

Background



5000

children aged 0-4



9200

children aged 5-14



18%

of children lived in poverty

Childcare costs

**5% -10%
higher**

than regional average
childcare costs



Average prices in

South East

£137.88

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

£4.70

hourly charge for
childminders

£50.81

weekly charge for
after-school clubs

£137.94

weekly charge for
holiday clubs

Gaps in provision

The local authority has not undertaken a childcare sufficiency assessment recently, although it indicates that there are gaps in after-school and holiday childcare.

Free early education

62%

take up rate for
two year olds

58%

national take up
rate for two
year olds



97%

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 needs to ensure that families are able to access childcare once their children reach school age. It could look at using school premises to deliver more breakfast clubs, after-school and holiday childcare.

