

### Background



**2800**

children aged 0-4



**5500**

children aged 5-14



**16%**

of children lived in poverty

### Childcare costs

**10% - 15%  
lower**

than regional average  
childcare costs



Average prices in

Wales

**£110.16**

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

**£3.86**

hourly charge for  
childminders

**£45.40**

weekly charge for  
after-school clubs

**£114.91**

weekly charge for  
holiday clubs

### Gaps in provision

This indicated that there were gaps in provision for all types of childcare, but with the biggest gap being after-school places in rural areas.

### Free early education

**98%**

of deprived 2 year  
olds taking up free  
early education  
through Flying  
Start

**86%**

take up rate in  
Wales



**83%**

of children achieving  
the expected early  
education outcome  
5+ at the end of the  
foundation phase

**86.8%**

achievement  
rate in Wales

### Overall grade and comment

The local authority might consider how it might use more school premises to deliver childcare in rural areas.

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