

Securing Sufficient High Quality Learning and Childcare Places

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2021



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Executive summary

All local authorities have a statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient early learning places for eligible 2, 3 and 4-year olds and sufficient childcare places for working parents. This document is a study into the supply and demand of childcare within Kirklees.

Assessing childcare places is a complex process which depends on a large number of variables including but not limited to; the effects of changes in child population demographics, employment rates, housing developments, the movement of families within local authority ward areas, local geography and parental choice.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, childminders, nurseries, pre-schools and out of school clubs continued to provide a crucial service for working parents and provide vital support for vulnerable children.

However, 2021 has been very difficult for the sector already struggling due to a continuing decline in the population of children aged 0-4, increased cost pressures and low early years funding rates (Kirklees receive the lowest early years funding rates along with a third of other local authorities in England). Some childcare providers, in particular sessional providers, have been experiencing sustainability pressures during the last few years. Between April 2020 and December 2021, 11 group-based providers, 6 out of school clubs and 51 childminders closed. One school based provider is expected to close in 2022.

The long-term effects of the pandemic on the childcare market are yet to be fully understood. Changes to working patterns, an increase in home working and the rising unemployment rate could all affect the demand for paid childcare. The Kirklees average occupancy rate in under 5 childcare settings has increased by 4% overall in autumn 2021 compared to autumn 2020 however the size of the childcare market is smaller than a year ago by 380 places, hence increased occupancy does not mean demand is increasing. There are larger variations of occupancy rates at ward level however these figures are affected more by changes in the childcare market, parental preference for a particular provider type and data return rates from providers.

A graduated approach is taken to manage the childcare market, the local authority intervenes only when required to ensure there are sufficient places in a local area. The Childcare Sufficiency Team provides a universal offer of advice and support to childcare providers with sustainability risks; this has become more important in recent months.

At 31st August 2021 there were 757 registered childcare providers in Kirklees; together they provide 23,383 childcare places, the total number of childcare places at 31st August last

year was 23,812, a reduction of 429 places. 442 providers are registered to deliver early learning places for eligible 2, 3 and 4-year-old children.

Based on the data gathered from childcare providers, evidence suggests there is sufficient childcare and early learning provision with some spare capacity across Kirklees. The children per place data at ward level (Appendix 4) indicates that some ward areas have less places available than the Kirklees average. Some parents of children with SEND can experience difficulty in finding suitable childcare for school aged children.

A number of providers in Kirklees have raised concerns that they are struggling to retain and recruit qualified staff with some reporting having to limit the number of children in their care [which may lead to sufficiency issues]. A recent survey by the Early Years Alliance found that 84% of childcare providers in England had difficulty recruiting staff.¹

Outcomes for children remain good with support from the Early Years Outcomes Team enabling the quality of childcare in Kirklees to continue to be high. At 31st August 2021, 97% of early learning and childcare providers were rated good or above by Ofsted for all provider types, this is the same as the average for England. The team work closely with newly registered childcare settings to ensure excellent high-quality provision is established from the start.

Increasing take-up of free early learning by eligible 2-year olds continues to be a key priority. After disruption caused by COVID-19, take-up rates in Kirklees have started to increase. In Autumn 2021 the Kirklees average take-up rate was 78% which is almost equal to pre-pandemic levels.

The average take-up level is masked by significant variations at a local level. Kirklees Council continues to develop strategies and work with partners to offer support and encouragement to parents with eligible 2-year olds to take up their free place.

Priorities for 2022

1. Continue to support parents of two-year olds to take-up their free early learning entitlement, including establishing a Parent Champion Scheme.
2. Work in partnership with relevant teams to improve childcare options for school age children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities.
3. Review and enhance the Family Information Directory.
4. Support and facilitate training for childcare providers to review their business model and remain viable.

¹ [Breaking Point: The impact of recruitment and retention challenges on the early years sector in England | early years alliance \(eyalliance.org.uk\)](https://www.evalliance.org.uk)

5. Roll out use of Provider Portal for non-funded providers to support the collection of sufficiency and occupancy data.
6. Review and update the Early Years Funding Guides for all sectors.
7. Update the Early Years Funding Deprivation Indices to ensure accurate distribution of deprivation funding.

Introduction and purpose of this report

Kirklees Childcare Sufficiency Assessments have been published on an annual basis since they became a statutory duty of the Childcare Act 2006. The Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) is a study into the supply and demand of childcare within Kirklees and is a vital tool to share information with the public, elected members and the childcare market itself. The local authority also has specific statutory duties in relation to childcare sufficiency:

- To ensure there are sufficient early learning places for eligible 2, 3-and 4-year olds
- To ensure there are sufficient extended free entitlement places for eligible 3-and 4-year olds and sufficient childcare places for working parents and parents studying or training for employment
- To provide information, advice and guidance to parents/carers seeking childcare

The CSA and ward profiles provide the evidence base to justify interventions required to help the council meet its statutory duty to ensure there is sufficient childcare available in Kirklees. The ward profiles have been updated to reflect 2021 data, ward level information is also provided in the appendices.

The provision of early learning and childcare supports the Council's shared outcomes listed below:

Best start

- Children have the best start in life

Aspire and achieve

- People in Kirklees have aspiration to achieve their ambitions through education, training, employment and lifelong learning

Sustainable economy

- Kirklees has sustainable economic growth and provides good employment for and with communities and businesses

Full details of the Council's vision for Kirklees can be found in the Council Plan 2021/23 <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/delivering-services/council-plan.aspx>

Data sources

Most of the data contained in this report has been collected and produced by the Childcare Sufficiency Team. Data provided by a different department or organisation is labelled accordingly.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic

The Childcare Sufficiency and Early Years Outcomes Teams have continued to provide a range of support to early years and childcare settings throughout the pandemic in 2021, including;

- Important key messages posted daily on a dedicated Kirklees Early Years Providers Facebook page and regular email updates
- Regular webinars and wellbeing check-in calls
- Continuing to provide support and training to providers to develop sustainable business models
- Continued to maximise the level of early years funding distributed to providers
- Supported with the prompt authorisation of discretionary grant applications
- Encouraged providers to take part in the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

An overview of the Kirklees childcare market

Composition of Kirklees childcare market 31st August 2021

	Number of providers	Number of Ofsted registered places	Number of providers registered for the free entitlements
Group based – full day (PVI and maintained)	170	7,703	170
Group based – part day (PVI and maintained)	6	146	6
Home based (childminders)	235	1,635	177
School nurseries (maintained and academy)	74	4,333	74
Independent school nursery	7	274	7
Out of school (PVI sector)	89	3,092	8
After school tuition (PVI sector)	18	80	0
*Out of school (maintained sector)	86	3,696	0
Holiday schemes (PVI sector)	72	2,424	0
Total	757	23,383	442

*Primary schools only. From 2021 where a school has a before and after school provision these are now counted as one place, previously they were counted as two places.

Joiners and leavers (PVI Sector)

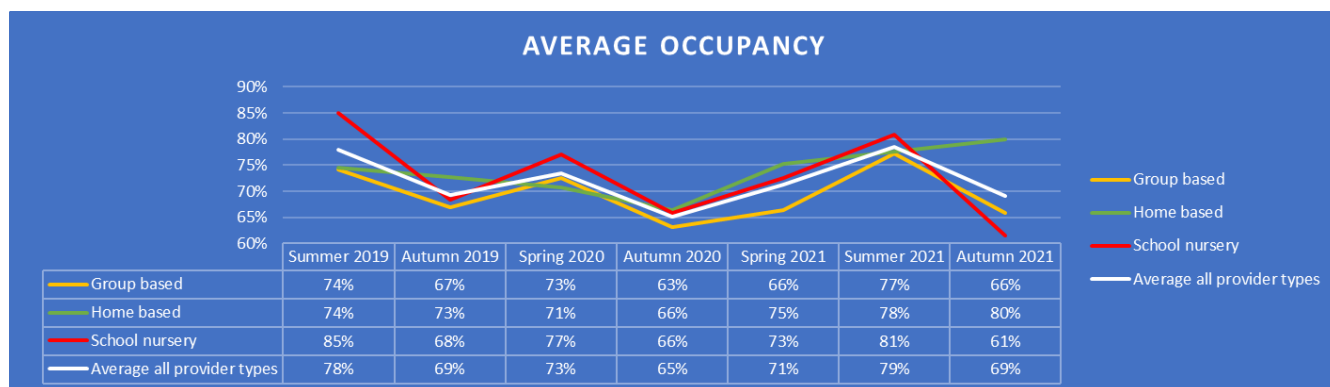
Between April 2020 and December 2021, there have been the following joiners and leavers to the childcare market in Kirklees.

