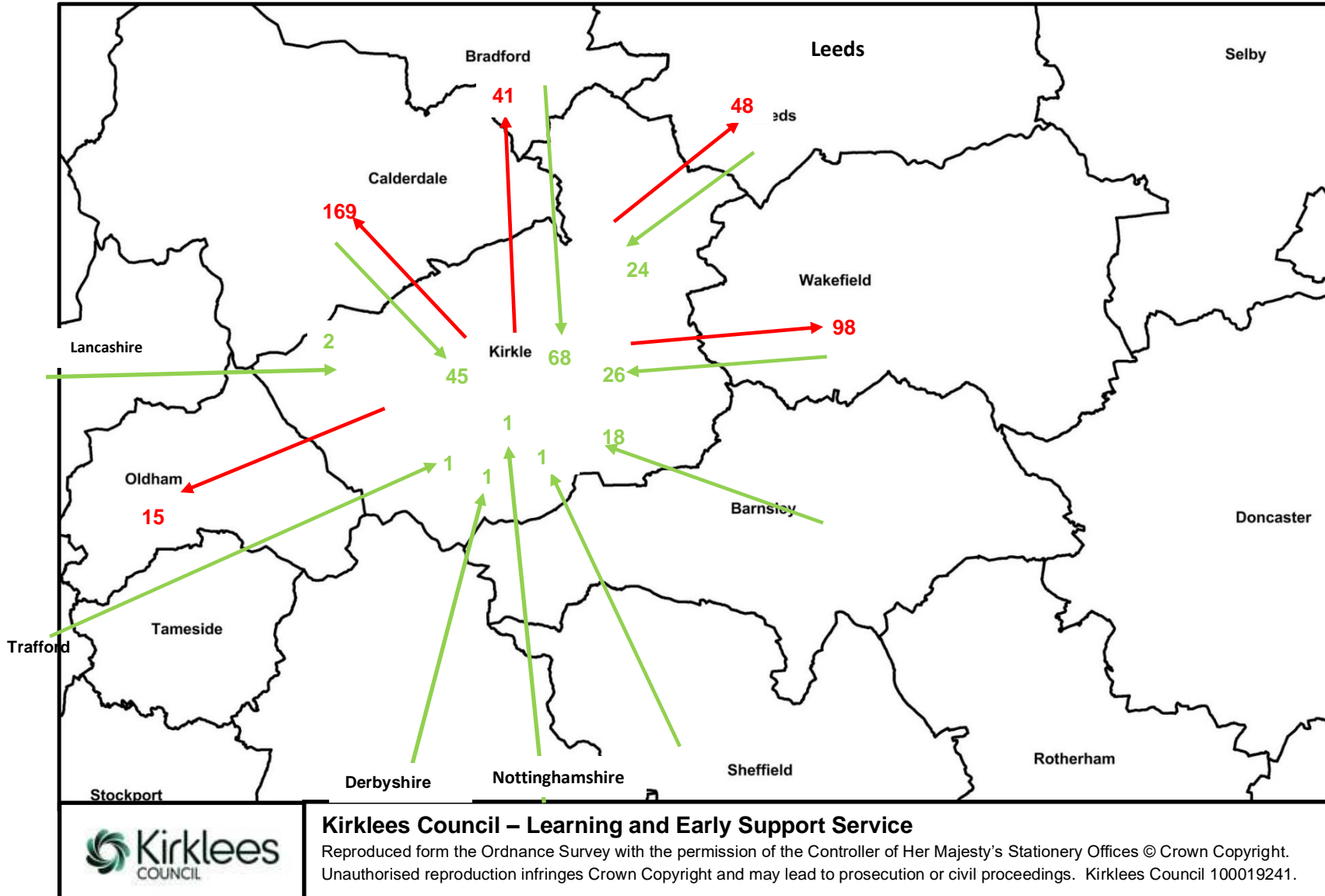
Appendix 4

Child's Ward of Residence	Ward in which Free Early Education is accessed - Summer 2019																							Grand Total		
	Almondbury Ward	Ashbrow Ward	Batley East Ward	Batley West Ward	Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward	Cleckheaton Ward	Colne Valley Ward	Crosland Moor and Netherthorn Ward	Dalton Ward	Denby Dale Ward	Dewsbury East Ward	Dewsbury South Ward	Dewsbury West Ward	Golcar Ward	Greenhead Ward	Heckmondwike Ward	Holme Valley North Ward	Holme Valley South Ward	Kirkburton Ward	Lindley Ward	Liversedge and Gomersal Ward	Mirfield Ward	Newsome Ward		Out of Area	
Almondbury Ward	186								71					2	6			4	9				19	3	300	
Ashbrow Ward		294	1						7	1				3	69					6	1		6	57	445	
Batley East Ward			291	48	3						27	4	9			6						1		16	405	
Batley West Ward			86	258	54	2					14	5	11			13					5	2		12	462	
Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward			5	11	220	11					1					1					27			31	307	
Cleckheaton Ward			1		11	213									2	3					30	2		39	301	
Colne Valley Ward		1					249	6	2					14	19		4	1		12	2		1	15	326	
Crosland Moor and Netherthorn Ward	3	6					6	234	3					13	27		16	2	1	8			108	3	430	
Dalton Ward	39	10							260	1					18			1	2	5			3	15	357	
Denby Dale Ward	2									220								11	21						2	256
Dewsbury East Ward			20	6	1			1			248	11	27			2							1	63	380	
Dewsbury South Ward	1		3						2		15	362	33			1							4	24	445	
Dewsbury West Ward			13	25	2	1					84	18	431			13					3	17		4	611	
Golcar Ward	1	7					49	2						193	32		1			32			1	11	329	
Greenhead Ward		29					2	3	1			2		9	299		1	1		57			23	15	442	
Heckmondwike Ward			13	59	11	7					6	2	15			208					47	3		13	384	
Holme Valley North Ward	1	1					9	33	1	1					5		181	34		1			6	5	278	
Holme Valley South Ward		1					1	4		3				1	4		21	239	3				2	2	281	
Kirkburton Ward	14	1	1					1	3	31		1			3		1	25	131			5	1	2	220	
Lindley Ward		5					2		1					17	103					230			13	27	398	
Liversedge and Gomersal Ward			2	11	12	67					1		4			25					192	10		15	339	
Mirfield Ward	3	2		1	1	4			2				11	1		7			1		15	223		24	295	
Newsome Ward	10	1					1	15	11					1	14		7	2		4			254	3	323	
Wyke Ward						2																			2	
Out of Area		12	6	4	24	38	1		4	16	5	5	3	6	16	6	1	8	4	4	9	2	3	3	180	
Grand Total	260	370	442	423	339	345	320	299	368	273	401	410	544	260	617	285	233	328	172	359	331	273	452	392	8496	

Travel to and from Kirklees to access Free Early Education for 3 and 4-year olds – summer 2019

