

# OXFORDSHIRE CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY REPORT

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## Background to sufficiency report

Under Section 6 of the Childcare Act 2006, Oxfordshire County Council has a statutory duty to ensure that there is sufficient childcare available to enable families –

- 1.to access the funded entitlements for their child
- 2.to take up, or remain in work, or
- 3.to undertake education or training which could reasonably lead to work.

All Local Authorities are required by the Department for Education (DfE) to publish an annual report to Elected Council Members on how they are meeting their duty to secure sufficient childcare; and make this report available and accessible to parents.

This report reflects the data that has been submitted to Oxfordshire County Council by childcare providers across Oxfordshire and relates to the available childcare places during the Summer term 2023.

This report is part of a wider suite of intelligence used by the Sufficiency and Access team to assess the sufficiency of childcare places in Oxfordshire, which includes information at a lower geographical level than is presented in this summary document.

### **Funded Early Years Entitlements**

#### **Early Education for some children aged 2**

A targeted offer of 570 hours per year for the most vulnerable 2 year old children, from the school term after their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday

The aim is to reduce levels of inequality and narrow the pre-school educational gap between disadvantaged and better off children.

In Oxfordshire we have seen the average eligible cohort continues to reduce from 1389 in the summer term 2022 to 1198 in the summer term 2023 a reduction of 191 children.

In the summer term 2023 the average take up was 67% a decrease from 74% in the summer term 2022. This decrease however was an anomaly with the take up increasing to an average of 75% in Autumn 2023.

#### **Early Education for children aged 3 and 4 (Universal entitlement)**

A universal offer of 570 hours per year for children from the school term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Children receive early education, focusing on the specific learning needs of very young children. The aim is to prepare children so they are ready to go to school and to prepare them for lifelong learning. By the summer term 2023, 11,356 children were taking up the universal entitlement against an estimated population of 12,358 . 92% of children in the summer term 2023 were taking up the universal offer this percentage is the same as the summer term 2022.

## Extended Early Education/ Childcare for some children aged 3 and 4

From September 2017, children of most working parents became eligible for an extended offer of a total 1,140 hours per year (38 hours per week).

The aim is to encourage parents of young children to remain economically active by reducing the cost of childcare. It is also hoped that the increased entitlement will encourage more parents to take up work.

By the summer term 2023 7663 children were estimated to be eligible for the extended offer in Oxfordshire, against an estimated 12,358 children eligible for the universal offer. 68% of children thought to be eligible for the extended offer took up a place in Summer 2023, this is an increase from 64% in Summer 2022.

### Childcare

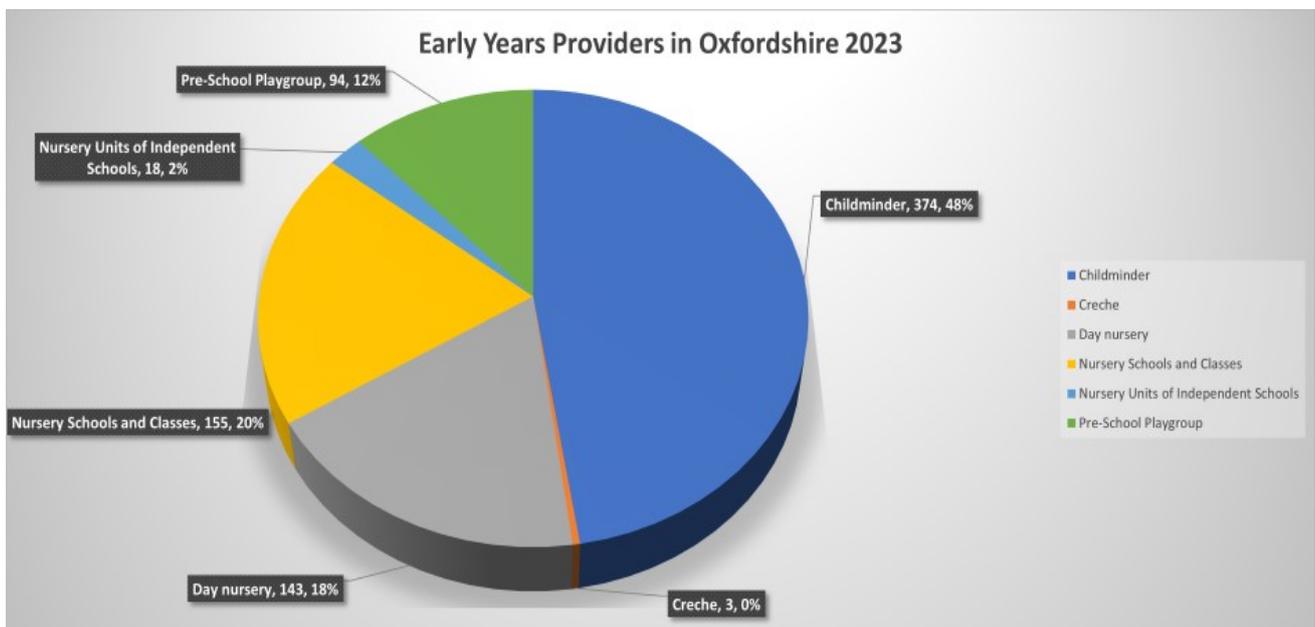
Sufficient childcare means securing the right type and volume of provision, so far as is reasonably practicable, for working parents or those undertaking training with the intention of returning to work, for children aged 0-14 (up to 18 for a disabled child). The aim is to ensure parents are supported to be economically active.

### Delivery

Local authorities are not expected to deliver provision themselves but to work with providers to ensure that there is sufficient provision available to meet families' needs. It is expected that local authorities only directly deliver provision in exceptional circumstances where it is more appropriate for the authority to do so. (Note: provision delivered by a local authority maintained school is not regarded as provision made by a local authority.)

Places are delivered through a mixed market of private and voluntary providers, including local authority maintained schools, academies and free schools.

The below pie chart shows the breakdown of providers across Oxfordshire as of December 2023 not including holiday schemes and out of school childcare.



# Key Findings

For pre-school children (0-4 years), the population forecast for 2023 estimates that the number of children has continued to slightly decrease from 39,078 in 2022 to 38,299 in 2023. The number of available childcare places (birth-4) across the county has increased slightly from 21050 in 2021 to 21141. Overall the availability of places has remained the same as 2022 with a place for every 2 children across the county. This level of availability continues to indicate sufficient provision.

Current population predictions indicate that the 0-4 population is set to increase slightly in 2024 to 38,346. These population predictions include projected births and migration following recent trends.

The percentage of eligible pre-school children taking up funded entitlements remains high, 2-year-old funded take up in Summer 2023—67% a decrease from 74% in Summer 2022. However this was an anomaly and increased back to 74% in Autumn 2023.

3&4 year old universal (15 hours) take up in 2023—92% this is the same as in Summer 2022.

3&4 year old extended (30 hours) take up in 2023 – 68% an increase from 64% in Summer 2022.

## Childminders

There continues to be a reduction in childminders across the county, overall the number of childminders has reduced by 7 childminders (2%) from 381 to 374.

This is consistent with the national trend. The closure of Rutland Childminding Agency in 2023 also resulted in some childminders deciding to leave the profession.

Ofsted released their research and analysis of childminder data for 2022-23 which shows that in the last financial year (2022–23), 5,200 childminders left their registers while 1,700 childminders joined. The number of childminders has declined over the past decade, from 56,200 in 2013 to 27,900 in 2023 - a fall of 50%. The data also shows that over this period, the number of joiners (new registrations) has been falling and is consistently lower than the number of leavers.

The reasons that childminders cease to operate are varied. During a research report by the Department for Education in December 2022 some childminders stated they felt lonely in the profession as they are often working alone and therefore wanted to look for opportunities to work with peers / colleagues. Other reasons identified within the research were, working long hours, being self employed, pay and expenses. The report can be found here [Voices from the childminding profession: perceptions on challenges and opportunities \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/114141/voices-from-the-childminding-profession-perceptions-on-challenges-and-opportunities.pdf)

The council seeks to recruit new childminders. Childminding as a career is promoted on the [Childcare and early education jobs and training | Oxfordshire County Council](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/childcare-and-early-education-jobs-and-training) | Oxfordshire County Council webpage. [Interested in becoming a childminder? | Oxfordshire County Council](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/childcare-and-early-education-jobs-and-training/interested-in-becoming-a-childminder/) is available on the Council's website.

## **Early Years Providers**

Since the last report there has been a decrease in pre schools/ playgroups and day nurseries from 254 in 2022 to 237 in 2023. There were 3 school / pre school mergers since the last report which will show in the decrease above however this has not impacted available places.

## **Schools**

During the period under review there were 173 schools offering early education places (including maintained and academies) an increase from 167 in 2022.

## **Out of School provision**

Much of the out of school provision, particularly breakfast and after school clubs, is operated by schools. Where this is the case provision is not separately registered with Ofsted and is reviewed as part of the school's overall Ofsted inspection. Consequently, Oxfordshire Family Information Service (OFIS) must rely on other sources, other than Ofsted registration data, to identify the availability of school run provision. It is therefore possible that not all out of school provision is included in the data held by OFIS. The number of Out of School Care (Breakfast and Afterschool clubs) identified as being available for primary age children is 278, a slight decrease from 286 in 2022. There are 117 Ofsted registered holiday playschemes available across the county – some of these operate during all school holidays, while others only run at specific times of year, this is a decrease from 135 in 2022.

The Coram Family and Childcare Trust undertook a national survey of Holiday Childcare [Holiday-Childcare-Survey-2023 Coram-Family-and-Childcare 0.pdf](#). This report provides detail on the cost and availability of childcare in Britain for children aged 4 to 14 years during the 13 weeks of school holiday per year.

## **Holiday Activity and Food Programme**

The HAF programme funding is primarily for school aged children from reception to year 11 (inclusive) who receive benefits-related free school meals (FSM).

Benefits-related FSMs are available to pupils if their parents are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits and have a claim verified by their school or local authority.