Provider type	Joiners	Leavers	+/-
Home based (childminders)	17	51	-34
Group based – full day	5	8	-3
Group based – part day	0	3	-3
Out of school	3	6	-3
	25	68	-43

Early years occupancy – under 5’s

Occupancy is calculated by using the average number of filled places across the week divided by the maximum number of places offered by providers, referred to as the operating capacity. Using termly sufficiency data updates from providers, the table below shows occupancy levels collected for the last 7 terms.

The decrease in demand for childcare in the autumn term as children start full-time school is reflected in the reduction in the average occupancy level.



Note: Due to the pandemic data was not collected in Summer 2020.

Childcare occupancy rates for the early years age group (under 5s) are affected by seasonal variations of the free early learning entitlement meaning that child numbers are lower in the autumn term when children move into school reception year and peak in the summer term.

The graph shows that occupancy has increased by 4% in autumn 2021 compared to autumn 2020, however the size of the childcare market is smaller than a year ago by 380 places, hence increased occupancy does not mean demand is increasing. This is evident for home-based providers, occupancy was 80% in autumn 2021, a 14% increase compared with autumn 2020 however the number of home-based places has reduced by 119.

Ward level data can be found in appendix 3. The table shows larger variations at ward level however figures are affected by changes in the childcare market, parental preference for a particular type of provider and the percentage of sufficiency data returns received from providers.

Cost of childcare

The table below represents the average rate for childminders, day nurseries, pre-schools and out of school care in Kirklees. There may be variations to prices based on the number of hours a family uses, with reductions for longer hours, or discounts for sibling groups. There may also be additional payments for lunch and other meals which are not included in these prices.

Childcare prices

Provider type	Price
Home based (childminders)	£4.14 average price per hour
Day nurseries	£46.68 average price per day
Pre-schools	£13.41 average price per 3-hour session
Out of school care	£15.17 average price for a before and after school session

The quality of childcare in Kirklees

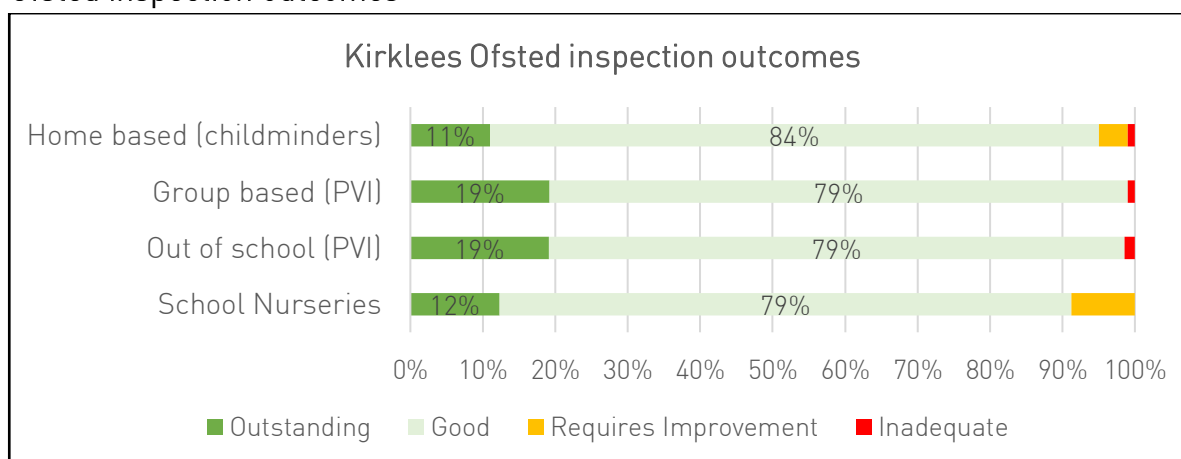
All childcare providers must register with and be inspected by Ofsted. Ofsted is the Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills who regulate services that care for children and young people and services providing education and skills for learners of all ages. Ofsted give providers an overall grade for the quality of their provision. Schools with nursery provision have an overall inspection grade for the whole school and most also have a separate early years’ grade. Schools and providers have four possible outcomes: ‘Outstanding’, ‘Good’, ‘Requires Improvement’ and ‘Inadequate’. Providers awaiting their first full inspection are excluded from the inspection outcome calculation shown below.

Research is clear, to maximise the outcomes for children it is important that the places available are good quality. Chart shows the Ofsted quality judgements by provider type for Kirklees.

The chart below shows Ofsted inspection outcomes at 31st August 2021.

97% of all Ofsted registered providers in Kirklees are rated Outstanding or Good, the national level is also 97%

Ofsted inspection outcomes



Quality Improvement Team

Kirklees Council has a dedicated team of Early Years officers who have extensive knowledge and experience in improving the quality of practice in Early Years settings and work in partnership to raise outcomes for children. The team offer training, advice, support and guidance to early years providers within the Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) sector and schools. The team currently visit all providers on a bi-annual basis but offer increased targeted support to those with a less than good Ofsted outcome where there is a local authority statutory duty to support quality improvement.

Free early learning and childcare for two, three and four-year-old children

The free early learning and childcare entitlement is a national scheme which provides free early learning and childcare for all three and four-year-old children and some two-year olds. Children can have up to 15 hours each week for 38 weeks of the year, 570 hours in total. Some providers offer free places during the school holidays where the entitlement is spread across the year by taking less hours each week, supporting working parents during the school holidays and providing consistency for the child.

The number of children accessing early learning is subject to seasonal variations, for 2 year olds, the number of children and take-up rates are highest in the autumn and at their lowest in the summer. In theory, numbers should be relatively the same throughout the year however anecdotal information suggests that some parents delay using their 2 year old place in the winter months (spring term) and some wait until their preferred provider has space in the autumn term. For 3 and 4 year olds combined it is the opposite pattern, numbers are at their lowest in the autumn term due to children moving to school reception year and peak in the summer term as the cohort increases, although the take-up rate throughout the year remains fairly constant.

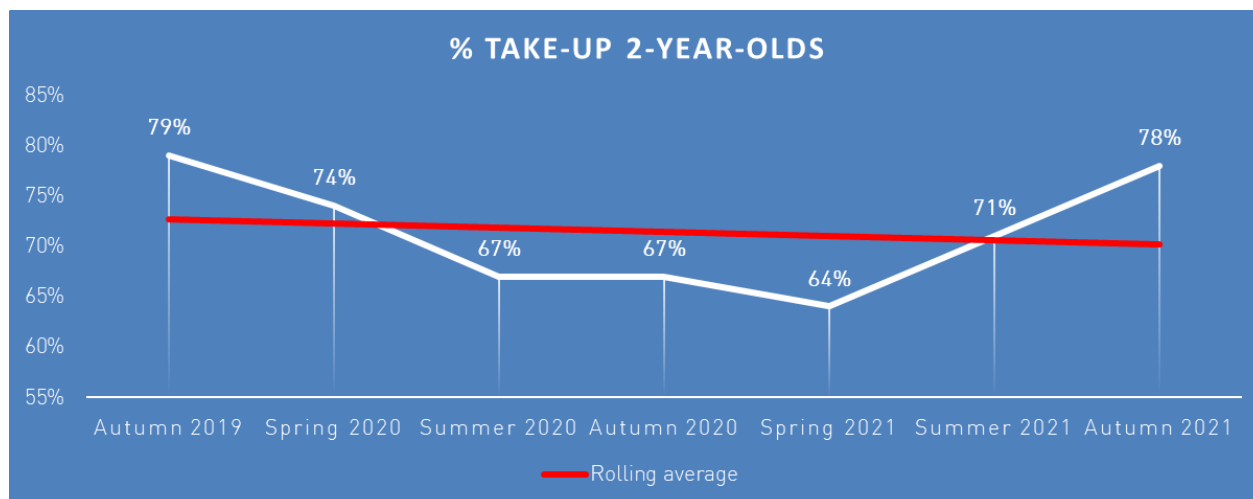
Number of children accessing their free entitlement

	Autumn 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021	Autumn 2021
2-year olds	1,320	1,237	1,343	1,441
3-year olds (universal entitlement)	4,955	4,738	4,787	4,845
4-year olds (universal entitlement)	0	1,894	3,027	0
3- and 4-year olds (extended entitlement)	2,125	2,825	3,307	2,172
Total number of 15-hour places	8,400	10,694	12,464	8,458

Notes:

- Most 4-year olds move to school reception year in the autumn term, approximately 2% defer their place and remain in their early years provision therefore no figures are shown in this table for the autumn terms.
- 2 year old data includes out of area children