Total entering: 187

Total leaving: 371



Number of children living in each ward by age

Appendix 6

January 2019	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Almondbury Ward	179	199	183	207	181	228	200	215	238	206	220	223	233	185	203	197	176	177
Ashbrow Ward	257	290	301	309	317	319	320	333	313	327	287	285	315	277	273	276	246	288
Batley East Ward	262	274	292	292	265	274	293	302	277	290	282	295	272	276	302	266	295	311
Batley West Ward	283	287	306	313	300	302	327	332	302	332	324	298	309	283	305	303	271	258
Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward	186	219	186	204	202	216	202	250	224	191	229	193	212	191	206	198	192	164
Cleckheaton Ward	203	190	187	207	207	213	194	200	207	193	193	185	169	221	147	191	168	181
Colne Valley Ward	169	190	205	209	182	205	206	211	216	226	219	233	171	200	196	178	174	167
Crosland Moor and Netherpton Ward	276	263	305	287	308	316	312	329	293	338	320	287	292	291	274	264	268	262
Dalton Ward	190	227	230	244	219	229	241	246	231	232	228	212	256	229	188	222	171	199
Denby Dale Ward	131	142	164	176	174	178	184	200	181	208	203	202	198	185	183	179	170	194
Dewsbury East Ward	273	260	224	276	254	266	250	250	273	213	242	256	224	221	251	206	214	202
Dewsbury South Ward	262	285	279	282	266	274	297	304	278	297	329	271	321	298	315	325	292	334
Dewsbury West Ward	363	425	443	384	431	412	420	447	417	434	426	412	418	441	394	384	376	368
Golcar Ward	213	221	247	202	221	217	256	236	250	226	250	227	218	220	226	215	198	200
Greenhead Ward	256	310	319	300	317	340	308	322	332	314	263	315	293	272	272	263	237	242
Heckmondwike Ward	219	256	242	248	273	274	264	290	273	271	278	282	266	250	263	243	234	203
Holme Valley North Ward	150	168	170	172	189	211	191	200	188	192	217	215	241	186	227	204	188	184
Holme Valley South Ward	145	156	166	174	172	197	239	214	206	238	255	243	237	241	251	245	249	236
Kirkburton Ward	138	134	124	141	174	170	189	195	189	191	219	203	190	213	208	192	183	174
Lindley Ward	228	223	245	234	251	223	273	262	261	266	251	244	217	228	215	224	228	210
Liversedge and Gomersal Ward	191	214	241	216	236	256	268	272	279	247	279	232	252	235	239	203	212	228
Mirfield Ward	197	186	192	195	220	240	249	211	241	241	244	213	237	203	221	220	212	196
Newsome Ward	231	245	206	227	214	191	229	198	214	182	211	181	180	174	176	176	179	178
Kirklees	5002	5364	5457	5499	5573	5751	5912	6019	5883	5855	5969	5707	5721	5520	5535	5374	5133	5156

