

ROTHERHAM'S CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY REPORT 2022/23



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SECTION I – INTRODUCTION

1.1 Childcare Sufficiency Duty

The Local Authority has a statutory duty under Section 6 of the Childcare Act 2006 to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, that sufficient childcare places for children aged 0-14 (or up to 18 for disabled children) are available across the borough to enable parents to work, or undertake education or training leading to employment, and under Section 7 of the Childcare Act 2006 to secure free early education provision for each eligible young child in their area (i.e. all three / four year olds and eligible two year olds).

1.2 Purpose of the Report

Statutory Guidance includes a requirement to report annually to elected council members on how the duty to secure sufficient childcare is being met, and to make this report available and accessible to parents.

This report and additional background data analysis are also used to assist Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council in its duty to understand the childcare market and to assist in planning. The report is also useful to assist existing and potential childcare providers to inform ongoing development of childcare places.

The early education vacancy and occupancy data was calculated using two datasets:

School data: Take-up of places had been deducted from maximum number of places available (pupil admission number) to give a number of vacant early education places.

Childcare data: Vacancy information for the early education age groups had been gathered as the number of ‘morning’ or ‘afternoon’ sessions vacant on a daily basis for each provider. The total number of sessions vacant for each provider has been divided by three (for providers delivering 5 hour sessions) or by five (for providers delivering 3 hour sessions) to give the maximum number of 15 hour early education places the provider has available.

Existing and potential childcare providers should always undertake their own market research to understand local childcare needs and use the information in this report as an indicator only. This report represents the position based on data gathered between June – August 2022 and changes may have taken place since the report was written.

SECTION 2 – KEY FINDINGS

There is sufficient childcare / early education capacity based on current take-up levels with some spare capacity across all age ranges, however, there is limited availability for out of school childcare at specific schools.

2.1 Choice and Availability

- The total number of childcare / early education providers (including school Foundation 1 classes, Day Nurseries, Pre-Schools, Childminders and Out of School providers) has decreased since 2021 from 451 to 417, this is mainly due to a decrease in the overall number of registered Childminders.
- There are 236 early years childcare providers in Rotherham offering daycare to children aged between 0 and 5 years old, 22 Out of School Clubs offering a combination of breakfast / after school and holiday care (plus 74 breakfast clubs provided by primary schools) and 73 Foundation 1 classes – Section 4.1.
- Most areas of the borough have a range of childcare provision available (Day Nurseries, Pre-Schools, Childminders and Out of School provision) – Section 4.1 and Appendix 1a.
- Childcare provision is available before 8am and after 6pm in all areas. Availability of childcare at weekends varies from area to area – Section 4.8, Appendix 1a.
- The majority of primary schools in Rotherham have some level of after school childcare (delivered either by an Out of School Club or Childminders) with the exception Canklow Woods Primary, Coleridge Primary, Eastwood Village Primary, Foljambe Campus Primary, High Greave Infants, High Greave Juniors, Laughton All Saints CE Primary, St Ann's Junior and Infants, St Gerard's Catholic Primary, St Joseph's Catholic Primary (Rawmarsh), Thornhill Primary, Thurcroft Infant School and Thurcroft Junior Academy. Ferham Primary, Thrybergh Primary and St Mary's Catholic Primary (Maltby) have no before or after school childcare available – Section 4.3, Appendices 5a & 5b.
- There is some spare **childcare** capacity across all areas – Appendix 1a & 1b.
- There is some **early education** capacity across all areas for three and four year olds to take up their universal 15 hour entitlement, including projected increase in capacity needed through new house building, however, there would not be sufficient capacity in the Coleridge (Canklow) area if all three year old children wished to take up their full entitlement – Section 5.1 & 5.2, Appendices 3 & 4.
- There is some **early education** capacity across all areas for eligible three and four year olds to take up the extended 30 hour entitlement, however, there would not be sufficient capacity in the Coleridge (East Dene / Clifton, Canklow) area if all eligible children wished to take up their full entitlement – Section 5.1 & 5.4, Appendix 4.
- There is some **early education** capacity for two year olds in all areas of the borough including projected increase in capacity needed through new house building, however, there would not be sufficient capacity in the, Coleridge (Canklow) and Dinnington (Woodsetts) areas if all eligible two year old children wished to take up their full entitlement – Sections 5.1 & 5.3, Appendix 3.

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- Unmet demand: There has been six instances of unmet demand in the period 01/09/21 and 31/08/22, all needing out of school care at Thurcroft Infants, St Mary’s Herringthorpe (morning only), Foljambe Campus Academy, Craggs Community and two at Loughton Junior and Infants indicating limited availability at childcare providers servicing these schools – Section 4.8, Appendix 1a.

2.2 Costs

- The average costs of childcare in Rotherham are significantly lower than the national average costs – Section 4.6.
- The cost of childcare for a full day in Rotherham ranges from £27.00 to £59.00 depending on the type of provider and geographical area – Section 4.6
- The average childcare costs in Rotherham have increased slightly for group daycare providers (Day Nurseries) and Childminders, however, the increase in price is lower than the national average increase in the cost of childcare as reported by Family and Childcare Trust (Childcare Survey 2021) – Section 4.6.

2.3 Quality

- The quality of childcare provision in Rotherham remains above the National and Yorkshire & Humber levels at 99 % of providers with a ‘Good’ or ‘Outstanding’ Ofsted judgement in 2022 – see Section 4.7.

2.4 Sustainability

- The last year has continued to be challenging for early years and childcare providers. The sector in Rotherham has responded very positively to the challenges and has continued to meet parents / carers needs, however, some providers have concerns about the ongoing sustainability of their businesses due to lower demand and rising costs. See full details at Section 6.

2.5 Summary

There is currently adequate childcare and early education provision in the borough to meet needs for 0 – 5 year olds.

However, there is a risk that there will not be sufficient provision in a small number of areas for all eligible children to take up their early education entitlement. Unmet demand also indicates lack of availability of out of school childcare at specific schools.

The childcare market is kept under review on an ongoing basis. Take-up of early education for two, three and four year olds is reviewed termly and a full childcare analysis is carried out annually to ensure there continues to be adequate provision to meet needs. Childcare sufficiency information is shared with existing and potential childcare providers to enable informed decisions to be made on the creation of additional childcare in the borough. The action plan in Appendix 11 has more details on how the Rotherham Early Years and Childcare Service will monitor and support sufficient childcare/early education provision in Rotherham.

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Supply of out of school provision varies on an ongoing basis. The majority of primary school pick ups are provided by Childminders and coverage of individual schools varies depending on demand at any one time (see Appendices 5a & 5b). Since September 2021 there has been a decrease of 48 school pick ups across the borough (see section 4.3 and Appendices 5a and 5b).



SECTION 3 – DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

3.1 Population data:

Demographic and socio-economic data helps us to build a better picture of demand for childcare and a parent's ability to pay. For instance, local population changes can have implications for the demand for childcare which could impact on childcare providers.

Chart 1. Projected Rotherham Child Population (ONS 2018-based)

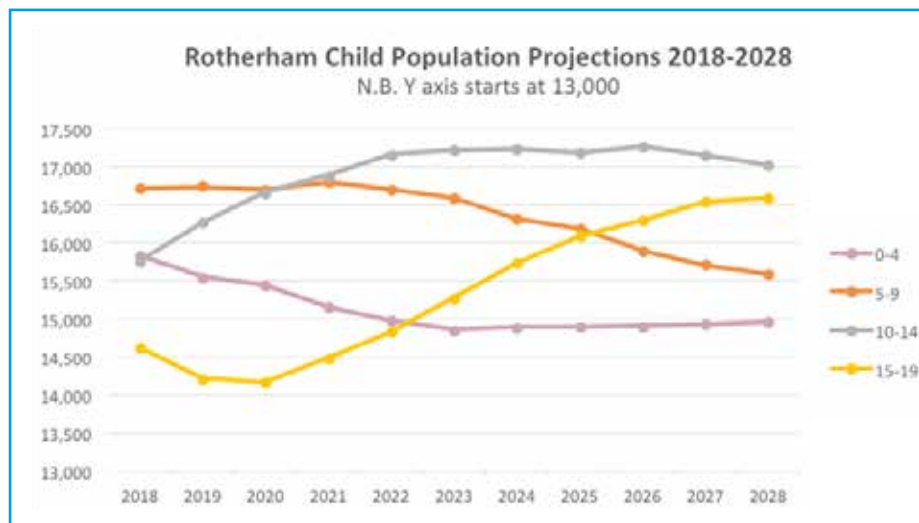


Chart 1 shows that if trends in births and migration over the last four years continue, the population of 0-4 year olds is projected to continue to decrease by 2023 and then stabilise. The population aged 5-9 years is also projected to fall slowly from 16,712 in 2022 to 15,595 in 2028. The increase seen in the 10-14 age group has now steadied with a rise

from 17,166 in 2022 to 17,189 in 2024. The number of young people aged 15-19 is forecasted to rise steadily over the next six years.

There has been a steady decrease in the number of two year olds eligible for two year old early education funding in Rotherham (data supplied from Department for Work and Pensions to local authorities seven times per year) since 2018 with a further decrease of 7 % since 2021, this reflects the reduction in 0-4 year olds overall (see Chart 1). This is also mirrored nationally with a 3 % decrease in the estimated number of eligible two year olds between 2021 and 2022, this is due to a “fall in parents of 2-year-olds receiving legacy benefits which Universal Credit has replaced hasn’t been offset by the rise in those receiving Universal Credit. In addition, the maximum income thresholds for the eligibility criteria have remained unchanged in recent years whilst average incomes have increased”.¹

Demographic information including the following details can be found at Appendix 6.

