

Background



6200

children aged 0-4



9900

children aged 5-14



17%

of children lived in poverty

Childcare costs

**5% - 10%
lower**

than regional average
childcare costs



Average prices in

South West

£116.24

weekly charge for a
part-time nursery place
for a child under two

£4.19

hourly charge for
childminders

£51.49

weekly charge for
after-school clubs

£128.03

weekly charge for
holiday clubs

Gaps in provision

The biggest gaps in provision are easily accessible free places for two year olds who qualify for free early education. Families without cars often find it difficult to access childcare in Devon.

Free early education

65%

take up rate for
two year olds

58%

national take up
rate for two
year olds



100%

take up rate for
three and four
year olds

96%

national take up
rate for three
and four year

Overall grade and comment

The local authority – and others in areas without good public transport – needs to consider the difficulties faced by families without a car in accessing free early education.

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