2-year-old take up trends



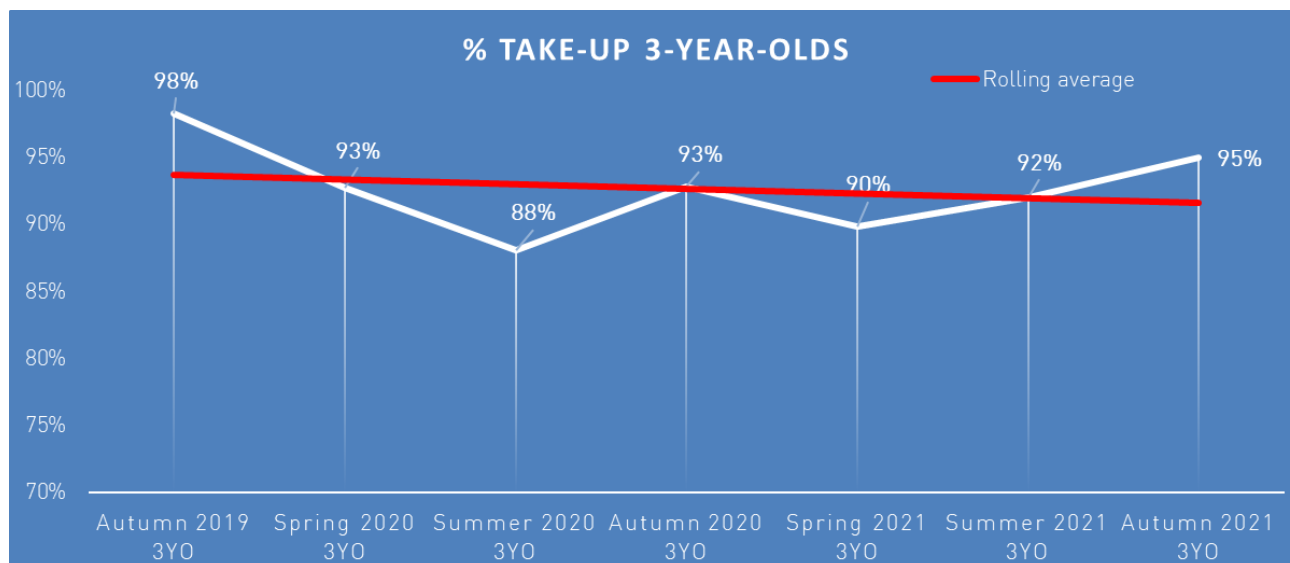
Note: Due to the pandemic the summer term 2020 figures are based on the number of children and hours funded at childcare providers rather than the number of children attending.

The graph shows seasonal variations referred to above. The government measure take-up in the spring term which is considered the mid-point in the year in relation to take-up. In spring 2021 the published take-up rate for Kirklees was 60%² which was 2% below the national average. After the disruption caused by COVID-19 take-up rates have started to increase, the take-up rate for autumn 2021 was 78% which is almost equal to pre-pandemic levels. The total number of children eligible was 1,851 and the total placed was 1,444. Average take-up levels are masked by significant variations at a local level, this is shown in the appendix.

Increasing take-up of free early learning by eligible 2-year-olds continues to be a key priority. Kirklees Council continues to develop strategies and work with partners to offer support and encouragement to parents with eligible 2-year-olds to take up their free place.

² National take-up rates differ slightly to local rates due to the different method of calculation.

3-year-old take up trends



Note: Due to the pandemic the summer term 2020 figures are based on the number of children and hours funded at childcare providers rather than the number of children attending.

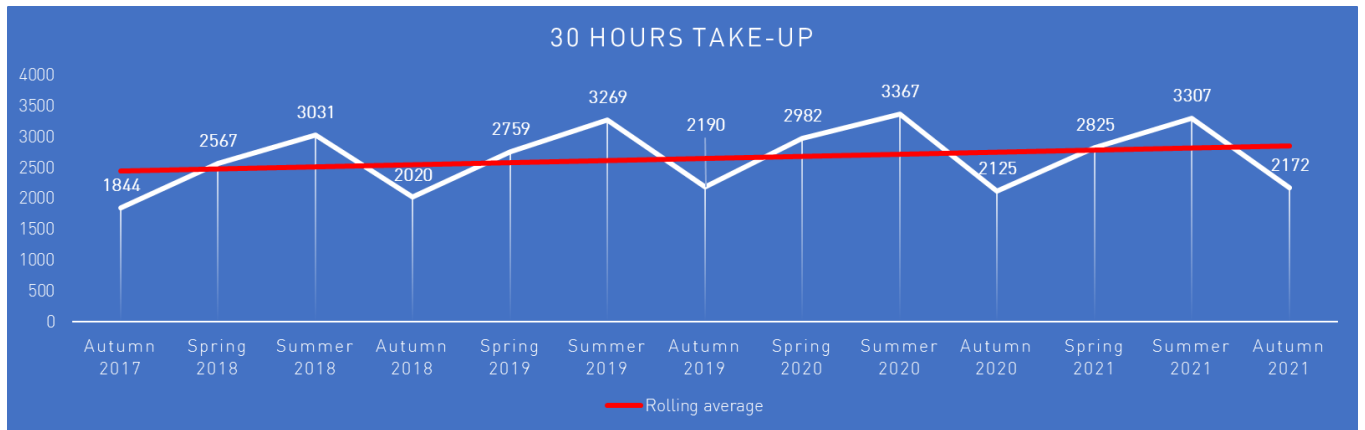
The graph shows the Kirklees average take-up rates for three-year-olds over the last seven terms. Average take-up is usually consistent, however, the pandemic has had an impact.

It is important to note that since the pandemic, data of Kirklees children attending settings outside Kirklees has not been received from some local authorities which can account for up to 2%, therefore take-up in autumn 2021 could be 97% which is almost at the level prior to the pandemic.

30 hours free childcare for 3- and 4-year-olds

In September 2017, the entitlement was extended to some working parents of 3 and 4 year olds so they could receive an extra 15 hours per week of free childcare, (this is known as the extended entitlement) details of the eligibility criteria can be found <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-tax-free-childcare>. Eligible children can therefore access up to 1,140 free hours until they start a reception class in a school.

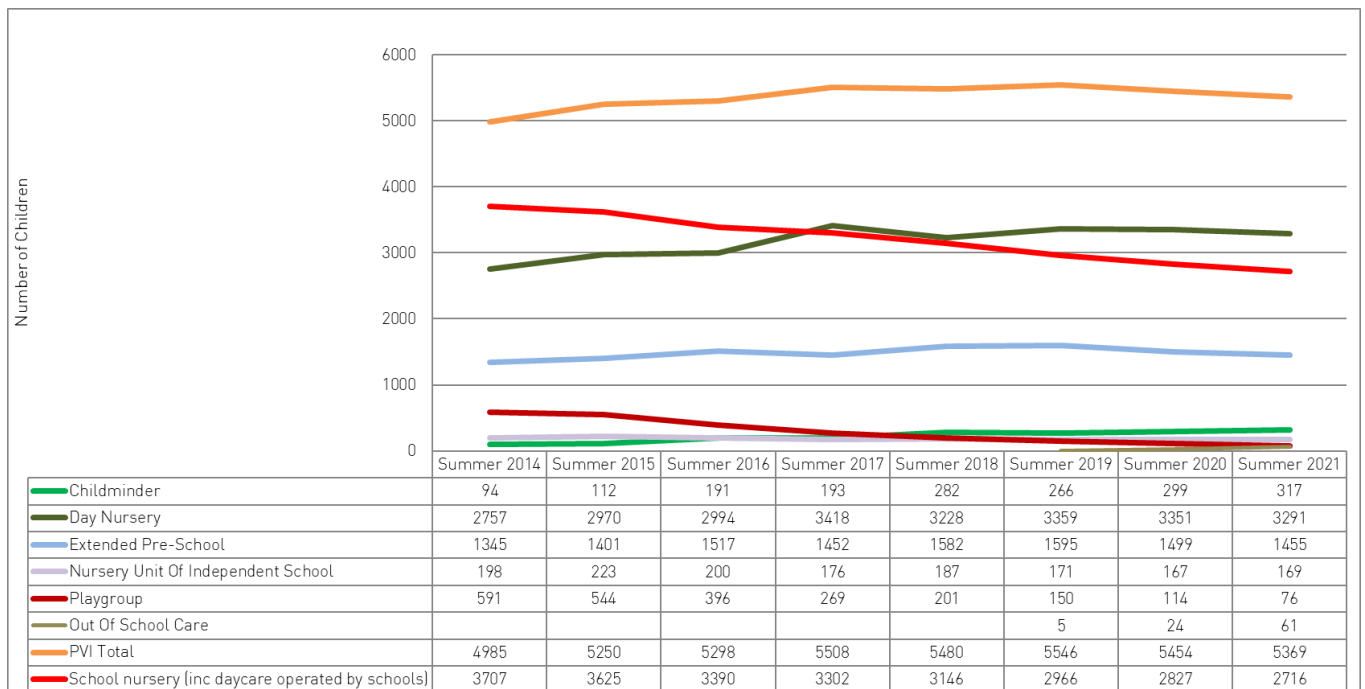
Number of children taking up the extended entitlement



Note: Due to the pandemic the summer term 2020 figures are based on the number of children and hours funded at childcare providers rather than the number of children attending.