- Worklessness and Benefit Claimants
- Ethnicity and Migration
- Employment and Average Earnings
- Deprivation in Rotherham
- Child Poverty

¹ Data from Department for Education Education provision: children under five years of age, Reporting Year 2022 – Explore education statistics – GOV. UK (explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk)

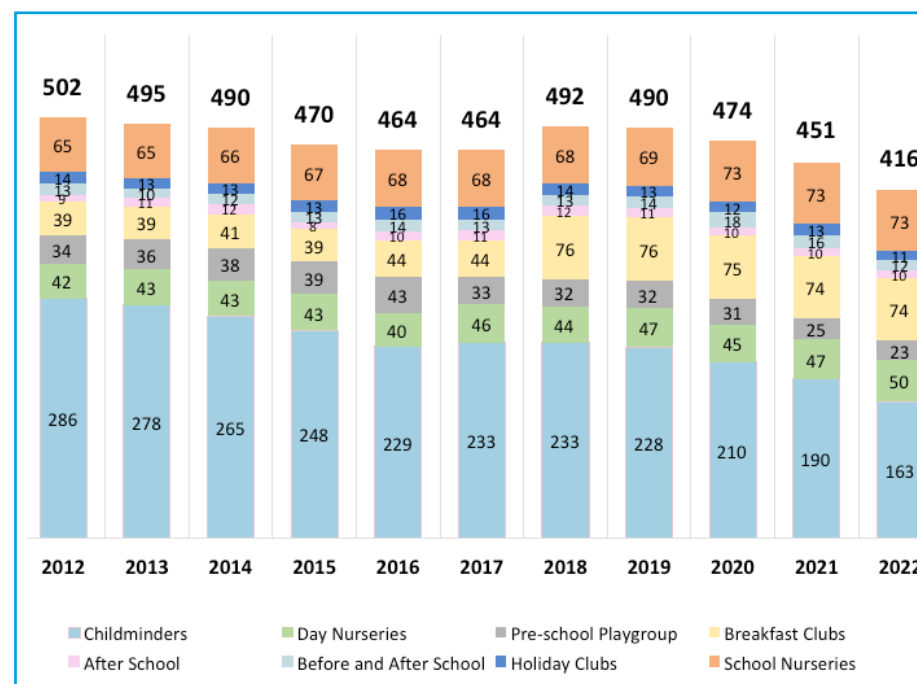
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4.1 Childcare Availability

Childcare in Rotherham is provided by a range of Ofsted registered providers including Day Nurseries, Pre-Schools, Childminders and Out of School Care (before / after / holiday). See Appendix 8 for definitions of each type. The information provided in this report relates to Ofsted registered childcare provision (with the exception of school breakfast clubs and daycare and Foundation 1 provision delivered by schools which do not require separate Ofsted registration). See Appendix 8 for details of the different types of Ofsted registration.

Chart 2 details the changes in numbers of childcare / early education providers between September 2012 and September 2022. These figures are snapshots at fixed periods of time and show the data that the Local Authority held at that time.

Chart 2. Number of Childcare / Early Education Providers in Rotherham



** This chart includes 10 Pre-Schools and 7 Full Daycare provided by schools in addition to their Foundation Stage provision

There has been a substantial decrease in the number of registered Childminders in Rotherham since the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, with a further 12 reporting they have plans to finish childminding in the next 12 months. This is also mirrored nationally, Ofsted reported in March 2022² that there were 31,400 Childminders,

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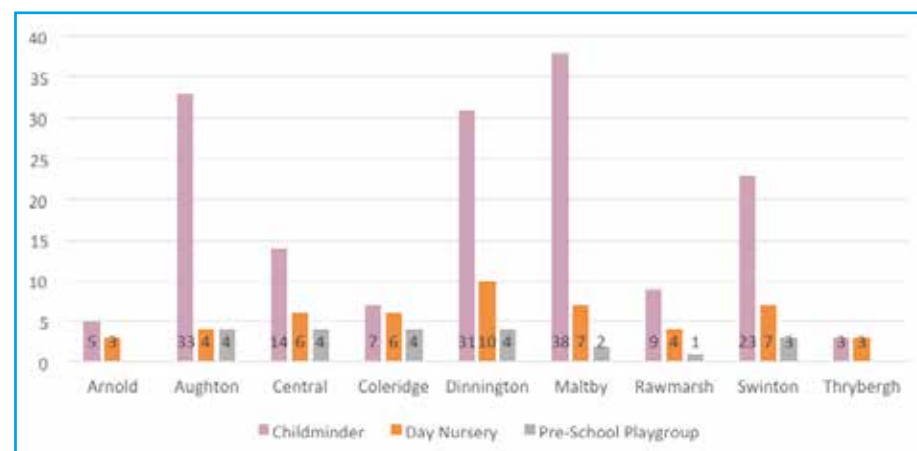
down by 2,300 (7%) since 31 August 2021. This continues a downward trend in number of Childminders, with 16,600 (35%) fewer than on 31 August 2015.

The decrease in the number of Childminders has not affected the availability of early education and childcare places for children aged under 5 years old taking into consideration the current demand. However, out of school availability has decreased and unmet demand for out of school childcare has increased. See section 4.3 and 4.9 for more information.

Day Nursery and Pre-School provision has remained more static which again reflects the national picture.

There is the full range of early years childcare providers in each Children's Centre area, with the exception of Arnold and Thrybergh where there is no Pre-School Playgroup provision, however, there are three Day Nurseries in both of these areas who offer sessional as well as full daycare delivery. The chart below details the number of each early years childcare provider type by Children's Centre area.

Chart 3. Breakdown of Childcare / Early Education Providers by Children's Centre Area



¹ Data from Department for Education Education provision: children under five years of age, Reporting Year 2022 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK (explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk)

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4.2 Changes to Early Years Childcare Availability Since 2020

Since 2021, two group providers have been re-categorised as a Day Nursery from a Pre-School, one of these providers has changed ownership. One new Day Nursery has registered and one has resigned.

Over the year 31 Childminders have de-registered and four new Childminders have registered, therefore, the overall number of Childminders has reduced by 27. This is the largest decrease in the number of Childminders since 2015 and has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic (see section 6.1 for further context).

4.3 Out of School Childcare Availability

There are a range of childcare providers delivering out of school childcare in Rotherham including Out of School Clubs, Childminders and Day Nurseries. See Appendix 5a for a breakdown out of school childcare availability by school and Appendix 5b for detailed changes to out of school availability by school.

The majority of primary schools (83 %) have before and after school childcare services available. However, seventeen schools do not currently have after school childcare available; Canklow Woods Primary, Coleridge Primary, Eastwood Village Primary, Foljambe Campus Primary, High Greave Infants, High Greave Juniors, Laughton All Saints CE Primary, St Ann's Junior and Infants, St Gerard's Catholic Primary, St Joseph's Catholic Primary (Rawmarsh), Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary, Thornhill Primary, Thurcroft Infant School and Thurcroft Junior Academy. Ferham Primary, Thrybergh Primary and St Mary's Catholic

Primary (Maltby) have no before or after school childcare available. This is reflective of demand for out of school childcare at these schools and, in addition, no unmet demand has been recorded for out of school childcare for these schools. See section 4.9 for unmet demand information.

Overall, there has been a decrease of 48 school pick ups across the borough since September 2021, following a decrease of 49 in 2020/21. The decrease in Childminder registrations has been a major factor in the lower numbers of available school pick ups³.

4.4 Holiday Childcare Availability

There are 11 group holiday clubs in the borough. Seven of these holiday clubs are provided by Day Nurseries as part of their wider delivery and the remaining four are 'standalone' Out of School Clubs.

³ 'School pick up' refers to the number of childcare providers that offer a pick up service from a particular school. Childcare providers may offer a pick up service from more than one school and in these instances they would be counted as an increase/decrease for each school they service.

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Table 1. Number of Places Available at Holiday Childcare Providers

	Age Range		
	3 – 4yrs.	5 – 8yrs.	8+
Total Places	82	150	125
Demand	36	93	48
Current Spare Places	46	57	77
Average Cost per Day	£34.86	£34.86	£34.86

Minimum Cost	Maximum Cost
£20.00	£52.00

87% of Rotherham's Childminders also provide childcare for school age children (i.e. 3 years +) in the school holidays. In addition to the holiday clubs summarised above, there are also a number of activity providers which provide all day activities throughout the school holidays such as sports, music, arts and crafts and performance that could also be used as holiday childcare.

4.5 Childcare for Children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities

Early years and childcare providers are supported by the Local Authority to be inclusive; enabling them to offer places and meet the needs of children aged 0-5 years with both low level / emerging and complex special educational needs and disabilities. The Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework⁵ expects group providers to identify a Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO). Childminders are encouraged to identify a person to act as a SENCO and Childminders who are registered with a Childminder Agency or who are part of a network may wish to share the role between them.

The Ofsted registered Out of School / Holiday clubs in the borough are supported by the Local Authority to be inclusive; enabling older children with SEND to access.

All childcare providers can apply for Inclusion Support Grant funding to provide enhanced staffing above the Ofsted statutory requirements to support their delivery to meet the needs of children with SEND. This funding is available for children of all ages (subject to meeting the requirements of the grant).

In 2021/22, Inclusion Support Grant funding was allocated to childcare settings to provide additional support for a total of 398 children in early years / childcare settings and 59 in out of school settings.

There are six special schools in Rotherham, three of which offer early years provision for children aged from two years old. All of these schools have after school and school holiday activities available some

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provided by the school and some provided through Nexus Multi Academy Trust who offer Extended Services for children with special educational needs and disabilities aged 2-19 years old in Rotherham www.nexusmat.org/extended-services.

See **Support for Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND): in Appendix 9** for more details.

4.6 Costs of Childcare

Table 2. Comparison of Childcare Costs: Regional / National / Local – 25 Hours Per Week

Area	Nursery 25 hours	Childminder 25 hours
Yorkshire and Humberside	£120.20	£109.24
National Average Costs	£137.98	£122.33
Rotherham	£119.52	£101.58

Table 3. Comparison of Childcare Costs: Regional / National / Local – 50 Hours Per Week

Area	Nursery 50 hours	Childminder 50 hours
Yorkshire and Humberside	£238.10	£209.07
National Average Costs	£269.48	£236.80
Rotherham	£239.05	£203.15

Average costs in Rotherham for childcare have increased slightly (+3.11 % with a Day Nursery and +3.6 % with a Childminder)* since 2021. Childcare providers continue to face rising running costs due to levels of inflation and increases of the National Living Wage in addition to the cost of living increases.

*Based on the costs of children in nursery for 25 hours per week

The funding distributed to schools and childcare providers by the Local Authority for the delivery of two, three and four year old early education is based on a national funding formula and in line with guidance provided from the DfE. The rate provided by the DfE was revised in April 2022 leading to a rise in the early education hourly rate.

A number of providers offer meals and additional optional extras at a cost over and above the childcare rates.

There are government schemes available, in addition to the two, three and four year free early education places, to make childcare more affordable to parents including:

- Childcare element of Universal Credits
- Childcare element of Tax Credits
- Tax Free Childcare
- Childcare Vouchers
- Care to Learn
- Discretionary support fund for further education
- Student Finance for full time higher education

Table 4 provides a breakdown of the average cost of childcare in Rotherham for different types of childcare by each area.