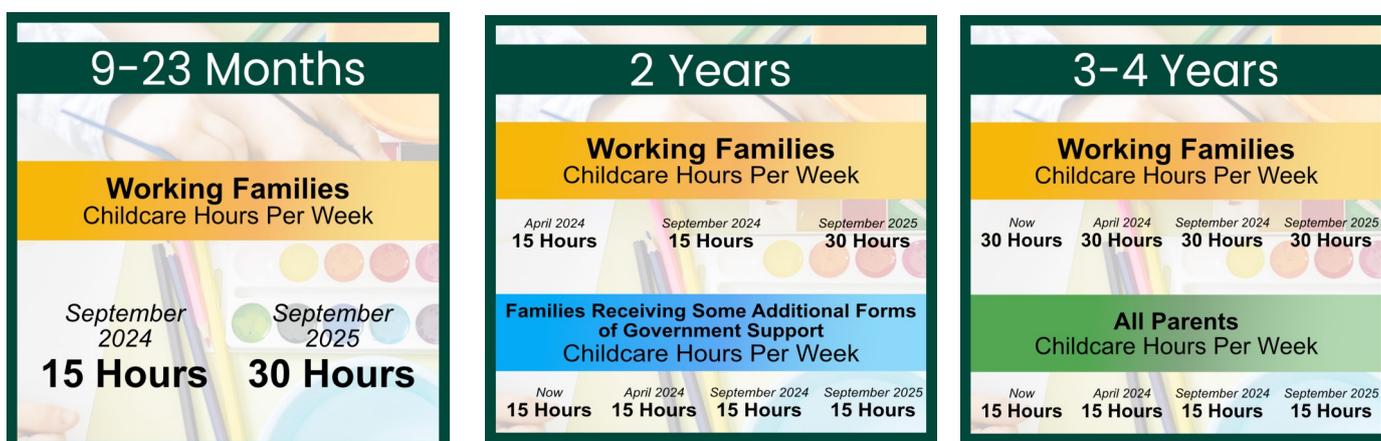
Local authorities are asked to ensure that the offer of free holiday club provision is available for all children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals in their area. Though this does not mean we expect all to attend, as the provision is voluntary.

In summer 2023 2041 primary age children of which 829 had SEND and 448 secondary school children of which 155 had SEND attended a Holiday Activity Food Programme provider. There was an increase of secondary school children (61.1%) attending in summer 23 when compared to summer 22. This was due to both a focus on increasing secondary age provision, but also previous attendees getting older. In summer 23 16,664 activities were attended.

## Childcare Reforms—Spring Budget 2023

In the spring budget 2023 the Chancellor announced that the early years funded entitlements would be expanded to offer working families meeting specific criteria up to 30 funded hours of childcare a week over 38 weeks of the year (or fewer hours a week spread over the full year). The policy is being rolled out in phases: -

- April 2024 - 15 hours per week for 38 weeks a year offered to eligible two-year-old
- September 2024 - 15 hours per week for 38 weeks a year offered to eligible under 2s (from 9 months old)
- September 2025 – 30 hours per week for 38 weeks a year offered to eligible under 5s (from 9 months old)



The reforms mean the government expects to spend an additional £4.1 billion by 2027 to 2028 to fund 30 hours of free childcare per week (38 weeks per year) for children over the age of nine months.

Analysis based on the rationale and assumptions in annex 1, has been completed in order to estimate the number of places that will be needed for the local authority to meet its statutory duty for the existing, and extension to the early years entitlements. The analysis shows that there is currently an estimated surplus of 4775 x 2, 3 and 4 year old places in Oxfordshire. Where spare capacity exists, typically this is in provisions that operate school hours and/or during term time only and this may not meet the needs of working families. Providers should consider converting spare 3 & 4 year old capacity to cater for 2 year olds and look at their wrap around provision for the early years age group.

In September 2024 in the 9 – 23 month age group there will be an estimated shortage of around 435 places Countywide. Further analysis has identified Abingdon and Didcot, and the areas that surround these towns, as places with a larger than average deficit of provision for the 9 – 23 month age group. Analysis is ongoing and additional smaller areas may emerge as areas of concern.

Work is taking place to look at potential for meeting these shortfalls within existing and known proposed provisions. In due course there may be opportunities for revenue and capital grants for the places and age groups where we have been unable to identify suitable opportunities.

## Annex 1

### **Rationale and assumptions (sufficiency data)**

#### **Assumptions**

- All places are calculated in part time equivalent (15 hours per week for 38 weeks).
- Population is calculated using OCC population stats. These statistics are calculated in a 0-4 year old grouping. It is then split equally across the ages when calculating population for individual age groups e.g. 2 year old cohort.
- Ofsted maximum places data (with the alterations outlined below) has been used with the addition of Oxfordshire County Council nursery published admissions data for school and maintained nursery provision.
- The Ofsted maximum places data, for PVI providers, was compared to summer 23 occupancy. In several cases a decision was taken to double the maximum place figure. The decision was based on previous occupancy and the assumption that the maximum places are shown as full time equivalent.
- Sufficiency assumptions are based on comparing predicted demand in a middle layer super output area (MSOA) (or adjoining MSOAs) with childcare provision located in those areas.
- Parental choice decisions such as choosing a provision close to a workplace cannot be included in calculations although we do try to adjust for significant patterns in 'deep dive' analyses when needed.
- Take up patterns in Oxford City are very complex to try and predict and are less likely to observe MSOA boundaries due to geographical proximity and better public transport options than more rural parts of the County.

#### **9-23 Month specific**

- The DfE estimate of 50% eligibility has been used for this age group.
- Take up of the total population for this age group is estimated to be 60% (1 year olds) & 35% (9-12 month) ([Childcare Expansion Policy costing information note page 5](#)).
- One quarter of the 0-1 population has been used to calculate the number of 9-12 month children.
- Under 2 sufficiency of places is calculated using providers that are currently taking this age group. This was established by sending out an email to all early years providers to ask how many 9 – 23 places they offer.
- It is assumed that providers currently offering 2, 3 & 4 year old places will not automatically wish to lower their age range. This assumption will be reviewed once take up data is available.
- An estimate of ¼ of Ofsted maximum places has been used for 9 – 23 month providers that did not supply place data.

## **2 year old specific**

The DfE estimates of 50% eligibility for working families has been used. An additional 20% has been added to account for the vulnerable families entitlement. Take up is estimated at 75%.

[Spring Budget 2023 Childcare Expansion Policy costing information note \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

## **3 & 4 year old specific**

Demand has been calculated using 98% of 3YO and 66% of 4YO for the universal entitlement.

The extended entitlement has been calculated as 62% of population with an 80% take-up rate.

These percentages are based on historic Oxfordshire take-up figures.

More in depth data will be included within the 2024 sufficiency assessment

## **Wraparound expansion**

As part of this announcement, the government are expanding wraparound care for primary school children across England by increasing the number of places available, to support all families who need it.

[Before and after school childcare: Everything you need to know about wraparound care – The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2023/03/27/before-and-after-school-childcare-everything-you-need-to-know-about-wraparound-care-the-education-hub)

To make more available wraparound care possible, local authorities will receive a share of £289 million to help map out and accommodate the needs of parents in their area.

Oxfordshire will be surveying parents and providers in early 2024 to establish current supply and demand for wraparound childcare.

## Sufficiency Priority Areas

There is a projected surplus of 2, 3 and 4 year old places across Oxfordshire. The priority areas for generation of new places will, therefore, largely focus on the 9 – 23 months old age group. The exception to this approach is a large rural area in the South West of the County that borders Swindon Borough Council.

The estimated deficit of 9 – 23-month places for the full roll out in September 2025 is an average of 10 per MSOA across the County. There are, however, some areas where there is sufficient supply and others that have a deficit of places for this age group.

Analysis of grouped towns and individual MSOAs has shown that the following are priority areas for increasing the number funded places

- **Abingdon South** – there is an estimated deficit of places for this MSOA. This area has been treated as distinct from Abingdon as local knowledge suggests a specific difficulty in accessing funded places in this area.
- **Didcot** – This area has been included due to the extensive housing development in Didcot and surrounding MSOAs.
- **Shrivenham and Watchfield & Faringdon and Stanford** – taking the two MSOAs together there is a predicted deficit for 9-23 month & 2, 3 & 4 year old children. This area is on the border of Swindon Borough Council. The Borough also has a DfE identified deficit for roll out of the new entitlements.

Caution needs to be taken when making business decisions based on the sufficiency information contained in this report. [Annex 1](#) outlines the assumptions and rationale used for this analysis and these must be considered when making business decisions. It should also be recognised that many things can have an impact on the birth rate. This is particularly important when looking at take up estimates for the 9 – 23 month age group for 2025.

## Childcare for families of children with a disability

Each Local Authority publishes a Local Offer. The Local Offer sets out in one place, comprehensive information about the provision expected to be available in the area across education, health and social care for children and young people in the county who have SEN or a disability, including those who do not have Education Health Care Plans (EHCP).

All early years and childcare providers are supported to be inclusive and offer places to meet the needs of all children. The Family Information Service generally finds that most childcare providers respond to the needs of children with a disability and those with special educational needs.

The support offered by the Council includes:-

- ⇒ Services that provide [Support to families with disabled children and young people](#)
- ⇒ Support to mainstream providers by the [Early Years Team](#).
- ⇒ [Special Education Needs support for providers](#), available on the Council's website.
- ⇒ Training, including Equality and Diversity and undertaking the Early Years Special Education Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) role is available as part the [Council's Step into Training programme](#) for early years and childcare providers. Some training for childminders is also available there, to build expertise and confidence in supporting children with special educational needs or disability.
- ⇒ Support and training for carers and support workers of children with specific health needs in various community settings is provided through the Protocol for Delegation of Healthcare Tasks 2020. Delegated Healthcare training is requested through a training request pack to the Oxfordshire Community Children's Nursing (CCN) Team.

The [Family Information Service Directory](#) highlights some providers with a Local Offer Flag. This is where sufficient information has been provided to identify providers who offer places in accordance with the Council's [Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\) Local Offer](#). The Local Offer brings together information about education, health and care services for children and young people from 0 to 25 with SEND.

In December 2023, there were 415 childcare provisions identified as supporting the [Local Offer](#). This figure includes breakfast & afterschool clubs.

Home childcarers are employed by the families and enable parents to have a child cared for in their own home by a carer who is registered with Ofsted and can demonstrate that they have common core skills and paediatric first aid qualifications. Children with complex health and behavioural needs, including Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD), may particularly benefit from the continuity of childcare and play offered in their own home as well as access to equipment to meet their care needs.

During 2022 to 2023, the Council has contracted with 10 organisations to deliver a range of Short Breaks activities and childcare supporting children with a disability and their families. These contracts will end by the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2024. New services will be in place from April 2024.

In 2022-23 there were 1067 children with disabilities who, along with their families, benefitted from a range of services including after school clubs, holiday playschemes, teenage youth groups and, for some, overnight respite care. This is a decrease of 10% from 2021-22 when there were 1184 children. N.B. Within this timeframe, the OCC database provider changed, and we have not been able to access information on the children receiving Direct Payments, as we did previously. This has led to a lower number of CYP recorded.

A summary of the Short Break services commissioned is on page ?? and full details can be found in the Council's Short Breaks [webpage](#).

The Short Break team also provide additional funding which can provide support for staffing, training or equipment to enable inclusion. There is also funding to support low income families to access Short Break activities whose children would otherwise be unable to attend. This could include transport or help with fees. Information on the funding streams available are available on the Council's Short Breaks [webpage](#).