It is interesting that the extended entitlement trend is continuing to increase slightly given the effects of the pandemic on the 2 year old entitlement and universal entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds.

3-and 4-year old take-up by provider type



Note: Due to the pandemic the summer term 2020 figures are based on the number of children and hours funded at childcare providers rather than the number of children attending.

Over several years demand has shifted to more flexible provision (day nurseries, extended pre-schools and childminders) over less flexible sessional provision (some playgroups and some schools with nursery provision). However, this may change, due to the pandemic

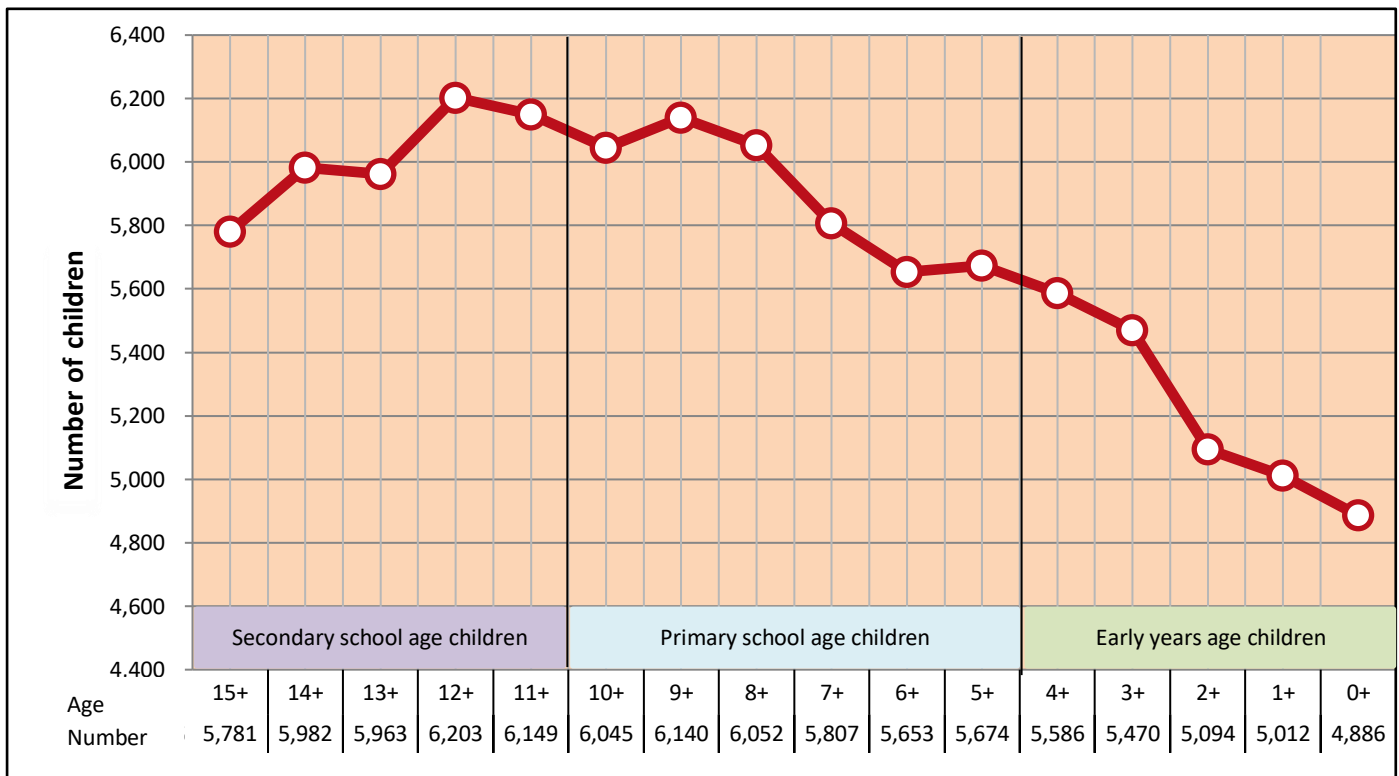
people's working patterns and locations have changed hence this could affect preferences for different types of provision in the future.

The above chart also shows that more children now access a place in the private, voluntary and independent (PVI) sector than nursery provision in maintained schools and academies. The percentage has increased from 57% in PVI settings in 2014 to 66% in 2021.

Kirklees childcare market – future demand

The population data shown in the chart below is derived from an annual snapshot of GP registrations. Historically this is the best measure of the population because it gives an update on births, migration in and out of the area, and changes in residents due to tenancy changes or house building.

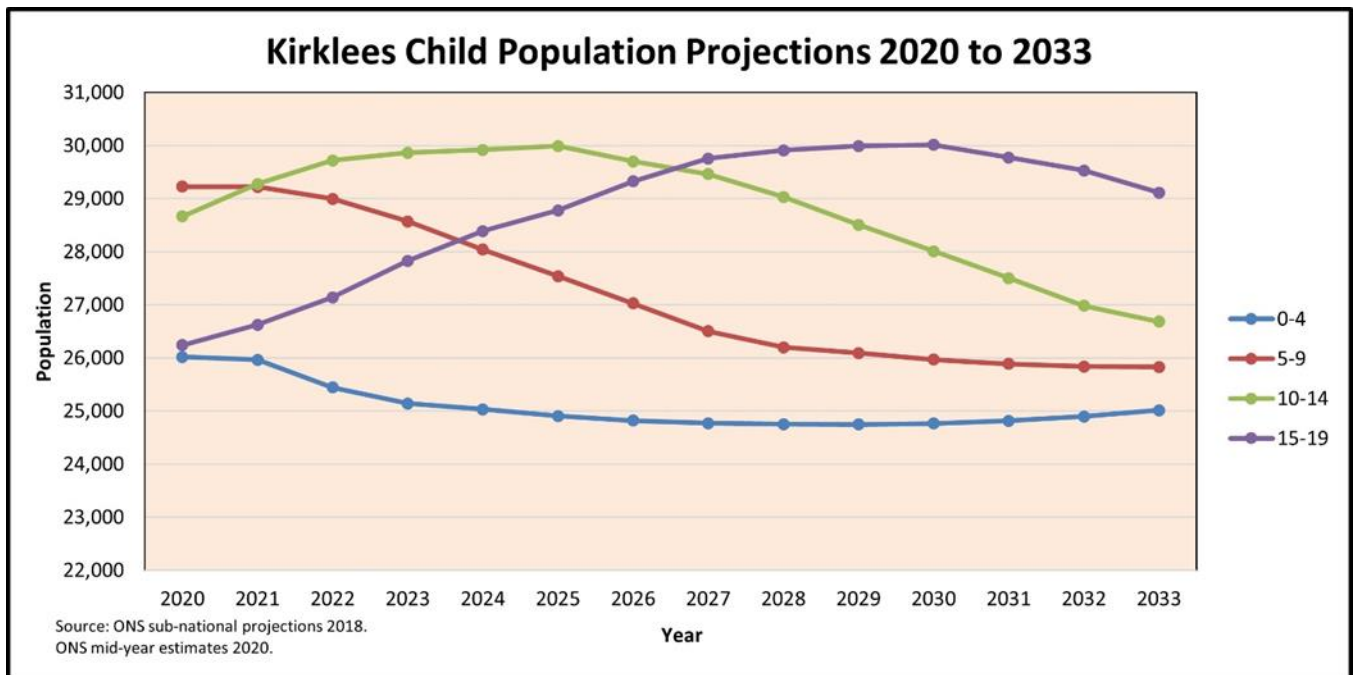
The information clearly shows a decline in the population of children aged under 8.



Source: NHS GP registration data January 2021 (age at 31 August 2020) – Kirklees Public Health

Population numbers in each ward can be found in appendix 5. These are based on a more recent dataset - October 2021 GP registration data (age at 31 August 2021), which has also been used in the ward profiles and to calculate the children per place indicator shown in appendix 4. In this dataset the registrations for children aged 0 are thought to be understated as by January 2022 there were 280 more children registered.

The following table shows the Office of National Statistics (ONS) forecasts for fluctuations in child population at a Kirklees level:



Caution should be exercised in using GP registration data as a proxy population for the following reasons:

- GP registration data does not always match ONS forecasts although there has been greater synergy in recent years with both indicators showing similar trends
- It is a snapshot data set from a fixed point in time and subject to change
- The data by its very nature will always be incomplete and out of date before publication
- At a ward level there are greater accuracy risks associated with smaller sample sizes

The context of variation in the different population estimates in Kirklees can be illustrated by looking at census night (27 March 2011). On this night it was estimated that the normal resident population of Kirklees was 422,500. This figure was 12,000 more than the ONS modelling and 12,000 fewer than GP registrations representing a difference of +/- 2.8%. The further into the future attempts are made to predict population numbers, the less accurate these projections are likely to be.