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Table 4. Comparison costs in Rotherham by Type of Setting/ Geographical Area

CC Reach Area	Full Day Care	Sessional	Childminders	
	Average cost for a 10 hour day*	Average cost for a 3 hour session**	Average cost for a 10 hour day*	Average cost for after school care***
Arnold	£50.50		£36.65	£11.31
Aughton	£49.50	£12.23	£38.47	£13.19
Central	£37.64	£14.41	£41.13	£12.39
Coleridge	£48.25	£12.40	£44.44	£13.43
Dinnington	£45.50	£14.17	£41.18	£12.74
Maltby	£52.70	£14.33	£43.01	£12.76
Rawmarsh	£50.67	£24.50	£45.00	£12.75
Swinton	£49.50	£12.33	£37.00	£11.62
Thrybergh	£46.00		£38.80	£13.50
2022/23	£47.81	£14.91	£40.63	£12.63

Table 5. Minimum and Maximum Costs for Childcare

	Minimum Cost	Maximum Cost
Full Day Care*	£33.25	£59.00
Sessional**	£10.00	£24.50
Childminder*	£27.00	£50.00

The average costs for childcare have been calculated in order to be comparable to each other as follows:

*Daily charge divided by number of hours open multiplied by 10 (hours)

**Sessional charge divided by number of hours in a session multiplied by 3 (hours)

***Hourly charge multiplied by 3 hours

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4.7 Quality of Childcare Provision

Although registration and inspection of childcare provision is carried out by Ofsted, Local Authorities have a responsibility to ensure that childcare provision is of the highest quality. There is a wealth of evidence from reports such as Effective Provision of Pre-School Education (EPPE) which show that attending quality provision can positively impact on a child's development and attainment.

The key indicator of quality is the Ofsted grade which childcare providers receive when inspected by Ofsted, the regulatory body for

childcare providers. Providers are inspected on a four point scale and receive one of the following grades; Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement or Inadequate. The table below shows the percentage of providers who have achieved a 'Good' or 'Outstanding' Ofsted grades by provider type between June 2011 and March 2022. The Local Authority has prioritised support and challenge to providers who do not have or are at risk of not achieving a 'Good' outcome, and there has been a very positive increase in quality of provision with the overall quality of provision above the National and Yorkshire and Humber quality levels.

Table 6. Percentage of Childcare Providers who have achieved a 'Good' or 'Outstanding' Ofsted Judgement

Area	Jun-11	Aug-12	Aug-13	Aug-14	Aug-15	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-18	Aug-19	Aug-20	Mar-21	Mar-22
Childminders – Rotherham	55.40 %	68.90 %	68.60 %	79.20 %	82.90 %	92.40 %	94.50 %	97.60 %	98.20 %	98.10 %	98.60 %	100 %
Childminders – National	69.30 %	71.30 %	74.70 %	78.40 %	84.00 %	88.70 %	92.60 %	93.80 %	94.90 %	95.60 %	96.40 %	96.60 %
Childminders – Yorkshire and Humber	65.10 %	68.00 %	71.50 %	77.90 %	84.10 %	89.20 %	93.50 %	93.80 %	95.60 %	96.50 %	97.20 %	97.30 %
Group Childcare Providers – Rotherham	76.60 %	80.30 %	80.80 %	88.60 %	90.50 %	97.00 %	98.40 %	93.30 %	98.40 %	96.20 %	95.70 %	97.90 %
Group Childcare Providers – National	75.50 %	78.90 %	81.80 %	83.30 %	86.40 %	94.80 %	95.30 %	94.80 %	96.70 %	97.40 %	98.00 %	96.40 %
Group Childcare Providers – Yorkshire and Humber	72.10 %	76.50 %	80.20 %	84.50 %	87.60 %	94.50 %	96.20 %	95.70 %	96.80 %	98.20 %	98.00 %	96.40 %
ALL CHILDCARE – Rotherham	59.90 %	71.70 %	71.60 %	81.40 %	85.10 %	93.70 %	95.50 %	96.40 %	98.20 %	97.60 %	97.90 %	99.40 %
ALL CHILDCARE – National	71.40 %	74.00 %	77.20 %	80.10 %	84.90 %	91.00 %	93.70 %	94.20 %	95.60 %	96.30 %	97.00 %	96.50 %
ALL CHILDCARE – Yorkshire and Humber	67.30 %	70.00 %	74.30 %	80.00 %	85.20 %	90.90 %	94.40 %	94.40 %	96.10 %	97.00 %	97.50 %	96.90 %

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4.8 Availability of childcare at unsociable hours

The table below details the availability of childcare provision covering atypical working hours in each Children’s Centre area. ‘Evenings’ relates to care provided after 6pm and ‘Early’ relates to care provided before 8am.

Table 7. Childcare availability at unsociable hours by Children’s Centre area

Area	Early Mornings (before 8am)		Evening (after 6pm)		Weekend		Overnight	
	Childminders	Full Daycare	Childminders	Full Daycare	Childminders	Full Daycare	Childminders	Full Daycare
Arnold	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Aughton	19	4	3	2	1	0	0	0
Central	10	3	4	0	2	0	1	0
Coleridge	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Dinnington	23	5	4	0	2	0	2	0
Maltby	26	4	5	0	2	0	2	0
Rawmarsh	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Swinton	12	3	4	0	1	0	2	0
Thrybergh	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	107	21	25	2	8	0	8	0

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Childcare provided prior to 8am in the morning is available across the borough and is provided by a mix of Childminders and full day care providers. In addition, for school age children, there are 74 Breakfast Clubs delivered by schools and 12 Out of School Clubs that offer early morning care.

The demand for evening, weekend and overnight care is much lower than for early mornings and this is reflected in the numbers of providers offering these types of care. Although not available in every Children's Centre area, there is adequate provision across the borough in relation to the demand.

4.9 Unmet Demand

Rotherham Families Information Service records instances of unmet demand when childcare that meets the family's requirements cannot be met. In most cases, where childcare cannot be found from the information supplied, further support provided by the team results in securing childcare. On the occasions where childcare cannot be secured for the family the unmet demand is recorded.

There has been six instances of unmet demand in the period 01/09/21 and 31/08/22, all needing out of school care for the following schools:

- Thurcroft Infants
- St Mary's Herringthorpe (morning only)
- Laughton Junior and Infants
- Foljambe Campus Academy
- Craggs Community

In cases of unmet demand for out of school childcare, the Early Years and Childcare Service will share details of their 'right to request'⁴ wraparound and holiday childcare with the parent and also with the school to remind them of their responsibilities under this guidance, as well as explore:

- Liaising with local out of school providers to discuss possibility of them collecting from these schools.
- Contacting local Childminders to discuss demand and their availability for school pick ups.
- Possible school provision or expansion of current after school activity offer and room and staff availability.

If, following a needs analysis, demand for out of school care is high at a particular school, the Early Years and Childcare Service can offer support to the school to:

- Raise awareness of the gap in provision, promote childminding as a career and support potential Childminders to register.
- Develop their own out of school provision and to liaise with other local schools who they could work in partnership with.
- Find private provision that could open on the school site.

⁴ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/778997/Rights_to_request_guidance-2019.pdf

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4.10 Childcare Sufficiency Findings

There is some spare childcare capacity for children aged under five across all areas, see Appendix 1b for full breakdown, however, there is limited availability for out of school provision at specific schools.

Most areas of the borough have a range of childcare provision available (Day Nurseries, Pre-Schools, Childminders and Out of School provision).

There is a wide range of Ofsted registered childcare in Rotherham with provision available before 8am and after 6pm in all areas. Availability of childcare at weekends varies from area to area (See Appendix 1a).

The majority of primary schools in Rotherham have some level of after school childcare (delivered either by an Out of School Club or Childminders) with the exception of Canklow Woods Primary, Coleridge Primary, Eastwood Village Primary, Foljambe Campus Primary, High Greave Infants, High Greave Juniors, Loughton All Saints CE Primary, St Ann's Junior and Infants, St Gerard's Catholic Primary, St Joseph's Catholic Primary (Rawmarsh), Thornhill Primary, Thurcroft Infant School, Thurcroft Junior Academy, Ferham Primary, Thrybergh Primary and St Mary's Catholic Primary (Maltby).

Availability of out of school provision will be monitored on a termly basis to identify any potential areas of concern that need action.

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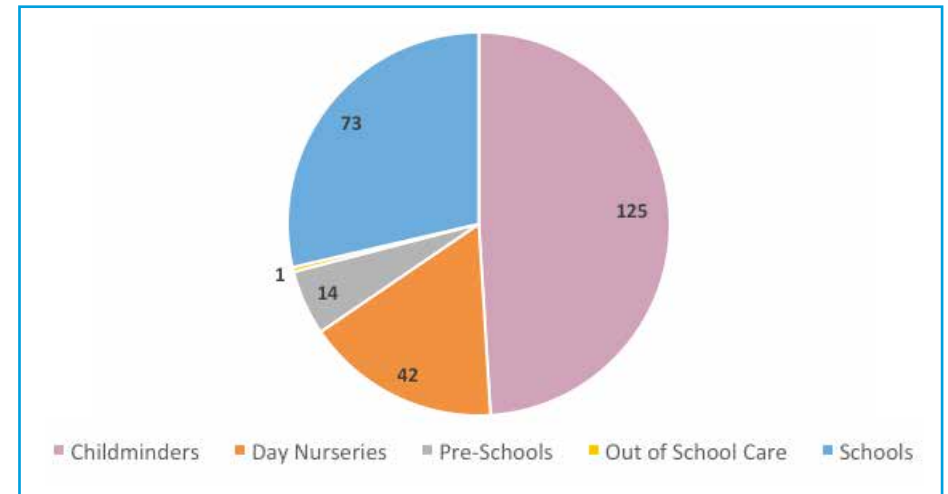
5.1 Early Education Availability

Early education in Rotherham is provided by schools (Local Authority Maintained and Academies) and providers in the Private / Voluntary / Independent (PVI) sector e.g. Day Nurseries, Pre-School / Playgroups and some Childminders. There are currently 255 providers contracted to deliver early education places .

The early education vacancy and occupancy data was calculated using two datasets:

- **School data:** Take-up of places had been deducted from maximum number of places available (pupil admission number) to give a number of vacant early education places.
- **Childcare data:** Vacancy information for the early education age groups had been gathered as the number of ‘morning’ or ‘afternoon’ sessions vacant on a daily basis for each provider. The total number of sessions vacant for each provider has been divided by 3 (for providers delivering 5 hour sessions) or by 5 (for providers delivering 3 hour sessions) to give the maximum number of 15 hour early education places the provider has available.