In June 2019, the Short Breaks team also set up a private Facebook group page, [Oxfordshire SEND Families Together](#), as another means of sharing information, activities, training and events. As of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, there were 1,332 members. During the year (1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023), there have been 1,674 posts which have had 955 comments & 1,847 reactions. This group page continues to grow gradually in members and participation.

The Council continues to work in partnership with families and providers so that they are able to contribute to the shaping of services, and to take part in decisions about available options and best use of available resources in response to local needs. The Council also ensures that families have opportunities to review service performance and to provide feedback to inform plans for the future. All commissioned services are expected to consult children and families to ensure the services they provide develop and evolve to meet the needs of the families they provide for.

Help and support with finding childcare and short break activities for disabled children

**Oxfordshire Family Information Directory** - Anyone can search on the Directory for all Ofsted registered childcare and activity providers using their town/postcode. The Family Information Service generally finds that most childcare providers are willing to respond to the needs of children with a disability and those with special educational needs.

**Disability Information Officer** - The Disability Information Officer is part of the Oxfordshire Family Information Service team and can help families find childcare, play and leisure activities for children.

Between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 654 contacts were made with families with a child/young person with a disability or an additional need. They received support, advice and guidance. Of those approximately 500 will have had more in-depth support including information on childcare provision and in-depth brokerage.

**Children attending special schools** - some special schools have a staff member who co-ordinates play opportunities or can help parents/carers find out about childcare, play and leisure and short break activities for their children.

**Guidance for using the FIS Directory** – there are guidance notes available to help families and professionals find the information they are looking for more easily and more targeted to their needs.



**Additional information:**

Short Breaks [webpage](#)

Local Offer [webpage](#)

Email the Short Break Team on [cdsredesign@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:cdsredesign@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

[Oxfordshire Family Information Service Directory](#)

Contact [Pauline MacKinnon \(Disability Information Officer\)](#) or the [Family Information Service](#)

Provider	Type of provision	Age range	Location
Autism Family Support	Holiday Activities, Youth Groups & Family Support	8 to 18	Countywide
Barnardo's	Holiday activities	5 to 18	Abingdon
Barnardo's	After School Clubs	5 to 18	Abingdon
Barnardo's	Holiday activities	5 to 18	Witney
Barnardo's	After School Club	5 to 18	Witney
Bardwell Branch Out	Holiday Activities	5 to 18	Bicester
Bardwell Branch Out	After School Club	5 to 18	Bicester
Bardwell Branch Out	Youth Group	11 to 18	Bicester
Bishopswood School	After School Club	5 to 18	Sonning Common
Bishopswood School	Holiday activities	5 to 18	Sonning Common
Fitz Kids, Fitzwaryn School	Holiday activities	5 to 19	Wantage
Kids	Holiday activities	5 to 18	Wheatley area
Kids	After School Clubs	5 to 18	Wheatley area
Let's Play	Holiday activities	5 to 18	Banbury
Let's Play	After School Club	5 to 18	Banbury
Let's Play	Youth Club	11 to 18	Banbury
Parasol	Holiday activities	5 to 12	Oxford
Parasol (Teens)	Holiday activities	12 to 18	Oxford
Yellow Submarine	Holiday activities	11 to 18	Abingdon
Yellow Submarine	Holiday activities	11 to 18	Oxford
Yellow Submarine	Holiday activities	11 to 18	Witney
Yellow Submarine	Holiday activities	16 to 18	Witney
Yellow Submarine	Youth Group	11 to 18	Didcot
Yellow Submarine	Youth Group	11 to 18	Oxford
Yellow Submarine	Youth Group	11 to 18	Witney

**Oxfordshire County Council**  
**Early Years Quality Improvement Team and Offer**  
**2023-24**

We are experienced and expert Early Years and Childcare advisors offering guidance, support, [challenge](#), and training to ensure the Statutory Requirements of the [EYFS \(Early Years Foundation Stage\)](#) are met. We do this through regular information sharing and communications; reflective tools and resources; and coordinating collaboration between partner services.

Our aim is to support and challenge Early Years Providers\* to achieve and maintain high quality practice and provision for all children - resulting in a knowledgeable and effective workforce, leading to healthy, [happy](#), and safe children, who are successful and also develop a lifelong love of learning.

By developing practitioner pedagogy, we will support practitioners to meet the needs of all children and narrow the achievement gap between disadvantaged children and their peers and to provide inclusive practice. Our universal offer supports the local [EY SEND offer](#).

*Providers\* are defined as schools (including academies), childminders, voluntary, [independent](#), and private groups providing childcare and early education for under 6's, including pre-schools, day nurseries and out of school providers.*

### **What is on offer for all Early Years and Childcare Providers in Oxfordshire?**

Advice, guidance and support including safeguarding information, found on our Facebook page, [Twitter account](#), Free Toolkit, e-newsletter, [webpages](#) (No charges), [OSCB page](#)

Continuing Professional Development courses are available from [Oxfordshire Education Services](#) (charges may apply) including conferences; training and briefings/network meetings for committees / practitioners / Managers / Childminders / DSLs / SENCOs. Bize size training is also available.

[Buy-in support](#) – Bespoke support can include 'quality reviews', advisory visits, training, partnership packages and a Buy-in Toolkit.

Oxfordshire's School Readiness and Lifelong Learning [Strategy](#) and [webpages](#) and associated activities such as [our parenting](#) page; [50 Things to do before you are 5 App](#); Language Lead approach and webpages.

### **Oxfordshire Early Years Priorities for 2023-24:**

**Embed and strengthen the requirements and principles of the EYFS**  
**Further embed and develop early language and communication provision**  
**'Making a difference' so all children can thrive**

## Who is entitled to quality improvement support?

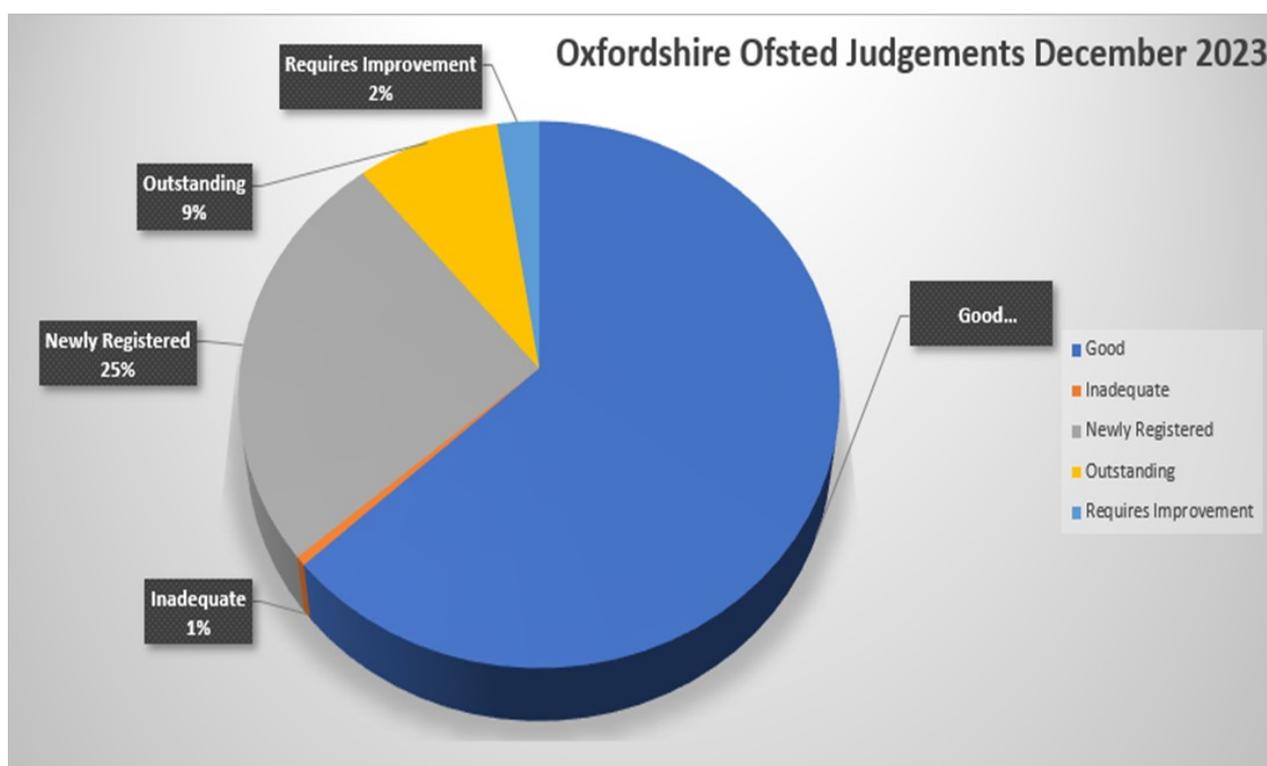
- Early Years and Childcare Providers who have not received a quality improvement visit within the last 4 years.
- Newly registered Early Years and Childcare Providers (not re-registrations), opening new provision and supporting sustainability.
- Leaders new to the EYFS and/or Oxfordshire
- ECTs and teachers new to the EYFS
- Early Years and Childcare Providers judged 'good' and 'outstanding' by Ofsted prioritised using a transparent criterion e.g., those with a previous Ofsted outcome less than 'good'; self-referral by managers or governance; safeguarding concerns; inclusion concerns; introduction of places for eligible funded two-year olds; providers with a high percentage of vulnerable learners and those due inspection.
- Early Years and Childcare Providers judged 'requires improvement' by Ofsted (See Section 8 of the [EEF Terms and Conditions](#)).
- Early Years and Childcare Providers judged 'inadequate' or 'not met'/ non-compliant by Ofsted (See Section 8 of the [EEF Terms and Conditions](#)), and those served with an Ofsted 'welfare requirement notice' or 'notice to improve'.
- Out of School provision judged 'inadequate' or 'not met' by Ofsted.

*(Please note that charges may apply)*

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## Cost of Childcare

The Coram Family and Childcare Trust undertake a national annual survey of childcare fees [Childcare-Survey-2023 Coram-Family-and-Childcare.pdf](#). The latest report in 2023 showed that parents are now paying 5.9% more for childcare for children under two; 6.4% more for children aged two; and 3.9% more for 3–4-year-olds than they were a year ago.

This continued increase may reflect childcare providers having to increase prices to cover the costs of utilities, food and other amenities which have all increased due to inflation and the cost of living crisis.

Families on low incomes are able to receive some support with childcare costs through Universal Credit. Such families are able to claim back up to 85 per cent of their costs to a maximum of £646 for one child or £1,108 for two or more children per month.

The table below shows a comparison of childcare fees nationally, regionally and locally based upon the 2023 Family and Childcare Trust report and local audit data.