Further information about Kirklees populations can be found at the following links:

Kirklees Joint Strategic Assessment – Population, migration, births and deaths

<http://observatory.kirklees.gov.uk/jsna/population>

Links to more demographic information about Kirklees

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/information-and-data/area-and-ward-profiles.aspx>

Kirklees Census information:

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/information-and-data/census-information.aspx>

Migration Yorkshire – population and migration information

<http://www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk>

Unemployment - % claimant count rates 2015 – 2021 (June 2021)

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Kirklees	2.29	2.01	2.18	2.95	3.48	6.76	6.00

Source: Office for National Statistics (NOMIS)

The unemployment total for Kirklees in June 2021 was 16,075 or 5.9% of 16-64 year-old population (England 5.6%). This represents a decrease of -2,055 claimants on the same time last year, the last time that unemployment was numerically this high was in July 1992 (14,505), though in January 1986 it reached 20,855. The lowest number of claimants in recent years was in December 2016 (5,380). The ward with the highest unemployment rate is Dewsbury West (9.8%), with Kirkburton being the lowest at 1.9%.

In June youth unemployment (16-24) stood at 3,130 or 6.6% of the population aged 16-24 (England 6.1%), -700 lower than the same time last year.

Ward level information can be found in appendix 6.

Housing and business developments – The Local Plan

Kirklees Council's Local Plan is a housing and industry development strategy for the borough and identifies sites across Kirklees that could provide homes or business premises. The Kirklees Local Plan was adopted on 27 February 2019. The Local Plan is now the statutory development plan for Kirklees and has superseded the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan. Planning applications must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Maps are available to view at the following link to find further detailed information about where and when new housing developments may be built in a local area:

www.kirklees.gov.uk/localplan

It is worth noting the following site allocations propose a substantial level of residential growth which are likely to significantly increase the demand for childcare places and therefore potential opportunities for childcare providers.

- Dewsbury Riverside – total of 2310 dwellings, 1690 within the plan period (Dewsbury South).
- Chidswell – total of 1535 dwellings, all within the plan period (Batley East/Dewsbury East).
- Bradley - total of 1958 dwellings, 1577 within the plan period (Huddersfield North).

To assess the impact of new housing developments on future school places, it is an established practice to use a formula of 100 new homes resulting in the additional demand of 3 places per primary school year group and 2 places per secondary year group. As a guide, locally, 1.5 early years and childcare places per age group (0 to 5 years) and 3.5 after school places per age group (5-11 years) are used to indicate the impact on demand for childcare places.

Full details and copies of all the available Local Plan documents are available here:

www.kirklees.gov.uk/localplan

Business sustainability and future sustainability

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed a financial strain on childcare providers, particularly those dependent on fee paying children.

Over and above normal inflationary pressures are additional costs as a direct result of changing legislation:

- Increases in the national minimum wage and national living wage rates <https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>
- Employer pension contributions <https://www.workplacepensions.gov.uk/employer/>

To remain sustainable, it is important that all childcare providers consider the ever-changing market. Providers may consider the following to mitigate risks of sustainability pressures:

1. When the time is right, carry-out market research to understand parents needs which may have changed due to COVID-19 and review business models accordingly.
2. Promote the free entitlements and support parents to apply for a place if they think their two-year-old is eligible. Banners to promote the free entitlement offers (2-year-old and 30-hours) are available from Kirklees Council for providers to display in prominent positions
3. Register for Tax Free Childcare and raise awareness with parents by signposting parents to the Childcare Choices website <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>. The website also contains marketing materials which providers can use to promote the various schemes <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/communications-toolkit/>
4. Maximise funding by encouraging parents to supply their details to apply for Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) and, where appropriate, Disability Access Funding (DAF)
5. Use the Kirklees Business Support Tools (Breakeven calculator, Occupancy calculator and cash flow statements) - [Grants, other funding and business advice for childcare providers | Kirklees Council](#)
6. Seek professional advice at the earliest opportunity if there are any concerns about sustainability.

Other resources to help early years providers run a sustainable childcare business:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/early-years-business-sustainability>
- <https://ndna.org.uk/nursery-business-support-early-years-business-zone/>
- <https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/business-and-management>

The Kirklees Childcare Sufficiency Team can support providers with sustainability concerns or signpost to someone who can, email: childcare.sufficiency@kirklees.gov.uk

Business support from the government

[Early-Years-Education-Recovery-Programme-Fact-Sheet.pdf \(foundationyears.org.uk\)](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/Early-Years-Education-Recovery-Programme-Fact-Sheet.pdf)

Kirklees Early Years Funding Formula 2021-22

In November 2020 the Department for Education (DfE) announced an extra £44m for early years in 2021-22 for local authorities to increase hourly funding rates paid to childcare providers. Following consultation and engagement with the sector it was approved to use the additional funding to increase both hourly base rates.

The base rates for the financial year 2021-22 are shown in the table below alongside temporary base rates. Using funds from 2020-21 both base rates were increased on a temporary basis by 16 pence in summer and autumn 2021 and 23 pence in spring 2022.

	Permanent rates	Temporary rates		
		Summer 2021	Autumn 2021	Spring 2022
Two-year olds	£5.17	£5.33	£5.33	£5.40
Three-and four-year olds	£4.27	£4.43	£4.43	£4.50

Eligible three and four-year-old children are entitled to additional funding:

- a) Deprivation supplement; measured using the Income Deprivation affecting Children Index (IDACI). The hourly rates are:
 - Band 1: £0.05
 - Band 2: £0.11
 - Band 3: £0.14
 - Band 4, 5 and 6: £0.21
- b) Early Years Pupil Premium; applicable to universal entitlement hours only, the hourly rate is £0.53.
- c) Disability Access Funding (DAF); a lump sum payment of £615 is available each year to funded children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA).

2022-23

On 27 October 2021, the Chancellor announced additional funding for the early years entitlements worth £160m in 2022-23, £180m in 2023-24 and £170m in 2024-25, *compared to the current financial year*. This is not additional funding each year on top of the previous years funding, nationally compared with 2022-23 there will be £20m extra in 2023-24 and £10m extra in 2024-25 which reflects changes in the population of two, three- and four-year olds over these years.

Following consultation and engagement with the sector it was approved to use the additional funding to maximise an increase to both hourly base rates on a permanent basis. The base rates are £5.38 for two-year olds and £4.48 for three- and four-year olds. It is estimated that a temporary uplift to the rates can continue until March 2023, subject to sufficient funds.

Families in challenging circumstances

Looked After Children

The vast majority of looked after children in Kirklees aged 2 to 4 access free early education and care. Where they are not accessing their entitlement, the reason is known, and the validity checked by a lead social worker. Furthermore, protocols are in place to only place Looked After Children in provision judged by Ofsted to be 'good' or 'outstanding'.

The Kirklees Virtual School plays a significant role in ensuring the educational needs of each child are met. An initial PEP (Personal Education Plan) is completed with the early years setting, social worker and carers at age 3 to ensure each child's development in the early years is supported and tracked. This is reviewed on a termly basis.

Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

The council's ambition for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) is the same for all children and young people – that they achieve well in their early years, at school and in college and lead happy and fulfilled lives.

Children with SEND and their families are entitled to good quality, affordable childcare the same as any other family. The Children and Families Act 2014 stipulates that childcare must be available for young people with special needs or disabilities up to the age of 18. Childcare providers should not treat a child any less favourably because of their disability and they should not charge more for a disabled child.

There are a number of schemes available to support parents to pay for childcare;

- Two-year-old children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance are eligible for 15 hours of free early education.
- The Disability Access Fund (DAF) is a lump sum payment of £615 per child each year to providers who have eligible funded 3 and 4-year-old children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA). For further information see <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/working-with-children/pdf/childcare-providers/disability-access-fund-application-form.pdf>
- Tax-free childcare supports working families by reducing childcare costs. For every £8 a parent pays into an online account, the government tops up an additional £2. Tax-free childcare provides up to £2,000 per year for each child under 12, or £4,000 per year for disabled children under 17. Further information is available at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

- The SENIF (SEN Inclusion Funding), previously known as the Access Fund, is available to support the inclusion of children with special educational needs (SEN) attending early years settings.

[The Kirklees Local Offer](#) brings together information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families. Kirklees childcare providers are encouraged to let us know any experience they have with caring for children with additional needs to enable parents to make informed choices about suitable childcare.

Kirklees Council will continue to work with parents and providers to ensure good quality, accessible childcare is available to all.

Families in or at risk of poverty

Early learning and childcare supports the return to work to tackle poverty by providing:

- Access to childcare, thereby removing a barrier to work for parents and facilitating work as a route out of poverty
- Access to highest quality early learning experiences thereby helping to improve life chances and facilitate social mobility as a step towards reducing future poverty.