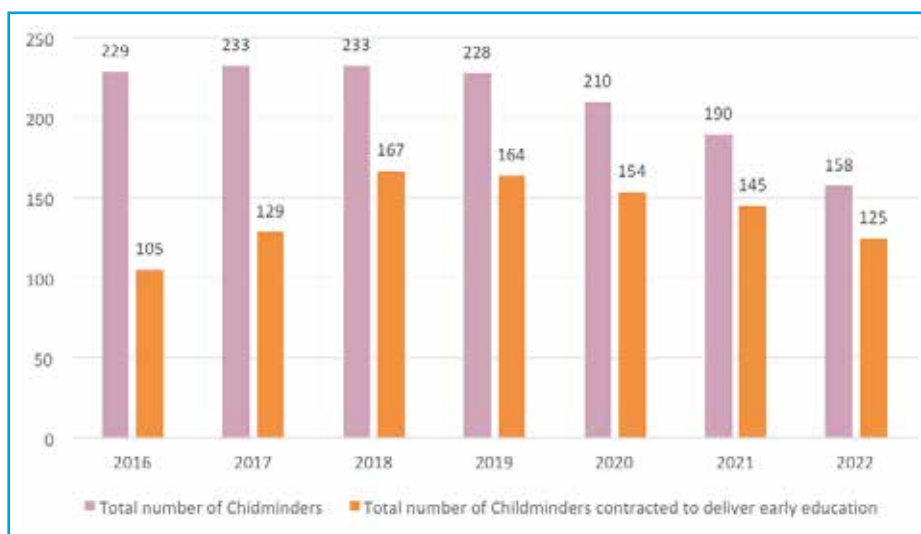
Chart 4. Numbers of Childcare Providers Contracted to Deliver Early Education



The percentage of Childminders contracted to deliver early education has risen slightly in 2022 to 79 % from 76 % in 2021, although the overall number has decreased (-20 from 2021).

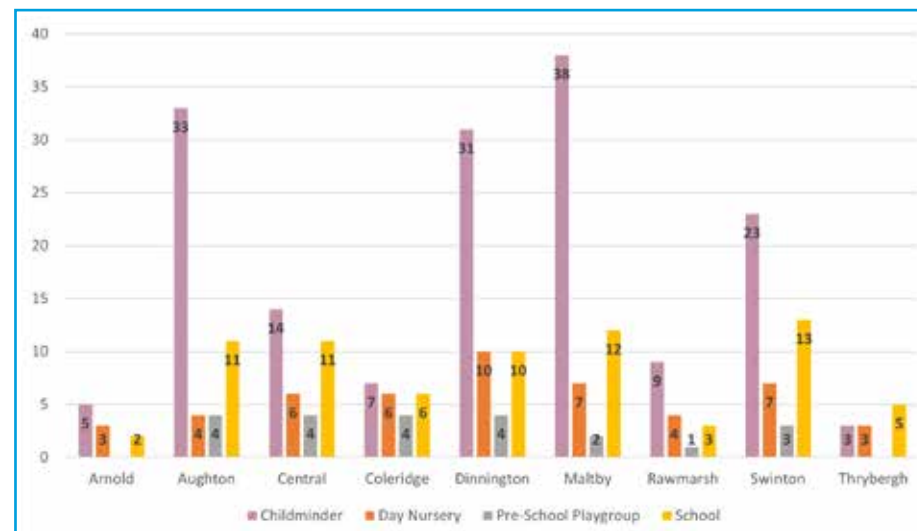
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Chart 5. Number of Childminders Contracted to Deliver Early Education



All Children's Centre areas have the full range of childcare providers available for early education places as detailed in Chart 6, with the exception of pre-school delivery in the Arnold and Thrybergh Children's Centre areas, however, there are Day Nurseries available offering group provision in both of these areas.

Chart 6. Early Education Providers by Children's Centre Area



5.2 Early Education for Three and Four Year Olds

Children are entitled to an early education place (15 hours a week, term time) from the term after their third birthday until they start full time school (a maximum of five terms depending on birth date). Schools generally provide three terms of early education provision in Foundation 1 classes starting in September each year. A number of schools offer places in their Foundation 1 class to start in January and April as children become eligible. Parents can choose whether they want their child to take up their entitlement with a PVI provider or a school.

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The majority of three and four year old children in Rotherham take up early education for at least three terms prior to starting full time school – although not all children take up their entitlement as soon as they are eligible, (i.e. the term after their third birthday).

The eligible cohort in Rotherham increases throughout the year as detailed in the table below:

Table 8. Cohort sizes of children eligible for three and four year early education in Rotherham

Term	Average cohort size*
Autumn	3,051
Spring	4,067
Summer	4,783

Take-up of Foundation 1 (F1) early education in Rotherham is high. During the Summer term 2022, 4459 three and four year old children were accessing their early education place which is 93 % of all eligible children.

The overall take up percentage in Autumn 2021 was 96 % of children eligible to start in September 2021 took up a place. The overall take up percentage drops in the Spring and Summer terms as more children become eligible to take up their entitlement: 93 % of children eligible to start in January 2022 took up a place at that time and 93 % of those eligible to start in April 2022 took up their place then. Those who do not take up their place as soon as they become eligible usually do so from the following September.

The above figures detail all children taking up their early education entitlement in Rotherham. It includes 155 children in Summer 2022 from outside of the borough accessing their free place with a Rotherham provider, with the largest number accessing in Aughton (97 children) and considerable numbers also using providers in Central, Coleridge and Dinnington. The vast majority of these children live close to the Rotherham border.

In addition, in Summer 2022 a total of 175 (down from 189 in 2021) Rotherham children accessed their entitlement outside of Rotherham, of these children (58 %) are in the Aughton area which is near to Sheffield childcare providers.

There is some early education capacity across all areas for three and four year olds to take up their universal 15 hour entitlement, including projected increase in capacity needed through new house building; however, there would not be sufficient capacity in the Coleridge (Canklow) area if all three year old children wished to take up their entitlement.

See Appendix 3 for Early Education Capacity.

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5.3 Early Education Provision for Two Year Olds

The eligibility criteria for a two year early education place is:

Parent/carer is in receipt of:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments
- Tax Credits, and your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- The Working Tax Credit 4 week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- In receipt of support under the Immigration and Asylum Act (section 4 or part 6)

Or if the child is:

- Looked after by a local authority
- Has a statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- In receipt of Disability Living Allowance
- Has left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or child arrangement order

If you're a non-EEA citizen with no recourse to public funds, with a household income of no more than:

- £26,500 for families outside of London with one child.
- £34,500 for families within London with one child.
- £30,600 for families outside of London with two or more children.
- £38,600 for families within London with two or more children.
- A maximum capital threshold of £16,000 in all areas.

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Children who meet the above criteria are eligible for a free early education place (15 hours a week, term time) from the term following 2nd birthday. The eligible cohort in Rotherham is approximately 335 children each term (see page 8 for more information on the decreasing cohort of children eligible for two year old early education).

Parents make contact with the Families Information Service for assessment of eligibility and are given an eligibility code to pass on to their preferred childcare provider to enable their child to access a place.

In the Summer term 2022, 889 two year olds were taking up a free early education place in Rotherham – 88 % of all eligible children. 137 children were not accessing their free place at that time. The take-up of early education by two year olds follows a pattern with the Summer term historically having the lowest level of take-up with the childcare places being at their fullest and new children becoming eligible having less choice of provision. Take-up levels in Autumn 2021 and Spring 2022 were 90 % and 86 % respectively. For the context of these two year old take up percentages, please see take up over recent years in Rotherham in Table 9 below. Also, in June 2022 the DfE reported the following take up percentages:

Rotherham	England	Yorkshire and Humber	Statistical Neighbours
83 %	72 %	76 %	78 %

Table 9. Take up percentages of 2 year old early education since 2019/20

Financial Year	Term		
	Summer	Autumn	Spring
2022/2023	88 %		
2021/2022	77 %	90 %	86 %
2020/2021	74 %	78 %	75 %
2019/2020	83 %	86 %	81 %

There is some early education capacity for two year olds in all areas of the borough including projected increase in capacity needed through new house building; however, there would not be sufficient capacity in the Coleridge (Canklow) and Dinnington (Woodsetts) areas if all eligible two old children wished to take up their full entitlement.

See Appendix 3 for Early Education Capacity.

Each term, the Families Information Service contact families that have been eligibility checked for the two year early education funding but have not accessed a place, to ascertain the reason for not taking up a place and to give support if needed. The findings from the 120 families contacted in Summer 2022 were:

- 17 families were accessing a place out of area.
- 23 families did not want to take up their place because they felt their child was too young.

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- 17 were awaiting a place at their chosen provider.
- 10 were supported with information and advice to help them access their place
- 11 were not accessing a place due to family circumstances.
- 4 families had moved out of the area.
- Unable to contact 38 families by phone and therefore a letter reminding them of their entitlement was sent.

See Appendix 3 for Early Education Capacity.

5.4 30 Hours Free Childcare

The 30 hours free childcare entitlement for working parents of three and four year olds was introduced in September 2017. Clause 2 of the Childcare Act 2016 ('the duty to secure 30 hours of free childcare for working parents') gives local authorities a responsibility to secure childcare provision free of charge to qualifying children.

The eligibility criteria for the 30 hours free childcare entitlement is:

- Both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family), and each parent earns, on average:
- A weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage (NMW) or National Living Wage (NLW); and
- Less than £100,000 per year.

From September 2018, Foster Carers in some paid work outside of fostering can also access the 30 hour entitlement for children in their care.

In Rotherham a range of childcare providers are delivering the 30 hours entitlement including Schools, Pre-Schools, Day Nurseries, Childminders and Out of School Clubs. In total, 224 settings and schools offer the 30 hour entitlement (88 % of all settings offering early education places). There are a range of delivery models available to parents including providers who offer complete flexibility for the entitlement, sessional, full days and wraparound/out of school.

A range of national datasets were used to identify potentially eligible families in Rotherham. This analysis indicated that approximately 64 % of three year olds may be eligible.

See Appendix 4 for details of projected demand and childcare place capacity in each Children's Centre area.

When factoring in the 30 hours free childcare entitlement and based on anticipated take-up levels of 80 %, it is projected that there may be a shortfall of childcare / early education places in Coleridge (East Dene / Clifton and Canklow).

SECTION 6 – SUSTAINABILITY

The last year has continued to be challenging for early years and childcare providers, with the change in parent's working styles affecting demand and concerns about the rising cost of living.

We asked childcare providers how they were feeling about the ongoing sustainability/viability of their childcare business. 29% of the group providers and 18% of the Childminders that responded had some concerns and all cited similar issues around the impact of increased staffing costs, fuel and food and a need for the funding rate to better reflect these increases. Low demand was also a big concern as the change to parent's working styles has created a decrease in demand for childcare as well as the increase to the cost of living affecting parent's choices on using childcare.