The data shows us that Oxfordshire has above average fees both nationally and regionally for day nurseries, childminders and out of school provision. There has been a significant increase in fees charged by Day Nurseries across Oxfordshire since 2021 continuing to increase into 2023. The information suggests that fees charged by out of school clubs in Oxfordshire have increased above the regional and national average since 2022. Fees charged in both Oxfordshire and the South East by Day Nurseries and Childminders remained higher than the average for England. When supporting childcare settings, council officers encourage providers to consider the affordability of their provision and to ensure that the available financial help with childcare costs support (Help with paying for childcare) is regularly promoted to parents. The council's website and Gov.UK provides information on the financial support available to help with the cost of childcare. Help with accessing entitlements is also available from other sources, including the Family Information Service, Citizens Advice and college welfare officers etc. Some providers report that they find it challenging to achieve a balance between generating sufficient fee income and meeting operating costs, particularly paying sufficient wages to attract and retain high quality staff

Changes in the cost of childcare between 2022 and 2023			
Provision Type	Oxfordshire	South East	England
Day Nurseries	£8.95 (was £7.75) + 15%	Under 2s £6.62 (was £5.88) Over 2s £6.19 (was £5.72)	Under 2s £6.03 (was £5.62) Over 2s £5.84 (was £5.41)
Childminders	£5.26 (was £5.07) + 4%	Under 2s £5.18 (was £4.97) Over 2s £5.15 (was £4.90)	Under 2s £5.04 (was £4.99) Over 2s £5.07 (was £4.89)
Out of School / After school and Breakfast clubs	£4.93 (was £4.16) +19%	£4.81 (was £4.20)	£4.51 (was £4.45)

# Priorities 2023—2024

## Key Priorities 2023-24

- Make every effort across teams to ensure the greatest take up possible of the early education entitlements by vulnerable children.
- Prepare for Childcare reforms implementation. Undertaking countywide sufficiency assessment to inform supply and demand, and capacity building exercises.
- Continually monitor the availability and demand for early education places and childcare at a local level.
- Maintain and expand sufficiency of provision from within existing provider base where possible
- Engage schools and academies in securing and protecting appropriate early years and childcare places. School-run early years places reflected in Pupil Place Plan
- Support the recruitment and retention of the Early Years sector
- Implement new software supplier ensuring the funding is distributed to providers with limited disruption.

## Services for disabled children

- Commissioned Short Breaks activities aim to provide a range of fun and safe out of school activities for children and young people of different age and abilities.
- Activities and services will support disabled children, young people and families whose needs are not otherwise met by mainstream services through targeted provision or inclusive provision.
- Support providers to deliver high quality provision.
- Target funding and support so that families on low incomes with disabled children are also able to access high quality activities.
- Increase the number of disabled children and young people able to access mainstream activities and services by providing resources to support groups to do this.

## Section 1: Supply of childcare, birth to 4 year olds

Table 1:1 The number of providers by District Council / MSOA and type of provider for children aged birth to 4. This shows the number and type of provider available in each District Council

District/MSOA	Childminder	Creche	Day nursery	Nursery Schools and Classes	Nursery Units of Independent Schools	Pre-School Playgroup	Grand Total
<b>Cherwell</b>	<b>112</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>206</b>
Banbury	30		11	14	1	3	59
Begbroke, Yarnton & Water Eaton	2		3			2	7
Bicester	39		6	9		5	59
Bodicote, Adderbury & Bloxham	12		4	2		1	19
Caversfield, Ambrosden & Fringford	8			5		2	15
Cropredy, Wroxton & Shennington	3		1	2		1	7
Deddington, Steeple Aston & Heyfords	5		2	2		2	11
Islip, Arcott & Chesterton	3		2	4		1	10
Kidlington	7		1	2		1	11
Sibford, Hook Norton & Milcombe	3		2	2	1		8
<b>Oxford</b>	<b>32</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>106</b>
Oxford	32		37	26	6	5	106
<b>South Oxfordshire</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>192</b>
Beckley & Horspath	2		1	2		1	6
Benson & Crowmarsh Gifford	5		4	2		1	12
Berinsfield & Wittenham	4		1	2		4	11
Chalgrove, Stadhampton & Dorchester	3		1	1		3	8
Chinnor & Tetsworth	10		2	2		2	16
Didcot	30	1	1	6		2	40
Goring, Woodcote & Whitchurch	3				1	4	8
Hagbourne, Moreton & Cholsey	6		2	3	1	3	15
Henley	1		5	1	2	3	12
Shiplake & Binfield Heath			3	1		1	5
Sonning Common & Kidmore End	2	1	3			1	7
Thame	17	1	4	1		1	24
Wallingford & Brightwell	9		2	1		3	15
Watlington & Nettlebed			1	2		1	4
Wheatley & Great Haseley	2		2	4		1	9

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District/MSOA	Childminder	Creche	Day nursery	Nursery Schools and Classes	Nursery Units of Independent Schools	Pre-School Playgroup	Grand Total
<b>Vale Of White Horse</b>	<b>74</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>152</b>
Abingdon	28		4	9		3	44
Botley & Kennington	3			2	1	2	8
Dean Court, Cumnor & Appleton			1			1	2
Faringdon & Stanford	2		1	3		1	7
Grove	9			3		1	13
Kingston Bagpuize & East Hanney	1		1	3	1		6
Radley, Wootton & Marcham	3		2	2	1	3	11
Shrivenham, Watchfield & Uffington	8		2	5	1	2	18
South Wantage, Harwell & Blewbury	7		5	3		3	18
Sutton Courtenay, Drayton & Steventon	5		2	3		1	11
Wantage Town	8		2	2		2	14
<b>West Oxfordshire</b>	<b>62</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>131</b>
Bampton, Clanfield & Standlake	3		1	3		1	8
Burford & Brize Norton	3		2	1		3	9
Carterton	21		2	4		1	28
Chadlington & Wychwoods	1		1		1	1	4
Charlbury & North Leigh	1		3	1		2	7
Chipping Norton	5		5	1		1	12
Eynsham & Stanton Harcourt	4		1	2			7
Hanborough & Cassington	4		1	1		3	9
Kingham, Enstone & Middle Barton	1			1		2	4
Leafield, Minster Lovell & Duckington	2		1	2	1	2	8
Witney	13		5	6		3	27
Woodstock, Stonesfield & Tackley	4			2		2	8
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>787</b>

Table 1.2 shows the number of places, per provider type, in each district and MSOA of Oxfordshire. This information displays data made available to us by childcare providers who are able to provide services to children up to the age four years old. Therefore, this table may underrepresent the true number of spaces actually available to families.

District / MSOA	Childminder	Creche	Day nursery	Nursery Schools and Classes	Nursery Units of Independent Schools	Pre-School Playgroup	Grand Total
<b>Cherwell</b>	<b>472</b>		<b>2053</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>5076</b>
Banbury	121		789	719	47	82	1758
Begbroke, Yarnton & Water Eaton	6		212			48	266
Bicester	177		526	476		146	1325
Bodicote, Adderbury & Bloxham	59		149	110		40	358
Caversfield, Ambrosden & Fringford	35			263		72	370
Cropredy, Wroxton & Shennington	12		22	54		26	114
Deddington, Steeple Aston & Heyfords	17		76	56		45	194
Islip, Arcott & Chesterton	10		118	84		21	233
Kidlington	22		30	160		30	242
Sibford, Hook Norton & Milcombe	13		131	56	16		216
<b>Oxford</b>	<b>146</b>		<b>2010</b>	<b>1673</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>4138</b>
Oxford	146		2010	1673	154	155	4138
<b>South Oxfordshire</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1887</b>	<b>1184</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>4604</b>
Beckley & Horspath	8		38	72		40	158
Benson & Crowmarsh Gifford	17		299	49		24	389
Berinsfield & Wittenham	13		144	28		171	356
Chalgrove, Stadhampton & Dorchester	6		70	80		68	224
Chinnor & Tetsworth	51		86	67		52	256
Didcot	121	10	88	416		78	713
Goring, Woodcote & Whitchurch	12				44	103	159
Hagbourne, Moreton & Cholsey	26		125	137	36	85	409
Henley	6		273	8	64	84	435
Shiplake & Binfield Heath			79	10		30	119
Sonning Common & Kidmore End	9	26	207			30	272
Thame	66	20	140	52		26	304
Wallingford & Brightwell	54		204	21		97	376
Watlington & Nettlebed			46	48		20	114
Wheatley & Great Haseley	12		88	196		24	320

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District / MSOA	Childminder	Creche	Day nursery	Nursery Schools and Classes	Nursery Units of Independent Schools	Pre-School Playgroup	Grand Total
<b>Vale Of White Horse</b>	<b>315</b>		<b>1543</b>	<b>1467</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>3996</b>
Abingdon	114		250	486		86	936
Botley & Kennington	16			92	32	76	216
Dean Court, Cumnor & Appleton			76			50	126
Faringdon & Stanford	14		60	184		24	282
Grove	37			140		32	209
Kingston Bagpuize & East Hanney	6		116	56	45		223
Radley, Wootton & Marcham	8		106	54	32	66	266
Shrivenham, Watchfield & Uffington	39		250	142	32	42	505
South Wantage, Harwell & Blewbury	31		462	131		74	698
Sutton Courtenay, Drayton & Steventon	18		88	136		25	267
Wantage Town	32		135	46		55	268
<b>West Oxfordshire</b>	<b>264</b>		<b>1246</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>3327</b>
Bampton, Clanfield & Standlake	14		40	108		24	186
Burford & Brize Norton	10		108	10		78	206
Carterton	82		120	198		48	448
Chadlington & Wychwoods	3		45		32	30	110
Charlbury & North Leigh	6		169	20		52	247
Chipping Norton	26		203	112		26	367
Eynsham & Stanton Harcourt	16		42	176			234
Hanborough & Cassington	22		75	20		66	183
Kingham, Enstone & Middle Barton	3			52		37	92
Leafield, Minster Lovell & Duckington	10		70	135	26	36	277
Witney	52		374	275		114	815
Woodstock, Stonesfield & Tackley	20			100		42	162
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1598</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>8739</b>	<b>7508</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>2680</b>	<b>21141</b>

Table 1.3 shows the percentage of places available by type of childcare provider (offering service to children up to four years old) in each district and MSOA of Oxfordshire.