Increasing the take-up of early learning for eligible two-year olds and a continuation of a challenge and support strategy to improve the quality of early learning and childcare provision remain priorities to help tackle poverty.

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) provides extra funding for three- and four-year-old children who are in care or have left care through adoption, special guardianship or a child arrangement order, or whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits. Childcare providers should use the additional funding to support children's learning and development.

Childcare brokerage service

Most families can find suitable childcare by using the online self-service website, contacting local providers or the Family Information Service. For a minority of families with more complex needs or those which require just a little more help, a personalised brokerage service is available. Brokerage services are tracked and analysed to identify potential childcare sufficiency pressures.

During 2021, the Childcare Sufficiency and Early Outcomes Teams dealt with 27 childcare brokerage cases. Eleven of the cases related to children with very complex additional needs.

Priorities for 2022

1. Continue to support parents of two-year olds to take-up their free early learning entitlement, including establishing a Parent Champion Scheme.
2. Work in partnership with relevant teams to improve childcare options for school age children with Special Education Needs and/or Disability.
3. Review and enhance the Family Information Directory.
4. Support and facilitate training for childcare providers to review their business model and remain viable.
5. Roll out use of Provider Portal for non-funded providers to support the collection of sufficiency and occupancy data.
6. Review and update the Early Years Funding Guides for all sectors.
7. Update the Early Years Funding Deprivation Indices to ensure accurate distribution of deprivation funding.

Contacts

Help to find suitable childcare

Website: www.kirklees.gov.uk/childcaresearch

Find out about help with childcare costs

Website: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

For parents experiencing difficulties finding suitable childcare:

Family Information Service

Tel: **01484 414887**

Email: fis@kirklees.gov.uk

For childcare sufficiency issues or to comment on this assessment:

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Please note that website links provided in this document were correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change over time.

If you would like to comment on Kirklees Childcare Sufficiency Assessments, please send an e-mail to: childcare.sufficiency@kirklees.gov.uk

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Appendix 1 – Number of childcare providers by ward

	Home based	Group based full day	Group based – part day	School nurseries	Independent school nursery	Out of School (PVI sector)	After school tuition	Out of school (maintained after school clubs)	Holiday schemes (PVI)	Total
Almondbury	8	6	1	3	0	3	1	2	2	26
Ashbrow	8	7	0	4	0	5		5	2	31
Batley East	1	8	0	5	0	0	2	7	0	23
Batley West	9	6	0	5	1	3	1	7	3	35
Birstall and Birkenshaw	15	6	0	4	0	5		5	5	40
Cleckheaton	13	7	0	4	0	4		3	4	35
Colne Valley	17	9	0	3	0	6	1	2	4	42
Crosland Moor and Netherton	12	5	1	3	0	2	1	2	0	26
Dalton	16	4	1	5	0	4		3	4	37
Denby Dale	8	6	0	3	0	5	1	5	4	32
Dewsbury East	14	7	1	4	1	2		5	1	35
Dewsbury South	5	9	0	4	2	2	3	4	2	31
Dewsbury West	6	8	1	4	1	4		6	3	33
Golcar	23	9	0	2	0	7		2	5	48
Greenhead	6	8	0	2	2	3	3	5	2	31
Heckmondwike	7	8	0	3	0	4	1	3	3	29
Holme Valley North	7	7	0	2	0	4		2	2	24
Holme Valley South	12	11	0	2	0	7	1	0	5	38
Kirkburton	7	8	0	0	0	3		4	3	25
Lindley	15	9	0	1	0	5		2	7	39
Liversedge and Gomersal	7	8	1	4	0	5		5	4	34
Mirfield	14	6	0	2	0	2		4	2	30
Newsome	5	8	0	5	0	4	3	3	5	33
Total	235	170	6	74	7	89	18	86	72	757

Source: Childcare Sufficiency Team

Appendix 2 - Number of childcare places by ward area

	Home based	Group based full day	Group based – part day	School nurseries	Independent school nursery	Out of School (PVI sector)	After school tuition	Out of school (maintained after school clubs)	Holiday schemes (PVI)	Total
Almondbury Ward	54	244	20	156	0	74		55	48	651
Ashbrow Ward	48	384	0	182	0	126		545	66	1351
Batley East Ward	16	296	0	265	0	0		270	0	847
Batley West Ward	60	358	0	376	60	106	10	180	106	1256
Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward	113	337	0	221	0	103		138	103	1015
Cleckheaton Ward	74	346	0	208	0	84		60	84	856
Colne Valley Ward	105	349	0	126	0	247		50	172	1049
Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward	78	251	24	218	0	79	20	176	0	846
Dalton Ward	111	150	18	260	0	115		245	140	1039
Denby Dale Ward	52	341	0	104	0	148		224	118	987
Dewsbury East Ward	95	392	24	338	40	50		178	40	1157
Dewsbury South Ward	36	315	0	256	66	63	10	171	63	980
Dewsbury West Ward	48	336	34	247	8	101		330	69	1173
Golcar Ward	162	362	0	104	0	294		54	167	1143
Greenhead Ward	48	441	0	224	100	167	30	176	67	1253
Heckmondwike Ward	72	399	0	182	0	90		52	50	845
Holme Valley North Ward	54	248	0	143	0	156		46	69	716
Holme Valley South Ward	72	401	0	78	0	221	10	0	167	949
Kirkburton Ward	49	273	0	0	0	124		65	124	635
Lindley Ward	87	414	0	78	0	191		32	247	1049
Liversedge and Gomersal Ward	59	331	26	182	0	229		287	194	1308
Mirfield Ward	108	295	0	104	0	138		131	138	914
Newsome Ward	34	440	0	281	0	186		231	192	1364
Kirklees	1635	7703	146	4333	274	3092	80	3696	2424	23383

Source: Childcare Sufficiency Team

Appendix 3 - Termly occupancy levels based on operating capacity (funded providers)

Ward	Autumn 2020			Spring 2021			Summer 2021			Autumn 2021		
	Group based	Home based	School nursery	Group based	Home based	School nursery	Group based	Home based	School nursery	Group based	Home based	School nursery
Almondbury	67%	84%	77%	67%	82%	71%	73%	82%	69%	73%	87%	51%
Ashbrow	66%	27%	44%	65%	55%	55%	81%	70%	66%	65%	62%	49%
Batley East	56%	82%	57%	67%	93%	56%	69%	80%	70%	67%	67%	48%
Batley West	54%	66%	54%	68%	67%	59%	83%	63%	70%	65%	69%	49%
Birstall and Birkenshaw	63%	66%	95%	68%	73%	82%	85%	71%	81%	54%	73%	69%
Cleckheaton	77%	80%	88%	68%	85%	86%	87%	82%	86%	70%	85%	56%
Colne Valley	59%	74%	68%	75%	71%	75%	73%	85%	74%	76%	83%	52%
Crosland Moor and Netherton	48%	67%	61%	42%	71%	77%	62%	82%	89%	47%	71%	83%
Dalton	61%	74%	67%	71%	76%	72%	68%	74%	89%	68%	86%	76%
Denby Dale	44%	58%	45%	59%	77%	64%	77%	90%	70%	54%	89%	36%
Dewsbury East	68%	79%	71%	43%	84%	88%	57%	81%	89%	68%	75%	79%
Dewsbury South	50%	91%	70%	64%	98%	79%	78%	100%	90%	57%	95%	63%
Dewsbury West	67%	13%	66%	66%	59%	55%	85%	69%	81%	71%	67%	78%
Golcar	53%	69%	59%	54%	83%	72%	70%	81%	72%	59%	88%	51%
Greenhead	72%	59%	73%	74%	64%	88%	82%	84%	98%	70%	79%	69%
Heckmondwike	65%	59%	45%	49%	77%	51%	76%	81%	61%	58%	75%	48%
Holme Valley North	64%	88%	79%	73%	78%	86%	80%	93%	86%	69%	100%	60%
Holme Valley South	68%	59%	67%	72%	68%	67%	76%	64%	67%	67%	79%	49%
Kirkburton	64%	79%	0%	68%	74%	0%	77%	78%	0%	66%	92%	0%
Lindley	66%	70%	83%	75%	73%	97%	86%	72%	100%	71%	88%	99%
Liversedge and Gomersal	78%	45%	54%	82%	50%	68%	87%	63%	76%	75%	63%	44%
Mirfield	68%	69%	60%	70%	81%	89%	70%	84%	79%	65%	82%	68%
Newsome	56%	74%	71%	69%	94%	89%	74%	45%	96%	72%	50%	68%
Kirklees average	63%	66%	66%	66%	75%	73%	77%	78%	81%	66%	80%	61%