Source: WYCSA (GP registrations January 2019)

Childcare prices per ward

2019	Home based hourly rate			Groupcare – full day – daily rate**			Groupcare – part day – sessional rate***		Before and after school – daily rate (PVI only)
	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Average	Average	
Almondbury	£3.75	£3.89	£4.00	£40.00	£45.06	£49.00	£10.50	£11.88	
Ashbrow	£4.00	£4.21	£5.00	£43.00	£45.80	£48.00		£17.15	
Batley East		£3.00		£35.00	£38.75	£42.00	£8.00		
Batley West	£3.00	£3.00	£3.00	£37.00	£40.20	£45.00		£15.00	
Birstall and Birkenshaw	£3.50	£3.94	£4.25	£35.00	£39.17	£45.00		£16.57	
Cleckheaton	£3.25	£3.50	£3.75	£38.50	£42.00	£48.50	£8.00	£13.38	
Colne Valley	£3.25	£3.72	£4.00	£30.00	£39.38	£43.90		£14.00	
Crosland Moor & Netherton	£3.50	£3.85	£5.00		£39.00		£9.00	£12.75	
Dalton	£3.00	£3.82	£4.50	£40.00	£43.17	£45.50	£8.50	£14.47	
Denby Dale	£3.20	£3.65	£4.50	£40.00	£43.60	£45.50		£12.49	
Dewsbury East	£3.00	£3.64	£4.50	£34.50	£38.46	£45.00	£11.50	£12.00	
Dewsbury South	£3.80	£4.00	£4.20	£25.00	£32.50	£40.00		£13.67	
Dewsbury West		£5.00		£39.00	£44.00	£48.00	£10.50	£13.67	
Golcar	£3.00	£3.67	£4.20	£25.00	£40.98	£50.00		£13.80	
Greenhead	£3.00	£3.63	£4.00	£39.00	£46.11	£49.30	£10.00	£17.50	
Heckmondwike	£3.20	£4.08	£5.00	£27.00	£36.50	£45.00		£12.89	
Holme Valley North	£3.50	£3.73	£4.00	£42.50	£46.00	£48.00		£12.98	
Holme Valley South	£3.00	£3.53	£4.50	£23.50	£42.50	£49.50		£17.13	
Kirkburton	£3.00	£3.88	£5.00	£39.95	£43.40	£45.25		£12.38	
Lindley	£3.50	£4.21	£5.00	£40.00	£46.66	£49.30		£12.94	
Liversedge & Gomersal	£3.00	£4.00	£5.00	£39.00	£43.37	£48.00	£8.50	£15.40	
Mirfield	£3.50	£4.00	£4.50	£30.00	£37.84	£45.35		£15.23	
Newsome	£3.50	£3.60	£3.80	£44.47	£47.21	£49.50		£18.08	
Kirklees average									
2019		£3.83			£41.81		£9.39	£14.37	
2018		£3.72			£40.57		£9.64	£14.23	
2017		£3.61			£39.01		£8.79	£14.43	
Yorkshire and Humber average*									
2019		£3.90			£42.15				
2018		£3.79			£40.00				
2017		£3.61			£39.37				
England average*									
2019		£4.41			£48.00				
2018		£4.35			£46.79				
2017		£4.41			£46.17				