District / MSOA	Childminder	Creche	Day nursery	Nursery Schools and Classes	Nursery Units of Independent Schools	Pre-School Playgroup
<b>Cherwell</b>	9%	0%	40%	39%	1%	10%
Banbury	7%	0%	45%	41%	3%	5%
Begbroke, Yarnton & Water Eaton	2%	0%	80%	0%	0%	18%
Bicester	13%	0%	40%	36%	0%	11%
Bodicote, Adderbury & Bloxham	16%	0%	42%	31%	0%	11%
Caversfield, Ambrosden & Fringford	9%	0%	0%	71%	0%	19%
Cropredy, Wroxton & Shennington	11%	0%	19%	47%	0%	23%
Deddington, Steeple Aston & Heyfords	9%	0%	39%	29%	0%	23%
Islip, Arncott & Chesterton	4%	0%	51%	36%	0%	9%
Kidlington	9%	0%	12%	66%	0%	12%
Sibford, Hook Norton & Milcombe	6%	0%	61%	26%	7%	0%
<b>Oxford</b>	4%	0%	49%	40%	4%	4%
Oxford	4%	0%	49%	40%	4%	4%
<b>South Oxfordshire</b>	9%	1%	41%	26%	3%	20%
Beckley & Horspath	5%	0%	24%	46%	0%	25%
Benson & Crowmarsh Gifford	4%	0%	77%	13%	0%	6%
Berinsfield & Wittenham	4%	0%	40%	8%	0%	48%
Chalgrove, Stadhampton & Dorchester	3%	0%	31%	36%	0%	30%
Chinnor & Tetsworth	20%	0%	34%	26%	0%	20%
Didcot	17%	1%	12%	58%	0%	11%
Goring, Woodcote & Whitchurch	8%	0%	0%	0%	28%	65%
Hagbourne, Moreton & Cholsey	6%	0%	31%	33%	9%	21%
Henley	1%	0%	63%	2%	15%	19%
Shiplake & Binfield Heath	0%	0%	66%	8%	0%	25%
Sonning Common & Kidmore End	3%	10%	76%	0%	0%	11%
Thame	22%	7%	46%	17%	0%	9%
Wallingford & Brightwell	14%	0%	54%	6%	0%	26%
Watlington & Nettlebed	0%	0%	40%	42%	0%	18%
Wheatley & Great Haseley	4%	0%	28%	61%	0%	8%

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District / MSOA	Childminder	Creche	Day nursery	Nursery Schools and Classes	Nursery Units of Independent Schools	Pre-School Playgroup
<b>Vale Of White Horse</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>13%</b>
Abingdon	12%	0%	27%	52%	0%	9%
Botley & Kennington	7%	0%	0%	43%	15%	35%
Dean Court, Cumnor & Appleton	0%	0%	60%	0%	0%	40%
Faringdon & Stanford	5%	0%	21%	65%	0%	9%
Grove	18%	0%	0%	67%	0%	15%
Kingston Bagpuize & East Hanney	3%	0%	52%	25%	20%	0%
Radley, Wootton & Marcham	3%	0%	40%	20%	12%	25%
Shrivenham, Watchfield & Uffington	8%	0%	50%	28%	6%	8%
South Wantage, Harwell & Blewbury	4%	0%	66%	19%	0%	11%
Sutton Courtenay, Drayton & Steventon	7%	0%	33%	51%	0%	9%
Wantage Town	12%	0%	50%	17%	0%	21%
<b>West Oxfordshire</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>17%</b>
Bampton, Clanfield & Standlake	8%	0%	22%	58%	0%	13%
Burford & Brize Norton	5%	0%	52%	5%	0%	38%
Carterton	18%	0%	27%	44%	0%	11%
Chadlington & Wychwoods	3%	0%	41%	0%	29%	27%
Charlbury & North Leigh	2%	0%	68%	8%	0%	21%
Chipping Norton	7%	0%	55%	31%	0%	7%
Eynsham & Stanton Harcourt	7%	0%	18%	75%	0%	0%
Hanborough & Cassington	12%	0%	41%	11%	0%	36%
Kingham, Enstone & Middle Barton	3%	0%	0%	57%	0%	40%
Leafield, Minster Lovell & Duckington	4%	0%	25%	49%	9%	13%
Witney	6%	0%	46%	34%	0%	14%
Woodstock, Stonesfield & Tackley	12%	0%	0%	62%	0%	26%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>13%</b>

Table 1.4 shows the number of children in each district and MSOA, per childcare place. The table shows childcare places relating to providers that can deliver services to children up to the age of four years old. Blank squares indicate we don't have any data relating to childcare spaces in this area – this is because data is collected from the Family Information Directory, and information relating to places may be missing or partial in some areas

Population of 0-4 year olds 2023	District / MSOA	Childminder	Creche	Day nursery	Nursery Schools and Classes	Nursery Units of Independent Schools	Pre-School Playgroup	Grand Total
<b>9344</b>	<b>Cherwell</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>
3075	Banbury	25		4	4	65	38	2
320	Begbroke, Yarnton & Water Eaton	53		2			7	1
1811	Bicester	10		3	4		12	1
675	Bodicote, Adderbury & Bloxham	11		5	6		17	2
834	Caversfield, Ambrosden & Fringford	24			3		12	2
394	Cropredy, Wroxton & Shennington	33		18	7		15	3
595	Deddington, Steeple Aston & Heyfords	35		8	11		13	3
826	Islip, Arncott & Chesterton	83		7	10		39	4
547	Kidlington	25		18	3		18	2
267	Sibford, Hook Norton & Milcombe	21		2	5	17		1
<b>7406</b>	<b>Oxford</b>	<b>51</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2</b>
7406	Oxford	51		4	4	48	48	2
<b>7847</b>	<b>South Oxfordshire</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
261	Beckley & Horspath	33		7	4		7	2
555	Benson & Crowmarsh Gifford	33		2	11		23	1
400	Berinsfield & Wittenham	31		3	14		2	1
339	Chalgrove, Stadhampton & Dorchester	57		5	4		5	2
592	Chinnor & Tetworth	12		7	9		11	2
1818	Didcot	15	182	21	4		23	3
277	Goring, Woodcote & Whitchurch	23				6	3	2
838	Hagbourne, Moreton & Cholsey	32		7	6	23	10	2
529	Henley	88		2	66	8	6	1
212	Shiplake & Binfield Heath			3	21		7	2
274	Sonning Common & Kidmore End	30	11	1			9	1
693	Thame	11	35	5	13		27	2
521	Wallingford & Brightwell	10		3	25		5	1
257	Watlington & Nettlebed			6	5		13	2
281	Wheatley & Great Haseley	23		3	1		12	1

Table 1.4 shows the number of children in each district and MSOA, per childcare place. The table shows childcare places relating to providers that can deliver services to children up to the age of four years old. Blank squares indicate we don't have any data relating to childcare spaces in this area – this is because data is collected from the Family Information Directory, and information relating to places may be missing or partial in some areas

Population of 0-4 year olds 2023	District / MSOA	Childminder	Creche	Day nursery	Nursery Schools and Classes	Nursery Units of Independent Schools	Pre-School Playgroup	Grand Total
<b>7860</b>	<b>Vale Of White Horse</b>	<b>25</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>
1722	Abingdon	15		7	4		20	2
439	Botley & Kennington	27			5	14	6	2
300	Dean Court, Cumnor & Appleton			4			6	2
568	Faringdon & Stanford	41		9	3		24	2
690	Grove	19			5		22	3
507	Kingston Bagpuize & East Hanney	85		4	9	11		2
555	Radley, Wootton & Marcham	69		5	10	17	8	2
892	Shrivenham, Watchfield & Uffington	23		4	6	28	21	2
977	South Wantage, Harwell & Blewbury	32		2	7		13	1
668	Sutton Courtenay, Drayton & Steventon	37		8	5		27	3
542	Wantage Town	17		4	12		10	2
<b>5842</b>	<b>West Oxfordshire</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>
363	Bampton, Clanfield & Standlake	26		9	3		15	2
286	Burford & Brize Norton	29		3	29		4	1
1134	Carterton	14		9	6		24	3
232	Chadlington & Wychwoods	77		5		7	8	2
225	Charlbury & North Leigh	38		1	11		4	1
417	Chipping Norton	16		2	4		16	1
285	Eynsham & Stanton Harcourt	18		7	2			1
347	Hanborough & Cassington	16		5	17		5	2
243	Kingham, Enstone & Middle Barton	81			5		7	3
271	Leafield, Minster Lovell & Duckington	27		4	2	10	8	1
1638	Witney	32		4	6		14	2
401	Woodstock, Stonesfield & Tackley	20			4		10	2
<b>38299</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>

Table 1.5 shows the average cost of childcare per hour, by type of provider. The table shows providers that can deliver childcare for children up to four years old. This average is collected from the data we have available, with some childcare providers choosing to not supply cost information on the directory. Thus, some of the figures below are estimates and averages based on the data we have available

District/ MSOA	Childminder	Creche	Day nursery	Nursery Schools and Classes	Nursery Units of Independent Schools	Pre-School Playgroup	Grand Total	Overall Average
<b>Cherwell</b>	£ 4.89		£ 8.58	£ 4.68	£ 9.50	£ 5.39	£ 5.62	£ 6.44
Banbury	£ 4.65		£ 7.37	£ 4.78	£ 11.00	£ 5.33	£ 5.37	£ 6.42
Begbroke, Yarnton & Water Eaton	£ 5.13		£ 9.18			£ 4.23	£ 6.18	£ 6.18
Bicester	£ 5.07		£ 10.37			£ 5.50	£ 5.92	£ 6.71
Bodicote, Adderbury & Bloxham	£ 4.63		£ 6.33			£ 6.50	£ 5.22	£ 5.67
Caversfield, Ambrosden & Fringford	£ 4.67			£ 5.25		£ 5.17	£ 4.94	£ 5.01
Cropredy, Wroxton & Shennington	£ 5.50		£ 5.30	£ 4.50		£ 7.00	£ 5.38	£ 5.54
Deddington, Steeple Aston & Heyfords			£ 6.10	£ 2.00		£ 6.08	£ 5.07	£ 4.81
Islip, Arcott & Chesterton	£ 6.00		£ 11.00	£ 5.50		£ 5.00	£ 6.60	£ 6.82
Kidlington	£ 5.18		£ 9.50			£ 4.00	£ 5.70	£ 6.09
Sibford, Hook Norton & Milcombe	£ 3.85				£ 8.00		£ 5.23	£ 5.69
<b>Oxford</b>	£ 5.44		£ 9.31	£ 6.70	£ 4.76	£ 5.98	£ 6.93	£ 6.52
Oxford	£ 5.44		£ 9.31	£ 6.70	£ 4.76	£ 5.98	£ 6.93	£ 6.52
<b>South Oxfordshire</b>	£ 5.56	£ 3.38	£ 9.32	£ 5.29	£ 12.00	£ 6.20	£ 6.27	£ 6.86
Beckley & Horspath	£ 6.00					£ 6.50	£ 6.25	£ 6.25
Benson & Crowmarsh Gifford	£ 6.00		£ 7.28	£ 6.00		£ 5.40	£ 6.41	£ 6.22
Berinsfield & Wittenham	£ 5.31					£ 5.90	£ 5.51	£ 5.57
Chalgrove, Stadhampton & Dorchester	£ 7.33		£ 11.67			£ 5.48	£ 7.13	£ 7.90
Chinnor & Tetworth	£ 4.55		£ 11.67	£ 4.00		£ 6.00	£ 5.50	£ 6.34
Didcot	£ 5.12	£ 2.25	£ 10.83	£ 5.16			£ 5.23	£ 5.72
Goring, Woodcote & Whitchurch	£ 5.83				£ 12.00	£ 5.75	£ 6.68	£ 7.57
Hagbourne, Moreton & Cholsey	£ 7.11					£ 6.49	£ 6.80	£ 6.80
Henley	£ 7.00		£ 9.13			£ 7.88	£ 8.20	£ 8.05
Shiplake & Binfield Heath			£ 12.83			£ 7.67	£ 11.11	£ 10.54
Sonning Common & Kidmore End	£ 5.00		£ 9.33			£ 8.06	£ 8.21	£ 7.65
Thame	£ 5.56	£ 4.50	£ 6.39			£ 5.50	£ 5.64	£ 5.52
Wallingford & Brightwell	£ 6.71		£ 7.24	£ 5.50		£ 5.67	£ 6.29	£ 6.28
Watlington & Nettlebed			£ 13.38			£ 6.00	£ 9.69	£ 9.69
Wheatley & Great Haseley	£ 6.00			£ 5.67			£ 5.78	£ 5.81