Source: Childcare Sufficiency Team - November 2021

Note: There are no schools with nursery provision in the Kirkburton ward

Appendix 4 - Number of children per childcare place in each ward

Ward	Children per place based on maximum Ofsted registration aged 5-11 years includes maintained OSC	Children per place based on maximum Ofsted registration Children aged under 5 years	Children per place based on operating capacity in Summer 2021 Children aged under 5 years
Almondbury	9.31	2.38	2.59
Ashbrow	3.15	2.6	2.96
Batley East	6.81	2.72	2.94
Batley West	6.81	2.09	2.72
Birstall and Birkenshaw	5.25	1.93	2.06
Cleckheaton	7.75	1.93	2.16
Colne Valley	4.12	1.88	2.19
Crosland Moor & Netherton	7.09	3.12	4.97
Dalton	3.87	2.72	3.04
Denby Dale	3.24	1.69	2.15
Dewsbury East	6.95	1.83	2.49
Dewsbury South	7.83	2.21	2.49
Dewsbury West	6.48	3.54	4.17
Golcar	3.72	2.13	2.27
Greenhead	6.07	2.04	2.58
Heckmondwike	10.44	2.15	2.52
Holme Valley North	6.07	2.31	2.67
Holme Valley South	5.81	1.68	1.76
Kirkburton	6.01	2.42	2.62
Lindley	6.96	2.35	2.43
Liversedge & Gomersal	3.33	2.01	2.24
Mirfield	4.77	2.29	2.68
Newsome	3.30	1.74	2.04
Kirklees	5.31	2.22	2.59

Source: Childcare Sufficiency Team – November 2021

Appendix 5 – Number of children living in each ward by age

Age	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Total
Almondbury	151	171	177	174	204	183	210	182	217	201	218	242	212	207	217	235	181	211	3593
Ashbrow	213	252	283	257	293	300	308	320	303	321	326	313	334	288	295	321	279	267	5273
Batley East	206	242	232	245	264	268	266	252	265	283	295	265	292	280	279	269	274	302	4779
Batley West	222	268	283	270	286	301	300	293	311	331	330	286	321	329	298	304	280	300	5313
Birstall and Birkenshaw	168	206	198	186	222	200	223	202	211	225	245	243	207	237	198	208	195	200	3774
Cleckheaton	174	168	207	200	190	184	207	211	209	181	209	210	205	191	191	177	225	154	3493
Colne Valley	166	166	183	167	195	207	200	203	208	193	212	211	226	209	220	179	195	201	3541
Crosland Moor & Netherton	239	255	253	286	279	297	302	297	301	311	320	278	319	304	272	295	270	275	5153
Dalton	174	180	196	199	210	229	225	211	223	242	243	240	236	219	215	244	223	185	3894
Denby Dale	130	134	138	149	154	169	178	175	187	198	203	187	209	206	209	194	194	177	3191
Dewsbury East	210	217	264	264	274	247	279	274	280	273	275	291	229	271	266	244	238	272	4668
Dewsbury South	184	206	236	257	283	263	290	278	274	295	306	268	290	312	285	317	301	299	4944
Dewsbury West	335	382	366	366	409	431	394	435	406	424	441	417	415	434	395	421	435	388	7294
Golcar	200	224	216	207	203	231	202	223	214	262	245	228	217	239	221	207	218	217	3974
Greenhead	264	283	263	266	305	325	294	297	338	301	333	338	336	283	316	309	270	294	5415
Heckmondwike	206	221	228	228	246	245	252	260	271	266	294	270	278	259	286	263	241	265	4579
Holme Valley North	129	163	158	165	185	186	190	195	215	202	202	199	200	221	212	237	187	225	3471
Holme Valley South	150	148	160	166	178	191	188	191	208	256	231	227	243	266	247	240	252	257	3799
Kirkburton	128	131	138	165	158	135	181	193	177	205	196	199	184	230	194	187	211	208	3220
Lindley	244	204	227	239	247	267	262	270	243	281	271	278	275	258	271	227	245	212	4521
Liversedge & Gomersal	167	173	192	199	221	255	222	242	258	288	267	295	248	303	228	250	232	242	4282
Mirfield	173	154	179	214	199	204	205	209	231	234	225	234	242	242	224	242	212	228	3851
Newsome	193	180	209	210	243	195	227	197	202	216	203	204	187	209	181	187	182	206	3631

Source: NHS GP registration data October 2021 – Kirklees Public Health October 2021 - age at 31 August 2021

Appendix 6 - Unemployment – Claimant Count Rates 2015 – 2021 (%)

Ward	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Almondbury	1.73	1.31	1.73	2.28	2.76	5.48	5.1
Ashbrow	4.13	3.28	3.4	4.15	5.07	8.68	8.1
Batley East	3.02	2.86	2.7	3.92	4.46	8.19	7.2
Batley West	2.85	2.02	2.52	3.65	4.22	8.32	7.2
Birstall and Birkenshaw	1.61	1.37	1.42	1.94	2.39	5.3	4.5
Cleckheaton	2.08	2.12	2.08	2.84	3.58	6.62	5.7
Colne Valley	1.22	1.13	1.22	1.55	2.08	4.6	3.9
Crosland Moor & Netherton	3.43	3.02	3.02	4.09	4.99	9.14	9.1
Dalton	3.43	3.22	3	3.58	4.27	7.85	7.3
Denby Dale	0.66	0.61	0.61	1.01	1.23	3.44	2.4
Dewsbury East	3.26	2.56	3.13	4.67	4.93	8.57	7.4
Dewsbury South	2.95	2.33	2.62	3.68	4.18	7.73	7.5
Dewsbury West	3.48	3.08	3.19	4.58	5.49	10.53	10.1
Golcar	2.06	1.84	1.89	2.51	3.06	6.32	5.3
Greenhead	2.96	2.81	3.17	4.6	5.01	9.47	8.7
Heckmondwike	1.71	1.84	2.23	3.19	3.96	7.45	6.8
Holme Valley North	1.18	1.08	0.88	1.39	1.45	3.81	3.2
Holme Valley South	0.73	0.73	1.02	1.19	1.2	3.6	2.9
Kirkburton	0.57	0.66	0.8	0.77	1.03	3.42	2
Lindley	1.63	1.32	1.5	1.91	2.41	4.98	3.9
Liversedge & Gomersal	2.09	1.93	2.17	2.99	3.65	6.41	5.6
Mirfield	1.06	1.15	1.19	1.78	2.02	4.64	3.7
Newsome	2.95	2.68	3.19	3.58	4.23	7.33	6.9
Kirklees average	2.29	2.01	2.18	2.95	3.48	6.76	6.0

Source: Office for National Statistics (NOMIS) - June 2021

Appendix 7 - Free entitlement take-up of eligible 2-year-olds by ward

Ward	Autumn 2019	Spring 2020	Summer 2020	Autumn 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021	Autumn 2021	% change from Autumn 20 to Autumn 21	Autumn 2021 No. Not taking up	Autumn 2021 Number eligible
Almondbury Ward	78%	71%	69%	69%	61%	73%	97%	28%	2	60
Ashbrow Ward	74%	70%	62%	57%	57%	62%	78%	21%	30	137
Batley East Ward	54%	53%	48%	49%	43%	47%	56%	7%	44	99
Batley West Ward	79%	64%	57%	62%	57%	62%	73%	11%	32	119
Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward	84%	78%	67%	71%	62%	72%	72%	1%	20	72
Cleckheaton Ward	82%	74%	64%	57%	66%	73%	85%	28%	10	68
Colne Valley Ward	88%	84%	100%	71%	84%	88%	96%	25%	2	47
Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward	79%	73%	65%	65%	72%	76%	76%	11%	31	130
Dalton Ward	80%	79%	77%	71%	61%	76%	78%	7%	22	101
Denby Dale Ward	96%	75%	69%	95%	85%	90%	96%	1%	1	26
Dewsbury East Ward	72%	62%	48%	52%	64%	69%	71%	19%	31	108
Dewsbury South Ward	86%	78%	73%	71%	63%	74%	93%	22%	7	103
Dewsbury West Ward	68%	65%	59%	58%	49%	56%	73%	15%	54	201
Golcar Ward	99%	85%	84%	89%	89%	97%	82%	-7%	13	73
Greenhead Ward	63%	65%	54%	67%	54%	60%	64%	-3%	41	113
Heckmondwike Ward	67%	61%	63%	59%	62%	56%	63%	4%	34	91
Holme Valley North Ward	86%	76%	83%	74%	82%	77%	108%	34%	-2	25
Holme Valley South Ward	72%	82%	67%	69%	81%	89%	73%	4%	8	30
Kirkburton Ward	118%	96%	75%	79%	74%	69%	112%	33%	-2	17
Lindley Ward	79%	87%	69%	79%	78%	79%	90%	11%	4	39
Liversedge and Gomersal Ward	72%	77%	59%	61%	62%	69%	84%	23%	10	63
Mirfield Ward	88%	82%	71%	75%	72%	66%	86%	11%	4	28
Newsome Ward	91%	88%	76%	78%	65%	69%	86%	8%	14	101
Kirklees average take up	79%	74%	67%	67%	64%	71%	78%	11%	410	1851

Note: Due to the pandemic the summer term 2020 figures are based on the number of children and hours funded at childcare providers rather than the number of children attending. Also, for the summer and autumn terms in 2020 the figures exclude Kirklees children that take their places in areas outside Kirklees.