We also asked about any changes in delivery that they have made in response to fluctuations in demand and rising costs. Less than 1% of the group providers that responded had made any changes to delivery, whereas 17% of the Childminders that responded had made changes. The vast majority stated adjustments to maximise their income such as increasing working days or hours and increasing their costs.

The Early Years and Childcare Service continue to promote early education places and registered childcare, including schemes to make these more affordable to parents.



APPENDIX Ia

Childcare Sufficiency Summary Table

Area	There is a Range of Registered Provision	Exceptions	Childcare is available (✓ yes, ✗ no, 0 occasional)				Childcare Capacity		Early Education Capacity		Unmet Demand	
			Before 8am	After 6pm	Week-ends	Over-night	Some across all age ranges	Limited capacity for?	Adequate spare capacity	Limited Capacity for?	No instances recorded	Instances recorded for Out of School care
Arnold		No sessional care	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		✓			Before school care at St Mary's (Herringthorpe)
Aughton	✓		✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		✓			Out of school at Thurcroft Infants
Central	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	Out of school care	✓		✓	
Coleridge	✓		✓	✓	✗	✗	✓			Canklow 2/3/4's and 30 hours for 3 year olds in Canklow and East Dene / Clifton in Summer 2023.	✓	
Dinnington	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✗			2 year olds in Woodsetts in Summer 2023		Out of school for Laughton Junior and Infants
Maltby	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
Rawmarsh	✓		✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	Out of school care	✓		✓	
Swinton	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
Thrybergh		No sessional care	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	Out of school care	✓			Out of School for Foljambe Primary

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Childcare Sufficiency 2022

CC Area	Details	Full Day Care Providers including Childminders offering early education places				Sessional Daycare Providers			Childminders (not delivering early education places)				Out of School		
		Under 2	2 yrs	3-4 yrs	0-4yrs	2 yrs	3-4 yrs	2-4 yrs	Under 2	2 yrs	3-4 yrs	0-4 yrs	3-4 yrs	5-7 yrs	8-13 yrs
Arnold	Population	230	125	262	617								262	462	928
	Total Places	17	42	62	121								7	9	10
	Demand (number of places taken up)	12	33	44	89								4	5	8
	Current Spare Capacity	5	9	18	32								3	4	2
	Demand as percentage of places (how full is the setting?)	71 %	79 %	71 %	74 %								57 %	56 %	80 %
	Demand as percentage of population (percentage of children taking up a place)	5 %	26 %	17 %	14 %								2 %	1 %	1 %
Aughton	Population	864	433	982	2279	433	982	1415	864	433	982	2279	982	1319	2472
	Total Places	52	101	102	255	28	44	72	2	2	2	6	79	86	78
	Demand (number of places taken up)	34	78	84	196	23	35	58	1	1	0	2	67	64	53
	Current Spare Capacity	18	23	18	59	5	9	14	1	1	2	4	12	22	25
	Demand as percentage of places (how full is the setting?)	65 %	77 %	82 %	77 %	82 %	80 %	81 %	50 %	50 %	0 %	33 %	85 %	74 %	68 %
	Demand as percentage of population (percentage of children taking up a place)	4 %	18 %	9 %	9 %	5 %	4 %	4 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	7 %	5 %	2 %

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Childcare Sufficiency 2022

CC Area	Details	Full Day Care Providers including Childminders offering early education places				Sessional Daycare Providers			Childminders (not delivering early education places)				Out of School		
		Under 2	2 yrs	3-4 yrs	0-4yrs	2 yrs	3-4 yrs	2-4 yrs	Under 2	2 yrs	3-4 yrs	0-4 yrs	3-4 yrs	5-7 yrs	8-13 yrs
Central	Population	770	386	796	1952	386	796	1182					796	1185	2370
	Total Places	45	82	118	245	29	67	96					14	59	42
	Demand (number of places taken up)	26	54	91	171	25	64	89					12	52	34
	Current Spare Capacity	19	28	27	74	4	3	7					2	7	8
	Demand as percentage of places (how full is the setting?)	58 %	66 %	77 %	70 %	86 %	96 %	93 %					86 %	88 %	81 %
	Demand as percentage of population (percentage of children taking up a place)	3 %	14 %	11 %	9 %	6 %	8 %	8 %					2 %	4 %	1 %
Coleridge	Population	854	401	835	2090	401	835	1236	854	401	835	2090	835	1235	2325
	Total Places	38	108	161	307	28	67	95	1	1	1	3	7	12	12
	Demand (number of places taken up)	30	77	118	225	27	64	91	0	0	0	0	6	8	5
	Current Spare Capacity	8	31	43	82	1	3	4	1	1	1	3	1	4	7
	Demand as percentage of places (how full is the setting?)	79 %	71 %	73 %	73 %	96 %	96 %	96 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	86 %	67 %	42 %
	Demand as percentage of population (percentage of children taking up a place)	4 %	19 %	14 %	11 %	7 %	8 %	7 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	1 %	1 %	0 %

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Childcare Sufficiency 2022

CC Area	Details	Full Day Care Providers including Childminders offering early education places				Sessional Daycare Providers			Childminders (not delivering early education places)				Out of School		
		Under 2	2 yrs	3-4 yrs	0-4yrs	2 yrs	3-4 yrs	2-4 yrs	Under 2	2 yrs	3-4 yrs	0-4 yrs	3-4 yrs	5-7 yrs	8-13 yrs
Dinnington	Population	799	406	906	2111	406	906	1312	799	406	906	2111	906	1332	2665
	Total Places	58	140	225	423	31	50	81	4	5	4	13	54	126	104
	Demand (number of places taken up)	46	113	178	337	19	34	53	3	3	3	9	44	101	84
	Current Spare Capacity	12	27	47	86	12	16	28	1	2	1	4	10	25	20
	Demand as percentage of places (how full is the setting?)	79 %	81 %	79 %	80 %	61 %	68 %	65 %	75 %	60 %	75 %	69 %	81 %	80 %	81 %
	Demand as percentage of population (percentage of children taking up a place)	6 %	28 %	20 %	16 %	5 %	4 %	4 %	0 %	1 %	0 %	0 %	5 %	8 %	3 %
Maltby	Population	838	401	891	2130	401	891	1292	838	401	891	2130	891	1390	2851
	Total Places	83	137	202	422	31	12	43	3	3	3	9	69	81	79
	Demand (number of places taken up)	66	105	160	331	19	12	31	3	2	2	1	65	63	63
	Current Spare Capacity	17	32	42	91	12	0	12	0	1	1	8	4	18	16
	Demand as percentage of places (how full is the setting?)	80 %	77 %	79 %	78 %	61 %	100 %	72 %	100 %	67 %	67 %	11 %	94 %	78 %	80 %
	Demand as percentage of population (percentage of children taking up a place)	8 %	26 %	18 %	16 %	5 %	1 %	2 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	7 %	5 %	2 %

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Childcare Sufficiency 2022

CC Area	Details	Full Day Care Providers including Childminders offering early education places				Sessional Daycare Providers			Childminders (not delivering early education places)				Out of School		
		Under 2	2 yrs	3-4 yrs	0-4yrs	2 yrs	3-4 yrs	2-4 yrs	Under 2	2 yrs	3-4 yrs	0-4 yrs	3-4 yrs	5-7 yrs	8-13 yrs
Rawmarsh	Population	378	203	402	983	203	402	605					402	693	1262
	Total Places	51	87	90	228	20	24	44					11	33	29
	Demand (number of places taken up)	34	58	76	168	18	24	42					7	30	28
	Current Spare Capacity	17	29	14	60	2	0	2					4	3	1
	Demand as percentage of places (how full is the setting?)	67%	67%	84%	74%	90%	100%	95%					64%	91%	97%
	Demand as percentage of population (percentage of children taking up a place)	9%	29%	19%	17%	9%	6%	7%					2%	4%	2%
Swinton	Population	739	394	863	1996	394	863	1257	739	394	863	1996	863	1306	2690
	Total Places	80	163	202	445	41	23	64	3	3	3	29	72	109	79
	Demand (number of places taken up)	63	113	158	334	28	21	49	3	3	3	6	66	86	58
	Current Spare Capacity	17	50	44	111	13	2	15	0	0	0	23	6	23	21
	Demand as percentage of places (how full is the setting?)	79%	69%	78%	75%	68%	91%	77%	100%	100%	100%	21%	92%	79%	73%
	Demand as percentage of population (percentage of children taking up a place)	9%	29%	18%	17%	7%	2%	4%	0%	1%	0%	0%	8%	7%	2%

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Childcare Sufficiency 2022

CC Area	Details	Full Day Care Providers including Childminders offering early education places				Sessional Daycare Providers			Childminders (not delivering early education places)				Out of School		
		Under 2	2 yrs	3-4 yrs	0-4yrs	2 yrs	3-4 yrs	2-4 yrs	Under 2	2 yrs	3-4 yrs	0-4 yrs	3-4 yrs	5-7 yrs	8-13 yrs
Thrybergh	Population	201	111	207	519								207	349	701
	Total Places	3	34	34	71								2	12	2
	Demand (number of places taken up)	2	14	21	37								2	12	2
	Current Spare Capacity	1	20	13	34								0	0	0
	Demand as percentage of places (how full is the setting?)	67 %	41 %	62 %	52 %								100 %	100 %	100 %
	Demand as percentage of population (percentage of children taking up a place)	1 %	13 %	10 %	7 %								1 %	3 %	0 %

APPENDIX 2

Potential Housing Developments in Rotherham

Children's Centre Area	Number of new dwellings (Planned or Under Construction)	Potential Additional Children by Age			
		0-1	2	3	Total
Aughton	982	58.9	29.5	29.5	117.8
Central	152	9.1	4.6	4.6	18.2
Coleridge	436	26.2	13.1	13.1	52.3
Dinnington	775	46.5	23.3	23.3	93.0
Maltby	836	50.2	25.1	25.1	100.3
Rawmarsh	20	1.2	0.6	0.6	2.4
Swinton	115	6.9	3.5	3.5	13.8
Thrybergh	297	17.8	8.9	8.9	35.6
Grand Total	3613	216.8	108.4	108.4	433.6