Table 1.5 shows the average cost of childcare per hour, by type of provider. The table shows providers that can deliver childcare for children up to four years old. This average is collected from the data we have available, with some childcare providers choosing to not supply cost information on the directory. Thus, some of the figures below are estimates and averages based on the data we have available

District/ MSOA	Childminder	Creche	Day nursery	Nursery Schools and Classes	Nursery Units of Independent Schools	Pre-School Playgroup	Grand Total	Overall Average
<b>Vale Of White Horse</b>	<b>£ 5.47</b>		<b>£ 7.79</b>	<b>£ 5.14</b>		<b>£ 5.83</b>	<b>£ 5.72</b>	<b>£ 5.99</b>
Abingdon	£ 5.66			£ 2.50		£ 6.17	£ 5.58	£ 4.98
Botley & Kennington	£ 5.63			£ 6.67		£ 6.67	£ 6.15	£ 6.28
Dean Court, Cumnor & Appleton						£ 7.50	£ 7.50	£ 7.50
Faringdon & Stanford	£ 2.25		£ 4.50			£ 4.17	£ 3.29	£ 3.55
Grove	£ 6.00					£ 5.67	£ 5.83	£ 5.83
Kingston Bagpuize & East Hanney			£ 11.16	£ 5.48			£ 7.37	£ 8.00
Radley, Wootton & Marcham	£ 5.00					£ 5.78	£ 5.59	£ 5.46
Shrivenham, Watchfield & Uffington	£ 5.80		£ 7.35	£ 5.33		£ 7.20	£ 6.08	£ 6.35
South Wantage, Harwell & Blewbury	£ 5.50		£ 7.40			£ 6.12	£ 6.13	£ 6.29
Sutton Courtenay, Drayton & Steventon	£ 4.70			£ 5.00		£ 5.00	£ 4.79	£ 4.87
Wantage Town	£ 6.69		£ 9.40			£ 4.50	£ 6.41	£ 6.75
<b>West Oxfordshire</b>	<b>£ 5.02</b>		<b>£ 9.01</b>	<b>£ 4.60</b>	<b>£ 5.65</b>	<b>£ 5.43</b>	<b>£ 5.80</b>	<b>£ 5.92</b>
Bampton, Clanfield & Standlake	£ 5.88			£ 4.25		£ 5.85	£ 5.22	£ 5.30
Burford & Brize Norton	£ 6.25		£ 10.60	£ 3.50		£ 4.75	£ 6.02	£ 6.22
Carterton	£ 5.40		£ 10.50	£ 4.75		£ 5.00	£ 5.60	£ 6.25
Chadlington & Wychwoods	£ 6.00		£ 6.33			£ 4.50	£ 5.61	£ 5.61
Charlbury & North Leigh	£ 5.50		£ 7.25			£ 6.50	£ 6.42	£ 6.42
Chipping Norton	£ 4.00		£ 9.18			£ 4.50	£ 6.67	£ 6.09
Eynsham & Stanton Harcourt	£ 5.75		£ 10.00				£ 6.81	£ 7.52
Hanborough & Cassington	£ 5.25			£ 4.83		£ 5.72	£ 5.39	£ 5.30
Kingham, Enstone & Middle Barton	£ -			£ 5.50		£ 5.08	£ 3.92	£ 3.63
Leafield, Minster Lovell & Duckington			£ 6.95		£ 5.65	£ 5.25	£ 5.78	£ 5.91
Witney	£ 4.38		£ 9.40	£ 5.00		£ 6.07	£ 6.43	£ 6.26
Woodstock, Stonesfield & Tackley	£ 4.17					£ 5.83	£ 4.58	£ 4.86
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£ 5.26</b>	<b>£ 3.38</b>	<b>£ 8.95</b>	<b>£ 5.14</b>	<b>£ 7.69</b>	<b>£ 5.78</b>	<b>£ 6.01</b>	<b>£ 6.03</b>

## Supply of childcare 5-11 year olds

Table 3.1 The number of providers by District Council /MSOA and type of provider for children aged 5 to 11 years old.

District / MSOA	Childminder	Holiday Scheme	Out of school care	Grand Total
<b>Cherwell</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>186</b>
Banbury	30	4	17	51
Begbroke, Yarnton & Water Eaton	2	1	3	6
Bicester	39	2	12	53
Bodicote, Adderbury & Bloxham	12	3	4	19
Caversfield, Ambrosden & Fringford	8		6	14
Cropredy, Wroxton & Shennington	3	1	5	9
Deddington, Steeple Aston & Heyfords	5	3	5	13
Islip, Arcott & Chesterton	3		4	7
Kidlington	7			7
Sibford, Hook Norton & Milcombe	3		4	7
<b>Oxford</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>102</b>
Oxford	32	25	45	102
<b>South Oxfordshire</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>196</b>
Beckley & Horspath	2	3	3	8
Benson & Crowmarsh Gifford	5	3	2	10
Berinsfield & Wittenham	4		3	7
Chalgrove, Stadhampton & Dorchester	3	2	4	9
Chinnor & Tetsworth	10		3	13
Didcot	30	5	8	43
Goring, Woodcote & Whitchurch	3	2	10	15
Hagbourne, Moreton & Cholsey	5	4	6	15
Henley	1	7	4	12
Shiplake & Binfield Heath		1	1	2
Sonning Common & Kidmore End	2	2	3	7
Thame	17	1	5	23
Wallingford & Brightwell	9	6	4	19
Watlington & Nettlebed		1	3	4
Wheatley & Great Haseley	2	2	5	9

Table 3.1 The number of providers by District Council /MSOA and type of provider for children aged 5 to 11 years old.

District / MSOA	Childminder	Holiday Scheme	Out of school care	Grand Total
<b>Vale of White Horse</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>160</b>
Abingdon	28	5	16	49
Botley & Kennington	3	2	5	10
Dean Court, Cumnor & Appleton		1	2	3
Faringdon & Stanford	2	3	2	7
Grove	9	2	1	12
Kingston Bagpuize & East Hanney	1	3	5	9
Radley, Wootton & Marcham	3	2	7	12
Shrivenham, Watchfield & Uffington	8	4	6	18
South Wantage, Harwell & Blewbury	7	3	6	16
Sutton Courtenay, Drayton & Steventon	6		2	8
Wantage Town	8	4	4	16
<b>West Oxfordshire</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>131</b>
Bampton, Clanfield & Standlake	3	1	4	8
Burford & Brize Norton	3	1	5	9
Carterton	21	2	7	30
Chadlington & Wychwoods	1		1	2
Charlbury & North Leigh	1	1	4	6
Chipping Norton	5		3	8
Eynsham & Stanton Harcourt	4	2	3	9
Hanborough & Cassington	4		2	6
Kingham, Enstone & Middle Barton	1	1	2	4
Leafield, Minster Lovell & Duckington	2		5	7
Witney	13	3	16	32
Woodstock, Stonesfield & Tackley	4	1	5	10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>775</b>

Table 3.2 shows the number of places per provider, who deliver care for children aged between 5 and 11 years. These places are for the provider generally and not specific to any age group. The below figures also only include data we have access to through the Family Information Directory and there may be more spaces available than reported below.

District / MSOA	Childminder	Holiday Scheme	Out of school care	Grand Total
<b>Cherwell</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>1399</b>
Banbury	105	78	369	552
Begbroke, Yarnton & Water Eaton	6	24	84	114
Bicester	164	25	67	256
Bodicote, Adderbury & Bloxham	42	15	62	119
Caversfield, Ambrosden & Fringford	21		15	36
Cropredy, Wroxton & Shennington	18	22	82	122
Deddington, Steeple Aston & Heyfords	30	20	28	78
Islip, Arcott & Chesterton	16		21	37
Kidlington	28			28
Sibford, Hook Norton & Milcombe	17		40	57
<b>Oxford</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>1192</b>
Oxford	145	228	819	1192
<b>South Oxfordshire</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>1636</b>
Beckley & Horspath	14	46	8	68
Benson & Crowmarsh Gifford	27	135	24	186
Berinsfield & Wittenham	16		15	31
Chalgrove, Stadhampton & Dorchester	15	10	26	51
Chinnor & Tetsworth	41		16	57
Didcot	112	40	157	309
Goring, Woodcote & Whitchurch	12		51	63
Hagbourne, Moreton & Cholsey	16		103	119
Henley	6	49	36	91
Shiplake & Binfield Heath		32		32
Sonning Common & Kidmore End	3	32	24	59
Thame	70		68	138
Wallingford & Brightwell	27	52	46	125
Watlington & Nettlebed			31	31
Wheatley & Great Haseley	12	120	144	276

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District / MSOA	Childminder	Holiday Scheme	Out of school care	Grand Total
<b>Vale of White Horse</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>1072</b>
Abingdon	114	24	126	264
Botley & Kennington	16		26	42
Dean Court, Cumnor & Appleton			24	24
Faringdon & Stanford	14	45	40	99
Grove	39		16	55
Kingston Bagpuize & East Hanney	6	28	44	78
Radley, Wootton & Marcham	14		70	84
Shrivenham, Watchfield & Uffington	42	150	15	207
South Wantage, Harwell & Blewbury	34	33	57	124
Sutton Courtenay, Drayton & Steventon	26			26
Wantage Town	34		35	69
<b>West Oxfordshire</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>795</b>
Bampton, Clanfield & Standlake	14			14
Burford & Brize Norton	6		32	38
Carterton	89	16	106	211
Chadlington & Wychwoods	3			3
Charlbury & North Leigh	6	30	30	66
Chipping Norton	22		44	66
Eynsham & Stanton Harcourt	13	52	12	77
Hanborough & Cassington	16		10	26
Kingham, Enstone & Middle Barton				
Leafield, Minster Lovell & Duckington	10		58	68
Witney	58	25	73	156
Woodstock, Stonesfield & Tackley	14	20	36	70
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1553</b>	<b>1351</b>	<b>3190</b>	<b>6094</b>