*Source: Family and Childcare Trust. **Settings open for 10+ hours per day and excludes groupcare full daycare settings charging on a sessional basis. ***Extended pre-schools and playgroups 3 hour session rate

Ofsted outcomes: Overall effectiveness of active early years registered providers at their most recent inspection as at 31 August 2019

	Number of providers						Percentage of inspected providers			
	EYR providers	Total number inspected	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
All England	61,162	49,782	9,842	37,761	1,665	514	20	76	3	1
North West	7,346	6,154	1,265	4,614	215	60	21	75	3	1
Yorkshire and The Humber	5,629	4,745	789	3,769	125	62	17	79	3	1
Barnsley	239	202	41	157	2	2	20	78	1	1
Bradford	579	491	85	384	14	8	17	78	3	2
Calderdale	234	205	40	154	4	7	20	75	2	3
Doncaster	350	295	50	238	6	1	17	81	2	0
East Riding of Yorkshire	339	269	46	217	6	0	17	81	2	0
Kingston upon Hull	164	129	16	107	5	1	12	83	4	1
Kirklees	496	420	66	332	18	4	16	79	4	1
Leeds	991	849	155	658	18	18	18	78	2	2
North East Lincolnshire	108	90	6	80	2	2	7	89	2	2
North Lincolnshire	148	126	19	105	1	1	15	83	1	1
North Yorkshire	641	521	97	409	9	6	19	79	2	1
Rotherham	289	251	41	191	15	4	16	76	6	2
Sheffield	476	410	52	340	13	5	13	83	3	1
Wakefield	339	293	38	244	8	3	13	83	3	1
York	236	194	37	153	4	0	19	79	2	0

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/childcare-providers-and-inspections-as-at-31-august-2019>

The data below shows the number of children benefitting from Access Funding 2018/19 by ward of residence.

Ward	No. of children
Almondbury Ward	8
Ashbrow Ward	36
Batley East Ward	14
Batley West Ward	16
Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward	9
Cleckheaton Ward	9
Colne Valley Ward	14
Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward	12
Dalton Ward	23
Denby Dale Ward	6
Dewsbury East Ward	10
Dewsbury South Ward	9
Dewsbury West Ward	19
Golcar Ward	18
Greenhead Ward	10
Heckmondwike Ward	16
Holme Valley North Ward	11
Holme Valley South Ward	12
Kirkburton Ward	4
Lindley Ward	22
Liversedge and Gomersal Ward	11
Mirfield Ward	9
Newsome Ward	4
#N/A	1
Grand Total	303

The table below show the number of children benefitting from Access Funding 2018/19 for spring, summer and autumn terms. Note where children have accessed more than one term of funding, they will appear more than once.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Under 2's childcare	9	4	3
2-year olds (free entitlement)	45	27	11
3-4 year olds – (free universal entitlement)	165	160	147
3-4 year olds - (free extended entitlement)	22	31	30
Children under 5 with Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP)	26	12	12

No. of children accessing a place in out of school care/holiday care: 17

Number of children per childcare place in each ward

	Children per place	
	Under 5's*	Over 5's**
Almondbury	2.19	5.80
Ashbrow	2.80	2.83
Batley East	2.62	6.31
Batley West	2.24	5.02
Birstall and Birkenshaw	1.90	3.46
Cleckheaton	1.76	5.31
Colne Valley	2.02	2.88
Crosland Moor & Netherton	4.67	9.89
Dalton	1.99	2.92
Denby Dale	1.69	2.67
Dewsbury East	2.19	4.96
Dewsbury South	2.74	2.42
Dewsbury West	3.19	6.09
Golcar	2.06	2.51
Greenhead	1.79	4.85
Heckmondwike	2.58	7.40
Holme Valley North	2.49	3.37
Holme Valley South	1.62	3.67
Kirkburton	3.01	3.56
Lindley	2.39	3.08
Liversedge & Gomersal	1.99	2.46
Mirfield	2.42	3.44
Newsome	1.80	2.24
Kirklees	2.28	3.73

* based on operating capacity

** based on maximum capacity (Ofsted registered places)

Note: These figures are indicators to make comparisons between wards and highlight any potential pressure on places in a particular area.