APPENDIX 3

Early Education Capacity: Summer 2022

Children's Centre Reach Area	Sufficiency Sub Areas	Early Education for 3 & 4 year olds: under/over supply	Early Education for 2 year olds: under/over supply
Arnold	Herringthorpe / East Dene / Clifton	96	20
Aughton	Aughton / Aston	70	6
	Brinsworth	73	27
	Catcliffe / Treeton	36	28
	Whiston	28	0
Central	Masbrough / Bradgate / Blackburn / Dropping Well / Meadowbank / Richmond Park	181	38
	Greasbrough / Rockingham / Wingfield	39	2
	Kimberworth / Kimberworth Park	96	34
	Thorpe Hesley	54	1
Coleridge	East Dene / Clifton	5	9
	Eastwood / Town Centre	22	28
	Broom / Moorgate	85	29
	Canklow	-14	-19
Dinnington	Anston	91	15
	Dinnington / Laughton	186	20
	Woodsetts	32	-2
	Harthill / Kiveton / Wales / Todwick	99	30
	Thurcroft	78	45
Maltby	Bramley / Wickersley	228	60
	Maltby	154	63
Rawmarsh	Rawmarsh	169	105
Swinton	Swinton / Kilnhurst	179	54
	Wath	238	119
	Brampton / West Melton South/West	55	31
Thrybergh	Thrybergh / Dalton	166	69

APPENDIX 4

Projected Demand and Capacity for 30 Hour Childcare Places

Children's Centre Reach Area	Sufficiency Sub Area	Potential Number of eligible children (based on 80% take up rate)	Number of 3 & 4 Year Old Children already taking up extended hours	Remaining Number of Eligible Children	Potential spare/lack of capacity for 80% take-up (3/4 year old vacancies only)	Potential spare/lack of capacity for 80% take-up (taking into account 2,3 & 4 year vacancies)
Arnold	Herringthorpe/East Dene/Clifton	82	52	30	66	86
Aughton	Aughton / Aston	231	183	48	22	28
	Brinsworth	93	77	16	57	84
	Catcliffe / Treeton	77	60	17	19	47
	Whiston	45	32	13	15	15
Central	Masbrough / Bradgate / Blackburn / Dropping Well / Meadowbank / Richmond Park	103	75	28	153	191
	Greasbrough / Rockingham / Wingfield	51	40	11	28	30
	Kimberworth / Kimberworth Park	81	66	15	81	115
	Thorpe Hesley	51	54	-3	57	58
Coleridge	East Dene / Clifton	56	25	31	-26	-17
	Eastwood / Town Centre	48	9	39	-17	11
	Broom / Moorgate	104	94	10	75	104
	Canklow	26	10	16	-29	-48
Dinnington	Anston	67	70	-3	94	109
	Dinnington / Laughton	128	141	-13	199	219
	Woodsetts	10	14	-4	36	32
	Harthill / Kiveton / Wales / Todwick	85	99	-14	113	143
	Thurcroft	74	95	-21	99	144
Maltby	Bramley / Wickersley	225	216	9	219	279
	Maltby	137	109	28	126	189
Rawmarsh	Rawmarsh	149	139	10	159	264
Swinton	Swinton / Kilnhurst	146	125	21	158	212
	Wath	115	135	-20	258	377
	Brampton / West Melton South/West	68	58	10	45	76
Thrybergh	Thrybergh / Dalton	68	54	14	152	221

APPENDIX 5a

Out of School Childcare Availability by School

School	Out of School Club	Breakfast Club	Childminder
Anston Brook Primary School		✓	✓
Anston Greenlands Primary	✓		✓
Anston Hillcrest Primary School		✓	✓
Anston Park Infant School	✓	✓	✓
Anston Park Junior School	✓	✓	✓
Aston All Saints CE Junior & Infant School	✓	✓	✓
Aston Fence Junior & Infant School	✓		✓
Aston Hall Junior & Infant School	✓	✓	✓
Aston Lodge Primary School	✓	✓	✓
Aughton Junior Academy	✓	✓	
Badsley Primary School		✓	✓
Blackburn Primary School			✓
Bramley Grange Primary School	✓		✓
Bramley Sunnyside Infant School	✓	✓	✓
Bramley Sunnyside Junior School	✓		✓
Brampton Cortonwood Infants	✓		✓
Brampton The Ellis Ce Primary School	✓		✓
Brinsworth Howarth Junior & Infant School		✓	✓
Brinsworth Manor Infant School		✓	✓
Brinsworth Manor Junior School			✓
Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School		✓	✓
Brookfield Junior Academy			✓
Broom Valley Community School		✓	✓
Canklow Woods Primary School		✓	
Catcliffe Primary School	✓		✓
Coleridge Primary School		✓	
Crags Community School		✓	✓
Dinnington Community Primary School		✓	✓
East Dene Primary School		✓	✓
Eastwood Village Primary School		✓	
Ferham Primary School			
Flanderwell Primary School	✓		✓
Foljambe Campus Primary		✓	

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Out of School Childcare Availability by School

School	Out of School Club	Breakfast Club	Childminder
Greasbrough Primary School		✓	✓
Harthill Primary School		✓	✓
Herringthorpe Infant School		✓	✓
Herringthorpe Junior School		✓	✓
High Greave Infant School		✓	
High Greave Junior School		✓	
Kilnhurst Primary School	✓	✓	
Kilnhurst St Thomas Ce Primary Academy	✓	✓	✓
Kimberworth Community Primary School	✓		
Kiveton Park Infants School		✓	✓
Kiveton Park Meadows Junior School		✓	✓
Laughton All saints CE Primary School		✓	
Laughton Junior & Infant School		✓	✓
Listerdale Junior Academy	✓	✓	✓
Maltby Lilly Hall Academy		✓	✓
Maltby Manor Academy		✓	✓
Maltby Redwood Academy			✓
Meadow View Primary School		✓	✓
Monkwood Primary School	✓	✓	✓
Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	✓	✓	✓
Ravenfield Primary Academy		✓	✓
Rawmarsh Ashwood Primary School	✓	✓	✓
Rawmarsh Ryecroft Infant School	✓	✓	✓
Rawmarsh Sandhill Primary School	✓	✓	✓
Rawmarsh Thorogate School	✓	✓	
Redscope Primary School	✓	✓	
Rockingham Junior & Infant School	✓		✓
Rosehill Junior School	✓	✓	✓
Roughwood Primary School		✓	✓
Sitwell Infant School		✓	✓
Sitwell Junior School		✓	✓
Springwood Junior Academy	✓	✓	
St Ann's Junior & Infant School		✓	

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Out of School Childcare Availability by School

School	Out of School Club	Breakfast Club	Childminder
St Bede's Catholic Primary School		✓	✓
St Gerard's Catholic Primary		✓	
St Joseph Catholic Primary School (Dinnington)		✓	✓
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - Rawmarsh		✓	
St Mary's Catholic Primary School (Herringthorpe)		✓	✓
St Mary's Catholic Primary School (Maltby)			
Swallownest Primary School	✓	✓	✓
Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary School		✓	
Swinton Queen Primary School		✓	✓
Thornhill Primary School		✓	
Thorpe Hesley Primary School		✓	✓
Thrybergh Fullerton C.E.Primary Academy		✓	✓
Thrybergh Primary			
Thurcroft Infant School		✓	
Thurcroft Junior Academy		✓	
Todwick Primary School	✓	✓	
Treeton CE Primary School	✓		✓
Trinity Croft Ce Primary Academy		✓	✓
Wales Primary School	✓	✓	✓
Wath CE Primary School	✓	✓	✓
Wath Central Primary School	✓	✓	✓
Wath Victoria Primary School	✓	✓	✓
Waverley Junior Academy	✓	✓	✓
Wentworth CE Junior & Infant School			✓
West Melton Primary School		✓	✓
Whiston Junior & Infant School		✓	✓
Whiston Worry Goose Primary School		✓	✓
Wickersley Northfield Primary School	✓	✓	✓
Wickersley St Alban's Ce Primary School			✓
Woodsetts Primary School			✓

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Changes to Out of School Childcare Availability since 2021 by School

Children's Centre Area	Sufficiency Sub Area	Breakfast Clubs	After School	Before and After School	Childminder
Arnold	Herringthorpe/East Dene/Clifton	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0	⬇ -1
Aughton	Aughton / Aston	➡ 0	⬆ 1	➡ 0	➡ 0
	Brinsworth	➡ 0	⬇ -6	➡ 0	⬇ -2
	Catcliffe / Treeton	➡ 0	⬇ -1	➡ 0	➡ 0
	Whiston	➡ 0	⬇ -1	➡ 0	⬇ -1
Central	Greasbrough / Rockingham / Wingfield	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0
	Kimberworth / Kimberworth Park	⬆ 1	➡ 0	➡ 0	⬇ -2
	Masbrough / Bradgate / Blackburn / Dropping Well / Meadowbank / Richmond Park	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0	⬇ -1
	Thorpe Hesley	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0	⬇ -1
Coleridge	Broom / Moorgate	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0
	Canklow	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0
	East Dene/Clifton	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0
	Eastwood / Town Centre	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0
Dinnington	Anston	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0
	Dinnington / Laughton	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0	⬇ -4
	Harthill / Kiveton / Wales / Todwick	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0	⬇ -2
	Thurcroft	➡ 0	⬇ -1	➡ 0	⬇ -5
	Woodsetts	➡ 0	➡ 0	➡ 0	⬆ 1

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Changes to Out of School Childcare Availability since 2021 by School

Children's Centre Area	Sufficiency Sub Area	Breakfast Clubs	After School	Before and After School	Childminder
Maltby	Bramley / Wickersley	↑ 5	→ 0	→ 0	↓ -6
	Maltby	→ 0	→ 0	→ 0	↓ -5
Rawmarsh	Rawmarsh	↓ -2	→ 0	→ 0	↓ -1
Swinton	Brampton/West Melton South / West	→ 0	→ 0	→ 0	→ 0
	Swinton / Kilnhurst	↓ -4	→ 0	→ 0	↓ -3
	Wath	→ 0	→ 0	→ 0	↓ -4
Thrybergh	Thrybergh / Dalton	→ 0	→ 0	→ 0	↓ -3
	Total	→ 0	↓ -8	→ 0	↓ -40

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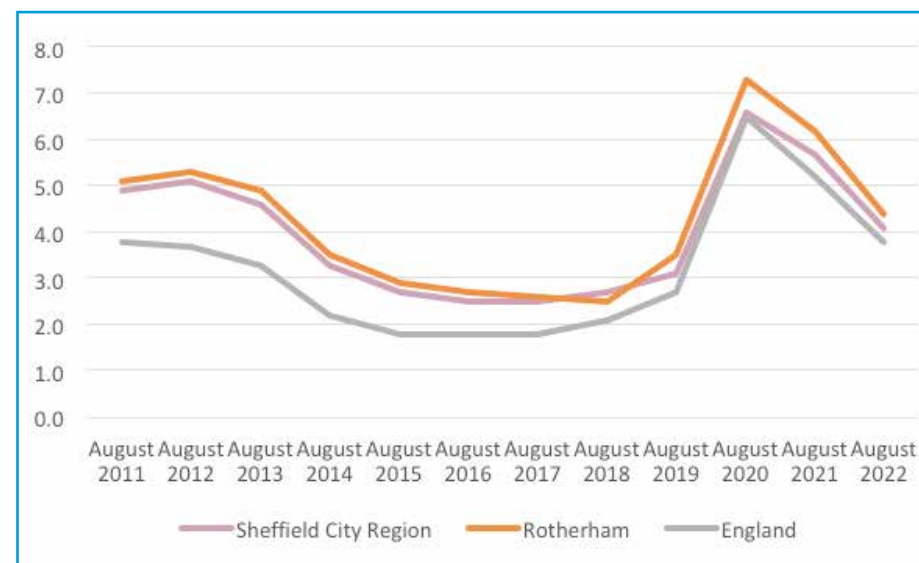
Worklessness and Benefits Claimants

The annual population survey shows that the unemployment rate in Rotherham for adults aged 16-64 was 4.4 % in 2022, 0.2 % higher than the national average and 1.8 % lower than the Sheffield City Region (SCR) average. Although the unemployment rate is slightly higher than the national average, the borough's recovery rate is performing better than our combined authority neighbours. The employment rate in Rotherham is higher than the pre-covid levels in 2019 of 4.9 %, showing significant growth is moving people back into employment.