Table 3.3 shows the number of children per place in each district and MSOA in Oxfordshire. This table shows childcare providers offering care to 5 – 11 year olds

Population of 5-11 Year Olds in 2023	District / MSOA	Childminder	Holiday Scheme	Out of school care	Grand Total
<b>13388</b>	<b>Cherwell</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>
4318	Banbury	41	55	12	8
526	Begbroke, Yarnton & Water Eaton	88	22	6	5
2515	Bicester	15	101	38	10
1041	Bodicote, Adderbury & Bloxham	25	69	17	9
1024	Caversfield, Ambrosden & Fringford	49		68	28
482	Cropredy, Wroxton & Shennington	27	22	6	4
800	Deddington, Steeple Aston & Heyfords	27	40	29	10
1238	Islip, Arcott & Chesterton	77		59	33
888	Kidlington	32			32
556	Sibford, Hook Norton & Milcombe	33		14	10
<b>11212</b>	<b>Oxford</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>
11212	Oxford	77	49	14	9
<b>12511</b>	<b>South Oxfordshire</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>
416	Beckley & Horspath	30	9	52	6
716	Benson & Crowmarsh Gifford	27	5	30	4
615	Berinsfield & Wittenham	38		41	20
558	Chalgrove, Stadhampton & Dorchester	37	56	21	11
883	Chinnor & Tetsworth	22		55	15
2612	Didcot	23	65	17	8
696	Goring, Woodcote & Whitchurch	58		14	11
1215	Hagbourne, Moreton & Cholsey	76		12	10
869	Henley	145	18	24	10
509	Shiplake & Binfield Heath		16		16
530	Sonning Common & Kidmore End	177	17	22	9
1165	Thame	17		17	8
784	Wallingford & Brightwell	29	15	17	6
440	Watlington & Nettlebed			14	14
503	Wheatley & Great Haseley	42	4	3	2

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Population of 5-11 Year Olds in 2023	District / MSOA	Childminder	Holiday Scheme	Out of school care	Grand Total
<b>11783</b>	<b>Vale of White Horse</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11</b>
2643	Abingdon	23	110	21	10
807	Botley & Kennington	50		31	19
547	Dean Court, Cumnor & Appleton			23	23
865	Faringdon & Stanford	62	19	22	9
826	Grove	21		52	15
783	Kingston Bagpuize & East Hanney	131	28	18	10
1001	Radley, Wootton & Marcham	72		14	12
1240	Shrivenham, Watchfield & Uffington	30	8	83	6
1334	South Wantage, Harwell & Blewbury	39	40	23	11
966	Sutton Courtenay, Drayton & Steventon	37			37
771	Wantage Town	23		22	11
<b>9416</b>	<b>West Oxfordshire</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>
604	Bampton, Clanfield & Standlake	43			43
427	Burford & Brize Norton	71		13	11
1581	Carterton	18	99	15	7
478	Chadlington & Wychwoods	159			159
439	Charlbury & North Leigh	73	15	15	7
569	Chipping Norton	26		13	9
486	Eynsham & Stanton Harcourt	37	9	41	6
615	Hanborough & Cassington	38		62	24
502	Kingham, Enstone & Middle Barton				
503	Leafield, Minster Lovell & Duckington	50		9	7
2457	Witney	42	98	34	16
755	Woodstock, Stonesfield & Tackley	54	38	21	11
<b>58310</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>

Table 3.4 shows the average cost of childcare (per hour) for 5 to 11 year olds. This is shown by provider type, and by individual MSOA and District areas. This is an average obtained by the data we have available, and therefore it is based on estimates and averages of the data available

District / MSOA	Childminder	Holiday Scheme	Out of school care	Grand Total	Overall Average
<b>Cherwell</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>3.82</b>	<b>4.52</b>	<b>4.78</b>	<b>4.45</b>
Banbury	4.76	3.00	2.67	4.03	3.48
Begbroke, Yarnton & Water Eaton		4.64		4.64	4.64
Bicester	5.11		6.25	5.29	5.68
Bodicote, Adderbury & Bloxham	4.40			4.40	4.40
Caversfield, Ambrosden & Fringford	5.00		5.17	5.13	5.08
Cropredy, Wroxton & Shennington					
Deddington, Steeple Aston & Heyfords			5.20	5.20	5.20
Islip, Arccott & Chesterton	6.00			6.00	6.00
Kidlington					
Sibford, Hook Norton & Milcombe			4.00	4.00	4.00
<b>Oxford</b>	<b>5.93</b>	<b>5.13</b>	<b>4.52</b>	<b>5.20</b>	<b>5.19</b>
Oxford	5.93	5.13	4.52	5.20	5.19
<b>South Oxfordshire</b>	<b>5.33</b>	<b>5.46</b>	<b>4.88</b>	<b>5.19</b>	<b>5.22</b>
Beckley & Horspath			7.00	7.00	7.00
Benson & Crowmarsh Gifford	6.50	8.33	9.00	7.94	7.94
Berinsfield & Wittenham	5.25		4.80	4.95	5.03
Chalgrove, Stadhampton & Dorchester			4.50	4.50	4.50
Chinnor & Tetsworth	4.75		3.20	4.23	3.98
Didcot	5.23		4.50	5.14	4.86
Goring, Woodcote & Whitchurch	6.00		5.00	5.50	5.50
Hagbourne, Moreton & Cholsey		5.00		5.00	5.00
Henley					
Shiplake & Binfield Heath			2.67	2.67	2.67
Sonning Common & Kidmore End					
Thame	5.25	4.67		5.10	4.96
Wallingford & Brightwell	5.85		4.00	4.93	4.93
Wheatley & Great Haseley		3.83	4.25	4.04	4.04

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District / MSOA	Childminder	Holiday Scheme	Out of school care	Grand Total	Overall Average
<b>Vale Of White Horse</b>	<b>5.35</b>	<b>5.53</b>	<b>4.65</b>	<b>5.08</b>	<b>5.18</b>
Abingdon	5.19	4.00	5.30	5.08	4.83
Botley & Kennington		8.33		8.33	8.33
Dean Court, Cumnor & Appleton					
Faringdon & Stanford	4.50			4.50	4.50
Grove					
Kingston Bagpuize & East Hanney		4.25	1.33	2.79	2.79
Radley, Wootton & Marcham					
Shrivenham, Watchfield & Uffington	5.33		5.00	5.17	5.17
South Wantage, Harwell & Blewbury	5.25		4.70	4.98	4.98
Sutton Courtenay, Drayton & Steventon	5.00			5.00	5.00
Wantage Town	7.50		4.75	5.67	6.13
<b>West Oxfordshire</b>	<b>5.31</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>4.15</b>	<b>4.68</b>	<b>4.99</b>
Bampton, Clanfield & Standlake					
Burford & Brize Norton			0.08	0.08	0.08
Carterton	5.54		4.20	5.37	4.87
Chadlington & Wychwoods					
Charlbury & North Leigh	5.50		5.00	5.25	5.25
Chipping Norton			3.40	3.40	3.40
Eynsham & Stanton Harcourt			4.00	4.00	4.00
Hanborough & Cassington	5.00			5.00	5.00
Kingham, Enstone & Middle Barton			4.50	4.50	4.50
Leafield, Minster Lovell & Duckington			4.00	4.00	4.00
Witney	3.80	5.50	4.80	4.84	4.70
Woodstock, Stonesfield & Tackley			3.50	3.50	3.50
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5.29</b>	<b>5.17</b>	<b>4.52</b>	<b>4.97</b>	<b>4.99</b>

## Supply of childcare 12 years and over

Table 4.1 shows the number of childcare providers that are able to deliver services to children older than 11 years old. Some of these providers only deliver to some specific ages, and these statistics also only represent the data available on the Family Information Directory.

District / MSOA	Childminder	Holiday Scheme	Out of school care	Grand Total
<b>Cherwell</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>82</b>
Banbury	14	2	6	22
Begbroke, Yarnton & Water Eaton		1		1
Bicester	17	1	5	23
Bodicote, Adderbury & Bloxham	9	2	1	12
Caversfield, Ambrosden & Fringford	6		4	10
Cropredy, Wroxton & Shennington	1			1
Deddington, Steeple Aston & Heyfords	5	1	1	7
Islip, Arcott & Chesterton	2			2
Kidlington	1			1
Sibford, Hook Norton & Milcombe	1		2	3
<b>Oxford</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>47</b>
Oxford	11	16	20	47
<b>South Oxfordshire</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>96</b>
Beckley & Horspath	1	2	1	4
Benson & Crowmarsh Gifford	4	1	2	7
Berinsfield & Wittenham	1		2	3
Chalgrove, Stadhampton & Dorchester	2	1	2	5
Chinnor & Tetsworth	5		1	6
Didcot	18	3	2	23
Goring, Woodcote & Whitchurch	1	1	4	6
Hagbourne, Moreton & Cholsey	3	3		6
Henley		6	2	8
Shiplake & Binfield Heath			1	1
Sonning Common & Kidmore End	1	1		2
Thame	7	1	2	10
Wallingford & Brightwell	5	4	2	11
Wheatley & Great Haseley	1	1	2	4

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District / MSOA	Childminder	Holiday Scheme	Out of school care	Grand Total
<b>Vale Of White Horse</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>89</b>
Abingdon	8	3	9	20
Botley & Kennington	1	2	3	6
Dean Court, Cumnor & Appleton		1		1
Faringdon & Stanford	2	2		4
Grove	8	2		10
Kingston Bagpuize & East Hanney	1	2	3	6
Radley, Wootton & Marcham	2		1	3
Shrivenham, Watchfield & Uffington	6	3	5	14
South Wantage, Harwell & Blewbury	5	2	2	9
Sutton Courtenay, Drayton & Steventon	2		1	3
Wantage Town	6	4	3	13
<b>West Oxfordshire</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>73</b>
Bampton, Clanfield & Standlake	1	1		2
Burford & Brize Norton	1	1	3	5
Carterton	14	1	2	17
Chadlington & Wychwoods			1	1
Charlbury & North Leigh	1		1	2
Chipping Norton	3		2	5
Eynsham & Stanton Harcourt	2	1	2	5
Hanborough & Cassington	4		1	5
Kingham, Enstone & Middle Barton		1	1	2
Leafield, Minster Lovell & Duckington	2		3	5
Witney	6	2	12	20
Woodstock, Stonesfield & Tackley	1		3	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>387</b>

Table 4.2 shows the average cost of childcare (per hour) for children older than 11 years. This average is collected from the data we have available, with some childcare providers choosing to not supply cost information on the directory. Thus, some of the figures below are estimates and averages based on the data we have available. For this age range (12 – 18 year), obtaining a true average is more difficult as providers are greatly varied in their prices, as their provision can differ significantly – for example, the figures below take into account both a small charity charging a very small cost, compared to an outdoor camp with included activities. The age group is also quite vast and the level of supervision and direct ‘care’ provided may differ significant based on different ages.