Appendix 8 - Free entitlement take-up of 3-year-olds by ward

Ward	Spring 2020		Summer 2020		Autumn 2020		Spring 2021		Summer 2021		Autumn 2021	
	Number Taking Up	Take up %	Number Taking Up	Take up %	Number Taking Up	Take up %	Number Taking Up	Take up %	Number Taking Up	Take up %	Number Taking Up	Take up %
Almondbury Ward	181	92%	170	91%	181	95%	180	94%	174	94%	164	94%
Ashbrow Ward	289	94%	261	87%	274	97%	248	90%	236	91%	256	100%
Batley East Ward	248	88%	233	82%	230	89%	232	90%	233	96%	232	95%
Batley West Ward	267	93%	257	93%	265	92%	265	88%	265	86%	247	91%
Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward	172	97%	159	88%	199	95%	199	87%	192	92%	172	92%
Cleckheaton Ward	181	97%	179	93%	187	99%	199	95%	188	96%	192	96%
Colne Valley Ward	206	100%	174	87%	177	91%	164	87%	167	91%	160	96%
Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward	278	91%	241	84%	240	92%	235	91%	231	86%	267	93%
Dalton Ward	224	96%	203	91%	217	98%	180	88%	187	89%	192	96%
Denby Dale Ward	164	97%	156	95%	139	95%	139	92%	140	94%	145	97%
Dewsbury East Ward	194	75%	196	75%	213	79%	201	81%	241	92%	259	98%
Dewsbury South Ward	245	86%	227	82%	257	90%	249	89%	245	93%	246	96%
Dewsbury West Ward	383	90%	354	86%	352	87%	327	83%	339	88%	346	95%
Golcar Ward	209	88%	213	91%	208	93%	201	96%	204	95%	207	100%
Greenhead Ward	307	100%	260	86%	277	90%	264	91%	253	88%	250	94%
Heckmondwike Ward	230	95%	220	88%	231	91%	219	90%	210	89%	217	95%
Holme Valley North Ward	179	99%	162	94%	176	100%	143	95%	162	98%	156	95%
Holme Valley South Ward	157	95%	141	94%	154	95%	149	94%	168	100%	160	96%
Kirkburton Ward	134	100%	133	94%	137	95%	136	88%	139	93%	154	93%
Lindley Ward	242	91%	227	92%	229	97%	222	91%	233	99%	242	100%
Liversedge and Gomersal Ward	230	95%	218	89%	210	93%	196	91%	186	89%	189	95%
Mirfield Ward	186	96%	181	95%	192	100%	194	94%	204	96%	200	93%
Newsome Ward	202	92%	195	86%	210	93%	196	89%	190	90%	192	91%
Kirklees average take-up and total number taking up	5,108	93%	4760	88%	4955	93%	4738	90%	4787	92%	4845	95%

Source: Childcare Sufficiency Team – December 2021

Note: Due to the pandemic the summer term 2020 figures are based on the number of children and hours funded at childcare providers rather than the number of children attending. Also for the summer and autumn terms in 2021 the figures exclude Kirklees children that take their places in areas outside Kirklees.

Appendix 9 - Free entitlement take-up of 4-year-olds by ward

Ward	Spring 2020		Summer 2020		Spring 2021		Summer 2021	
	Number Taking Up	Take up %	Number Taking Up	Take up %	Number Taking Up	Take up %	Number Taking Up	Take up %
Almondbury Ward	47	84%	107	99%	68	100%	107	99%
Ashbrow Ward	107	100%	171	94%	114	100%	169	95%
Batley East Ward	84	100%	127	84%	83	100%	154	100%
Batley West Ward	108	96%	178	95%	101	100%	154	92%
Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward	67	94%	104	90%	56	85%	117	98%
Cleckheaton Ward	50	100%	87	97%	61	100%	104	96%
Colne Valley Ward	79	100%	119	100%	69	100%	103	90%
Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward	88	97%	154	92%	97	100%	143	93%
Dalton Ward	78	94%	133	96%	90	100%	131	100%
Denby Dale Ward	48	100%	81	92%	50	100%	83	100%
Dewsbury East Ward	69	92%	114	92%	93	87%	153	94%
Dewsbury South Ward	103	100%	161	94%	101	100%	167	98%
Dewsbury West Ward	154	100%	244	94%	132	94%	213	91%
Golcar Ward	78	91%	144	100%	85	100%	136	100%
Greenhead Ward	126	100%	172	88%	105	100%	164	96%
Heckmondwike Ward	88	100%	136	98%	79	95%	142	97%
Holme Valley North Ward	70	100%	106	100%	71	99%	102	95%
Holme Valley South Ward	73	100%	118	100%	63	97%	99	99%
Kirkburton Ward	58	100%	79	100%	54	100%	87	87%
Lindley Ward	93	100%	165	100%	100	100%	140	92%
Liversedge and Gomersal Ward	80	93%	134	98%	71	100%	123	100%
Mirfield Ward	68	91%	104	95%	69	95%	105	94%
Newsome Ward	57	92%	102	86%	82	98%	131	90%
Kirklees average take-up and total number taking up	1,873	100%	3040	95%	1894	100%	3027	96%

Source: Childcare Sufficiency Team – December 2021

Notes:

- Most 4 year olds move to school reception year in the autumn term, approximately 2% defer their place and remain in their early years provision, therefore no figures are shown for the autumn terms.
- Due to the pandemic the summer term 2020 figures are based on the number of children and hours funded at childcare providers rather than the number of children attending.
- For the summer and autumn terms in 2021 the figures exclude Kirklees children that take their places in areas outside Kirklees.

Appendix 10 - Eligible 2, 3 and 4-year-old children accessing their free entitlement outside ward of residence

Child's Ward of Residence	Almondbury Ward	Ashbrow Ward	Batley East Ward	Batley West Ward	Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward	Cleckheaton Ward	Colne Valley Ward	Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward	Dalton Ward	Denby Dale Ward	Dewsbury East Ward	Dewsbury South Ward	Dewsbury West Ward	Golcar Ward	Greenhead Ward	Heckmondwike Ward	Holme Valley North Ward	Holme Valley South Ward	Kirkburton Ward	Lindley Ward	Liversedge and Gomersal Ward	Mirfield Ward	Newsome Ward	Grand Total	
Almondbury Ward	101						1		37	1				1	10		1		3	3			11	169	
Ashbrow Ward	1	179		1				1	3			1	1	1	45					3			4	240	
Batley East Ward			168	29	2	1					28	4	5		4							1		242	
Batley West Ward			57	126	19		1				17	4	18		7						6			255	
Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward			4	9	122	5					1		1		3						13	1		159	
Cleckheaton Ward				3	6	145									1	4					21			180	
Colne Valley Ward							129	2						11	4		2			6			1	155	
Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward	1	3					3	164	2					8	12	1	8	2		4			59	267	
Dalton Ward	21	5						1	142					2	11				4				7	193	
Denby Dale Ward	2								1	108									12	13				136	
Dewsbury East Ward			18	3							172	9	20			2						1		225	
Dewsbury South Ward	2		5	2				1			14	229	12										1	266	
Dewsbury West Ward		1	8	18		2					48	24	245		1	5					4	9		365	
Golcar Ward		2					25	5	1					121	25		2			23			1	205	
Greenhead Ward	2	13						1	2					7	182			1		34			16	258	
Heckmondwike Ward			6	30	3	4					2	1	9			120					41	3		219	
Holme Valley North Ward	1	1					11	15	1						7		108	14					2	160	
Holme Valley South Ward	1	1						3		2					1		15	134	3				1	161	
Kirkburton Ward	11								1	15		2			4		5	19	96			1	2	156	
Lindley Ward	1											1		16	66						151	1	1	3	240
Liversedge and Gomersal Ward				7	10	40						1	2			31						91	1	183	
Mirfield Ward	1	1	1	1		2			2			3	6			14				1	19	144		195	
Newsome Ward	6						1	7	9					3	11		5	3	2	4			141	192	
Out Of Area	3	12	4	7	12	27	3		1	8	9	5	2		8	8	1	6	3	8	7	2	1	137	
Grand Total	154	218	271	236	174	226	174	200	202	134	291	284	321	170	388	199	147	191	124	237	204	164	249	4958	

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