In March 2022 12,400 residents had long term illness (33.9 % of all residents that were unemployed compared to 24.9 % national average) and 9,000 people were looking after family/home. Benefits claimed by working aged people who are unable to work or are seeking work include:

- Job Seeker's Allowance (unemployment)
- Universal Credit
- Carer's Allowance (caring for a long term sick or disabled person)
- Disability Living Allowance

Figure 1 – Claimant count as proportion of residents aged 16-64



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Table 1 – Alternative claimant count by Reach Area

Reach Area	August 2019	August 2020	% Change
Arnold	490	350	-29 %
Aughton	915	645	-30 %
Central	2210	1565	-29 %
Coleridge	1770	1235	-30 %
Dinnington	1050	735	-30 %
Maltby	1075	770	-28 %
Rawmarsh	785	545	-31 %
Swinton	1080	800	-26 %
Thrybergh	510	375	-26 %
Rotherham	9935	7065	-29 %

Figure 1 shows the claimant count as proportion of residents aged 16-64. Claimant count is a composite of the number of people claiming Jobseekers' Allowance (JSA) and Universal Credit (UC) who are required to seek work to qualify for their benefits. Rotherham had 11,715 claimants in August 2020, however, by August 2022 the number had reduced to 7,045 (a 40 % decrease). As a percentage, in August 2022 4 % of all adults in Rotherham were registered in the claimant count, which is higher than both SCR (4.1 %) and the national averages (3.8 %). Claimant count numbers in Rotherham

are below levels recorded during COVID 19 pandemic, however, they are still higher than pre-pandemic numbers, as 5,595 were claiming unemployment benefits in August 2019 compared to 7,045 in August 2022.

Looking at Table 1 all Reach Areas saw the number of people on the claimant count reduce by an average of 29 % in August 2022, with Rawmarsh seeing the largest fall at 31 %. This large reduction is a result of the economy opening up post lockdown and businesses employing more people to cope with demand.

Table 2 shows 13.5 % of all workless households had dependent children in 2020. Figures show there are 1,300 (3.7 %) less children in workless households in 2020 compared to 2019. These figures are lower than both SCR and national levels where dependent children living in workless households increased by 0.1 % and 3.5 % respectively. Such figures reflect efforts from all sectors of Rotherham to combat and fight child poverty by getting parents and caregivers back into employment.

Other out of work benefits include Carers Allowance where people caring for someone on a regular basis with a disability are given a weekly allowance. The Carers Allowance claimants count in Rotherham was 6,431 in February 2022 compared to 6,466 in February 2020 (0.5 % lower). Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is additional funding given to those living with a long term health illness or disability to cover extra costs. 8,037 people in Rotherham claimed DLA in February 2022 compared to 8,883 in February 2020 (9.5 % lower) as claimants are reassessed and moved on to Personal Independence Payment if eligible.

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Table 2 – Percentage of workless households with dependent children

Date	Rotherham		Sheffield City Region		England	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
2018	10,100	17.7	49,700	16.4	1,186,600	9.8
2019	9,400	17.2	37,400	12.5	1,113,100	9.1
2020	8,100	13.5	53,100	16.0	1,140,000	9.2

Ethnicity and Migration

Table 3 – Percentage of all pupils aged 0-19 years old by Ethnicity, 2022

Ethnic Group	Percent of all pupils aged 0-19 (%)
Black African/Caribbean	1.1 %
Black Other	0.2 %
Gypsy/Roma	1.6 %
Mixed Heritage	2.6 %
Other Asian Background	1.2 %
Other ethnic group	0.9 %
Pakistani	6.5 %
White British	83.3 %
White Other	2.4 %
Grand Total	100.0 %

The Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) population of Rotherham more than doubled between 2001 and 2011 reaching 8.1 %. Table 3 shows BME school aged children accounted for 14.3 % of the school population. Children of Pakistani Heritage are the largest BME group amongst school aged children at 6.5 % followed by those of mixed heritage at 2.6 %.

Coleridge (31.4 % BME) was the most ethnically diverse reach area in 2011, covering Eastwood, the Town Centre, Wellgate, Broom Valley and part of East Dene. The only other Reach Areas with BME populations above the Borough average were Central (12 %) which covers Ferham and Masbrough, and Arnold (10.9 %) which covers part of East Dene.

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Table 4 – Ethnic Groups by Reach Area 2011 census

Reach Area	Children 0 to 4	White British	Other White	Multiple Heritage	Pakistani	Other Asian	Black	Other	BME
Arnold	697	558	6	33	68	10	13	9	19.9%
Aughton	2,110	1,933	23	57	32	29	27	9	8.4%
Central	2,257	1,688	76	109	240	44	75	25	25.2%
Coleridge	1,975	965	126	129	445	163	82	65	51.1%
Dinnington	2,261	2,157	26	51	3	12	6	6	4.6%
Maltby	2,573	2,448	25	46	20	17	8	9	4.9%
Rawmarsh	1,115	1,027	16	36	2	20	12	2	7.9%
Swinton	2,150	2,067	22	40	0	10	7	4	3.9%
Thrybergh	529	555	7	14	7	4	12	1	8.5%
Rotherham Borough	15667 (100%)	13,398 (85%)	327 (2%)	515 (3%)	817 (5%)	309 (2%)	242 (2%)	130 (1%)	14.9%

Table 4 shows a high level of variation in ethnicity between the Reach Areas. Across the three Central reach areas of Coleridge, Central and Arnold, 35 % of children aged 0-4 were BME in 2011, with 15.3% of Pakistani heritage. By the 2021 census BME proportion in the wider central areas is likely to reach almost 50 %. All other reach areas had lower proportion of children aged 0-4 from BME communities than the Borough average of 15 %. The proportion of BME children under five in 2011 was less than 9 % in four reach areas, the lowest being Swinton at 3.9 %.

Since 2004, there has been a large migration of East European Roma people from Slovakia and Czech Republic to Rotherham and since 2014 from Romania also. The great majority settling in the Coleridge (Eastwood/Wellgate) and Central (Ferham/Masbrough) reach areas but overall, Roma remain a relatively small percentage of the child population (about 3 % of those aged 0-4). Table 4 shows that children aged 0-4 are more ethnically diverse than the overall population with 15 % being from BME groups in 2011, almost twice the average for all ages of 8 %.

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Table 5 – Internal migration by Local Authorities in England and Wales, year ending June 2019

LA Name	Inflow	Outflow	Net
Barnsley	8,771	7,607	1,164
Doncaster	10,403	9,827	576
Rotherham	9,630	9,368	262
Sheffield	29,748	32,319	-2,571

Table 5 shows internal migration by South Yorkshire Local Authorities in England and Wales in 2019. Within South Yorkshire Rotherham, Barnsley and Doncaster all have a positive net flow of migration coming in, with Sheffield the exception as migration net flow was negative with more people leaving than settling. Only 5.6% of all internal migration nationally included children between 0-4 years old, a relatively low figure in comparison to people aged 18-25 who accounted for 29.6%. It is likely internal migration across the UK is linked with young adults moving across the country seeking work and training opportunities as households with young children are less likely to relocate.

Employment and Average Earnings

Full time median weekly income in Rotherham between 2018-2020 showed a mixed picture for men and women. In 2020 male full time worker's median weekly pay fell by 4.4% to £574.70 whereas full time female workers median weekly pay grew by 4.8% to £442.50. Though women's weekly pay rose in 2020 a gender pay gap still exists. Female earnings as a percentage of their male counterparts was 77%. Meaning for every £1 earned by full time male workers in Rotherham women only earned £0.77. This is below the national figure which stands at 87%. More needs to be done locally to ensure equality of pay and opportunities for women across the borough.

Table 7 shows average net annual household incomes in 2018 around different reach areas. Areas surrounding the Arnold Children's Centre including East Dene and Herringthorpe had the lowest net income in Rotherham at £26,400. A net income gap is visible in Rotherham as southern wards such as Dinnington had a net income £9,180 higher than those in central wards of Rotherham.