District/ MSOA	Childminder	Holiday Scheme	Out of school care	Grand Total	Overall Average
<b>Cherwell</b>	<b>£ 4.78</b>	<b>£ 3.82</b>	<b>£ 5.20</b>	<b>£ 4.70</b>	<b>£ 4.60</b>
Banbury	£ 4.57	£ 3.00		£ 4.31	£ 3.79
Begbroke, Yarnton & Water Eaton		£ 4.64		£ 4.64	£ 4.64
Bicester	£ 5.05			£ 5.05	£ 5.05
Bodicote, Adderbury & Bloxham	£ 5.00			£ 5.00	£ 5.00
Caversfield, Ambrosden & Fringford	£ 5.00			£ 5.00	£ 5.00
Deddington, Steeple Aston & Heyfords			£ 5.20	£ 5.20	£ 5.20
Sibford, Hook Norton & Milcombe	£ 3.50			£ 3.50	£ 3.50
<b>Oxford</b>	<b>£ 5.90</b>	<b>£ 5.23</b>	<b>£ 5.55</b>	<b>£ 5.56</b>	<b>£ 5.56</b>
Oxford	£ 5.90	£ 5.23	£ 5.55	£ 5.56	£ 5.56
<b>South Oxfordshire</b>	<b>£ 5.57</b>	<b>£ 6.08</b>	<b>£ 2.54</b>	<b>£ 5.22</b>	<b>£ 4.73</b>
Benson & Crowmarsh Gifford	£ 6.25	£ 8.33		£ 6.94	£ 7.29
Berinsfield & Wittenham	£ 5.25			£ 5.25	£ 5.25
Chinnor & Tetsworth	£ 4.00			£ 4.00	£ 4.00
Didcot	£ 5.45			£ 5.45	£ 5.45
Goring, Woodcote & Whitchurch	£ 6.00			£ 6.00	£ 6.00
Henley	£ 7.00			£ 7.00	£ 7.00
Shiplake & Binfield Heath			£ 2.67	£ 2.67	£ 2.67
Thame	£ 5.50		£ 0.47	£ 4.24	£ 2.98
Wheatley & Great Haseley		£ 3.83	£ 4.50	£ 4.17	£ 4.17
<b>Vale Of White Horse</b>	<b>£ 5.20</b>	<b>£ 6.61</b>	<b>£ 2.48</b>	<b>£ 5.12</b>	<b>£ 4.76</b>
Abingdon	£ 4.92	£ 5.75	£ 0.47	£ 4.45	£ 3.71
Botley & Kennington	£ 5.25	£ 8.33		£ 6.79	£ 6.79
Faringdon & Stanford	£ 4.50			£ 4.50	£ 4.50
Shrivenham, Watchfield & Uffington	£ 5.67			£ 5.67	£ 5.67
South Wantage, Harwell & Blewbury	£ 5.50			£ 5.50	£ 5.50
Sutton Courtenay, Drayton & Steventon	£ 5.00			£ 5.00	£ 5.00
Wantage Town			£ 4.50	£ 4.50	£ 4.50
<b>West Oxfordshire</b>	<b>£ 5.16</b>	<b>£ 4.00</b>	<b>£ 2.04</b>	<b>£ 4.24</b>	<b>£ 3.73</b>
Burford & Brize Norton	£ 6.00		£ 0.08	£ 3.04	£ 3.04
Carterton	£ 5.50			£ 5.50	£ 5.50
Hanborough & Cassington	£ 5.00			£ 5.00	£ 5.00
Witney	£ 3.80	£ 4.00	£ 4.00	£ 3.93	£ 3.93
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£ 5.27</b>	<b>£ 5.37</b>	<b>£ 3.94</b>	<b>£ 5.05</b>	<b>£ 4.86</b>

# Appendix

This report provides an overview of the supply of the places available, as at Summer 2023, for childcare, funded 2 year old children and for funded early education provision available for 3 and 4 year old children.

Sources

## Places available and fees charged

### Sources

The place and fee data for Oxfordshire has been supplied by Oxfordshire [Family Information Service \(oxfordshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk) (OxonFIS). OxonFIS hold the Family Information Directory<sup>1</sup>, which includes all childcare and early years providers in Oxfordshire registered with Ofsted and information from other provision that is not registerable with Ofsted, including school managed childcare, where this has been obtained. Ofsted registration does not specify the number of places and therefore OxonFIS is reliant upon providers to supply this information.

OxonFIS is also reliant upon providers providing information about their setting where it is not registerable with Ofsted and therefore this report may not include a full picture of this provision.

OxonFIS encourage providers to keep their records up to date. Where information has not been updated for 180 days providers are prompted to provide an update.

Funded provider data for Oxfordshire is taken from Oxfordshire early years sufficiency and access funding team. In 2022 the software used to issue funding payments was commissioned to a different software provider to previous years. This has delayed access to certain reports and data to provide sufficiency information.

Population data is the projected population for 2023, obtained from housing led population forecasts available on the Oxfordshire housing-led population forecasts [Oxfordshire housing-led population forecasts \(interim\) 2018 to 2028 | Oxfordshire Insight](#)

### Funded 2 year old children

- Places needed are taken from data of eligible children provided by the DfE and the sufficiency assessment matches them to places available in the MSOA where the child lives.
- The data does not reflect children living in one area but accessing their entitlement in another.
- Following a move to electronic collection of the data used to make payments to providers, information on spare capacity information has not been collected from all providers. However, we do collect spare capacity data where we know places for funded 2 year olds have been created by capital grant funding.

### Funded 3 and 4 year old children (universal, 15 hour, entitlement)

- The age eligibility criteria for the early education entitlement means that the lowest demand for places occurs each autumn term and the highest in the summer term. In order to ensure all year-round availability of places, the summer term's data is used when assessing sufficiency of places.
- Places needed are based upon population estimates and assumptions made for children eligible for early education funding (EEF) that are of nursery class age. In the absence of other readily available data the calculation has assumed that monthly birth rates are consistent across the year.
- Estimated population data for the area are matched against places available in school nursery classes and places taken up in the private, voluntary and independent sector in the same area. They do not reflect children living in one area but accessing their entitlement in another
- The data does not reflect any spare capacity in the PVI sector or where school/academy nursery classes have admitted in excess of their published number. The sufficiency calculated is therefore the minimum available.

## Extended (30 hour) Early Education/Childcare for children aged 3 and 4

### Methodology

- Data is presented for the County as a whole and is split into smaller geographical areas using Middle Layer Super Output Areas (MSOAs). MSOAs are geographical areas that contain a similar size population (a minimum of 5000 people, and mean of 7200), and are frequently used in governmental statistics such as the Census. There are many ways to analyse County-level data, but this was found to be the most accurate, as well as being easier to link to other related analyses and provide a better understanding of factors that may influence take up etc. It is also possible to break down MSOA data into smaller geographical areas (Lower Level Super Output Areas, or LSOAs), enabling us to have a better idea of 'neighbourhood-level' sufficiency.
- It should be noted that the size of each MSOA and the number of children living in each MSOA vary significantly and no meaningful analysis can be made when comparing one to another directly.
- Population data is available at both an MSOA and LSOA level, allowing more accuracy in estimating the number of children in each area
- When compiling the report, the intention has been to avoid double counting in two or more age groups, by allocating provider types to one age group or the other. However where out of school places are provided by pre-schools or day-nurseries, alongside their early years provision, this approach potentially underestimates the availability of out of school places.
- When a box is blank, this means that there are no providers falling into that category or we have not been notified of any.

### Provision for children aged 12 and over

- This report contains information on the number and types of providers and average fees. It does not include a consideration of places because:
- the number of providers is small
- available places can depend upon the number of children under 12 who also attend
- there is no requirement to register provision for children and young people aged over 8 years, which means there is less information available.

Activities and supervision for this age group are not usually described as childcare. Registered out-of-school clubs and play schemes are less likely to provide activities that are appropriate for children of secondary-school age. Instead parents of 11-14 year olds often use de facto childcare, such as arts, sports and leisure activities as forms of childcare for older children. Where details of these are obtained, they are included in Family Information Directory<sup>1</sup>,

Providers often take a flexible approach to offering places and consequently the number of places made available at any time can respond to and reflect actual demand

Relative to younger age groups the number of providers is small, so variations between school partnership areas are consequently exaggerated. Over half the providers, who advise that they have places available for children and young people aged 12 and over, are childminders but when canvassed, over 70% stated that they have never been asked to take a child aged 12 years or more.

### Cost data

Hourly rates have been calculated, using the assumptions noted below, in order to provide meaningful comparisons.

Analysis of cost data only includes data from providers who have supplied information on their fees. Oxon FIS report that fewer providers are supplying fee information. Therefore, the average rates quoted may not be representative of the whole county. The information provides a picture of the fees charged by Oxfordshire's early years and childcare settings.

Where there are no settings in a school partnership area, the fees are reported as "£0.00" and where there are settings but we have no cost information, these are reported as N/A.

### Childminders

Where childminders provide an amount, they nearly always state an amount per hour. Hourly rates given are an average from those providing a figure.

### **Day Nurseries**

Normally provide daily costs - these were divided by 8 to calculate average costs per hour.

### **Pre-School Playgroups**

Normally provide costs per session, which vary in length. An average session of 3.75 hours has been used to calculate average hourly costs.

### **Private Nursery Schools**

Only 5 out of 18 private nursery schools have provided fee information and where they do it is a mixture of daily and sessional costs. The hourly fees have therefore been calculated for each setting, using the actual hours open. The information available may have limited value.

#### Out-of-School settings

- a) Breakfast Clubs - These run for varying times, generally around 1 hour. It was assumed that all costs provided were for 1 hour. Some breakfast clubs are free of charge and some just charge a nominal amount. Where it was clear that a self-sustaining fee was not being charged, this was not included in the calculation. B
- b) After School Clubs - Most settings provide a fee rate per session and most run for between 2½ and 3 hours. It has been assumed that these clubs run for an average of 2¾ hours. Hourly rates were used where provided.
- c) Holiday Play Schemes - Most settings provide a fee rate per day and it has been assumed that these clubs run for an average of 8 hours. Hourly rates were used where provided.
- d) Provision for children age 12 years and over - In many cases, out-of-school provision makes little or no charge. Limited information is available and it is not possible to draw any meaningful conclusions about the cost of provision for this age group

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