

Background



5400

children aged 0-4



9800

children aged 5-14



28%

of children lived in poverty

Childcare costs

**0% - 5%
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

There are shortages of many types of childcare including Flying Start free early education places for two year olds.

Free early education

79%

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

86%

take up rate in
Wales



86%

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

86.8%

achievemnet
rate in Wales

Overall grade and comment

Swansea is a diverse local authority with much less provision in the more deprived parts of the city. Here private and voluntary sector providers may struggle to break even. The local authority might consider how it could help them to become more economically sustainable. It must also make sure that more deprived two year olds are able to benefit from Flying Start free early education.

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Sources: ONS Mid-year population estimates, End Child Poverty Campaign, Family and Childcare Trust dataset, Welsh Government Flying Start and education statistics.

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