

### Background



**6700**

children aged 0-4



**13600**

children aged 5-14



**17%**

of children lived in poverty

### Childcare costs

**15% - 20%  
higher**

than regional average  
childcare costs



Average prices in

West Midlands

**£110.80**

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

**£3.82**

hourly charge for  
childminders

**£46.92**

weekly charge for  
after-school clubs

**£116.74**

weekly charge for  
holiday clubs

### Gaps in provision

There are big shortages in many types of childcare in this local authority, including free places for two year olds eligible for free early education and after-school care.

### Free early education

**49%**

take up rate for  
two year olds

**58%**

national take up  
rate for two  
year olds



**109%**

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 make sure that more two year olds are able to access free early education. Shortages of childcare may also be pushing up prices in Solihull.

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