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Table 6 – Full time median weekly earnings Rotherham

Date	Date	Male Full Time Workers	Female Full Time Workers	Full Time Workers	Female Earnings as % of Male
Rotherham	2018	550.8	443.7	507.3	81 %
Rotherham	2019	601.4	422.1	516.1	70 %
Rotherham	2020	574.7	442.5	516.1	77 %
England	2020	627.3	544.3	589.8	87%

Table 7 – Net annual household income, financial year ending 2018

Reach Area	Net Income (£)
Arnold	26,400
Aughton	33,117
Central	28,900
Coleridge	31,900
Dinnington	35,580
Maltby	32,880
Rawmarsh	29,150
Swinton	33,150
Thrybergh	31,100

Table 8 – Business count by Reach Area

Reach Area	Total Business count 2019	Total Business count 2020	% Change
Arnold	170	180	5.9 %
Aughton	1435	1480	3.1 %
Central/Coleridge	1620	1775	9.6 %
Dinnington	1080	1035	-4.2 %
Maltby	1125	1190	5.8 %
Rawmarsh	315	330	4.8 %
Swinton	1180	1165	-1.3 %
Thrybergh	195	190	-2.6 %
Total	7120	7345	3.2%

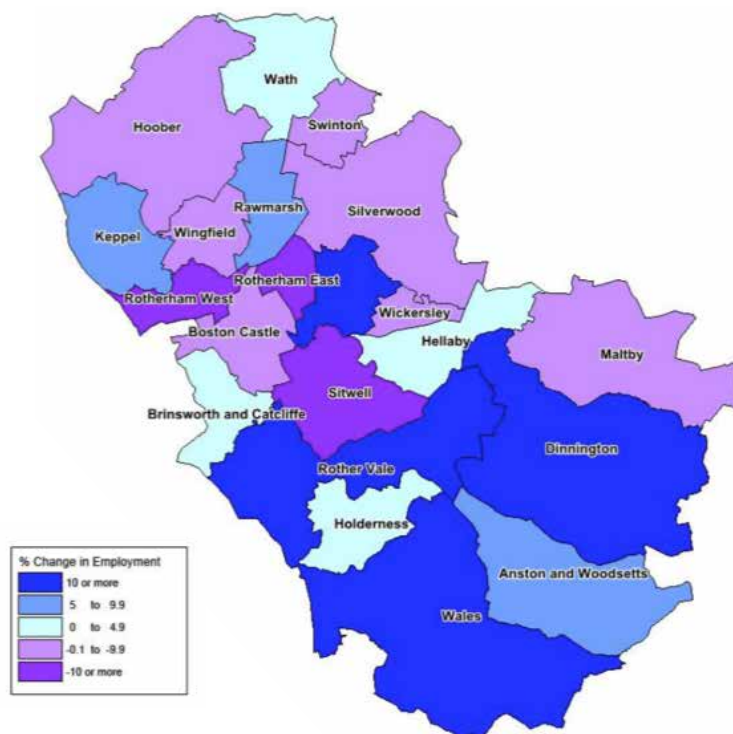
N.B. – MSOA data combines Coleridge and Central Reach Areas together

Table 8 highlights the business count by reach area in 2019 and 2020. As expected, wards in Central and Coleridge contained the highest number of businesses at 1,620 in 2020 growing by 9.6 % from the previous year due to their coverage of town centre business. Rotherham's overall business counts grew positively by an average of 3.2 % in 2020. Dinnington being the only exception where business count reduced by 4.2 % in 2020. A reduction in business counts within a reach area can lead to unemployment rising as local businesses foreclosures correlate with job redundancies and potential rises in poverty levels locally.

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Changes in unemployment within the borough highlight a 'north and south' divide. Figure 2 shows workplace employment changes by wards between 2015-17. Areas in northern wards show workplace employment falling by 0.1-4.9 % in wards including Hoover, Swinton, Wingfield and Silverwood. Negative changes in employment by over 10 % are seen in Rotherham West and Rotherham East which are also amongst the most deprived wards in Rotherham.

Figure 2: Workplace employment change by wards between 2015-17



Deprivation

According to the Indices of Deprivation 2019 where 1 is the most deprived district, Rotherham is 44th in England by average IMD score, a significant rise from 52nd in 2015. According to the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index measuring the proportion of all children aged 0 to 15 living in income deprived families, 42 (27.5 %) Lower Super Output Areas are ranked in the most deprived 10 % nationally.

There is a great range of inequality of income and other life chances within Rotherham. The main drivers of deprivation in Rotherham are high worklessness, low qualification levels, poor health and high rates of disability. Whilst education deprivation in Rotherham has reduced slightly overall, there have been increases in the most deprived areas where attainment and participation in further and higher education are low. Within Rotherham, the highest deprivation rankings are in the Education and Skills domain, with 10 ward areas falling in the top 1 % most deprived areas in England.

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**Table 9 – Number of children living in low income families
(Absolute low income)**

Reach Area	2019/20	2020/21	% Difference
Arnold	761	848	11 %
Aughton	1,302	1,343	3 %
Central	2,335	2,348	1 %
Coleridge	2,967	2,925	-1 %
Dinnington	1,389	1,525	10 %
Maltby	1,414	1,520	7 %
Rawmarsh	912	878	-4 %
Swinton	1,638	1,676	2 %
Thrybergh	663	699	5 %
Rotherham Total	13,381	13,762	3 %

The number of children living in absolute low income families between 2019/20 and 2020/21 rose in many parts of Rotherham. Absolute poverty is characterised by severe deprivation of basic human needs, including food, health, shelter, education and information. Table 9 shows children living in low income families by reach area. The largest percentage rise were in areas around Arnold Children Centre with an average rise of 11 %. Dinnington Southwest saw a steep increase in children living in absolute poverty at 170 % in 2020/21 the largest across the borough. Areas around Dinnington reach area saw a similar high rise. Although children living in absolute poverty in Rotherham grew by 3 % in 2020/21, figures for children living in absolute poverty aged 0-4 fell by 4 %. However, figures for high school and primary school aged children living in absolute poverty grew by 6 % and 3 % respectively. With cost of living rising and economic uncertainty looming there is a real concern poverty amongst children will worsen in Rotherham.

Studies show child poverty is associated with a wide range of health-damaging impacts, negative educational outcomes and adverse long-term social and psychological outcomes. The poor health associated with child poverty limits children's potential and development, leading to poor health and life chances in adulthood. Child poverty will likely be exacerbated by the current pandemic taking a significant impact on children across Rotherham.

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Table 10 – Children and young people living in absolute poverty in Rotherham, 2021

Age Group	2019/20	2020/21	% Difference
0-4	3,615	3,475	-4 %
5-10	3,969	4,094	3 %
11-15	3,487	3,689	6 %
16-19	2,409	2,563	6 %
Total	13,477	13,817	3%

Table 11 – Average IMD Ranks based by Reach Area

Reach Area	Average IMD Rank	Average IMD Score 2015	Average IMD Score 2019	% Change
Arnold	9,073	40.2	42.0	4.4 %
Aughton	15,860	19.1	20.9	9.4 %
Central	9,073	34.5	34.7	0.7 %
Coleridge	9,413	37.2	36.6	-1.5 %
Dinnington	15,287	21.6	23.5	8.5 %
Maltby	14,907	21.5	23.4	9.2 %
Rawmarsh	8,002	32.9	33.6	2.1 %
Swinton	10,045	26.3	28.7	9.2 %
Thrybergh	2,148	52.4	54.1	3.2 %

APPENDIX 7 – DEFINITIONS OF CHILDCARE

What is Childcare?

Childcare is defined in Section 18 of the Childcare Act 2006 as “any form of care for a child” including “education... and any other supervised activity.”

The childcare analysis in this report looks specifically at Ofsted registered childcare plus the early years and out of school provision delivered on a school site.

The early education analysis in this report includes early education delivered by registered childcare providers and Nursery schools and Nursery / Foundation 1 classes.

Childminder

Registered Childminders look after children, usually in their own home. They are self-employed and they decide on working hours and as such can be flexible in offering early mornings, evenings and weekends, as well as part-time. All registered Childminders must meet the requirements within the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)⁵.

Day Nursery (Full Daycare)

A Day Nursery provides care and education for children between the ages of six weeks and five years. (Some may also offer out of school care for 5 to 11 year olds.). They must meet the requirements within the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)⁵. Opening times are from around 8am to 6pm (hours vary but some nurseries may start before 8am), some are open all year round while

others offer term time only provision. There are usually a range of sessions available which enable parents to send their child full or part time.

Pre-School / Playgroup (Sessional)

Pre-Schools or Playgroups provide care and most offer early education for children between two and five years old. They offer sessions from 2½ hours to 5 hours, during term time. Some are developing their services to offer longer sessions or full-time day care in line with the extended entitlement to Early Education Funding. They must meet the requirements within the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)⁵.

Breakfast Clubs and After School Clubs

Breakfast clubs are normally open from 8am and After School clubs are typically open from 3.30pm up to 6pm. These services can be based in a range of venues including on school sites, youth clubs, community centres or nurseries. Some schools organise the childcare themselves, but others will work with local voluntary groups or private providers who will provide staff and sometimes facilities.

⁵ Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage, https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/974907/EYFS_framework_-_March_2021.pdf

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Holiday Play Schemes

Holiday Play Schemes tend to be open from 8am to 6pm and run outside of term time. These services can be based in a range of venues including on school sites, youth clubs, community centres or nurseries.

Maintained Nursery School / Maintained / Academy Nursery Classes

Nursery schools and Nursery classes provide early education (Foundation 1) for children between three and four years old. Nursery schools / classes are open during school hours in term time. Many offer full or half-day sessions. Many have extended their provision to cater for the needs of working parents. Some may also offer out of school care before or after school during term time and in the school holidays. They must meet the requirements within the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)⁵.

Maintained / Academy Foundation Stage Units

Foundation units provide early education (Foundation 1) for children between three and four years old in provision which also includes Foundation 2/Reception age children. Foundation units are open during school hours in term time. Many offer full or half-day sessions. Many have extended their provision to cater for the needs of working parents. Some may also offer out of school care before or after school during term time and in the school holidays. They must meet the requirements within the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)⁵.

Maintained / Academy Two Year Old Provision

Some schools have lowered their age range to provide early education for children from the age of two years. Two year old provision in schools is open during term time. Many offer full or half day sessions. They must meet the requirements within the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)⁵ including the relevant staffing requirements for two year olds. The two year old provision is inspected as part of the main school inspection.



APPENDIX 8 – OFSTED REGISTRATION

The Childcare Act 2006 says that childcare is ‘any form of care for a child, including education or any other supervised activity’.

Most childcare providers caring for children under eight years old **for more than two hours a day** in England must register with Ofsted (or a childminder agency). However, there are a number of registration exemptions, as detailed **HERE**.

To register, you need to be 18 or over and have the right to work in the United Kingdom.

It is a criminal offence to provide unregistered childcare, or on unapproved premises, if you are legally required to register. Ofsted is responsible for making sure that only people who are suitable and ready to provide childcare are registered.

It is an offence to knowingly make a false or misleading statement in an application to register.

There are two registers:

- **The Early Years Register** – for providers caring for children aged from birth to 31 August after their fifth birthday. Providers on this register must meet all the safeguarding and welfare and the learning and development requirements of the **Statutory requirements for the early years foundation stage**.
- **The Childcare Register**, which has two parts:
 - Compulsory – for providers caring for children from 1 September after the child’s fifth birthday up until their eighth birthday.
 - Voluntary – for providers caring for children aged eight and over, or if providers are choosing to register voluntarily (for example, if you’re a nanny).

Providers on the Childcare Register must **meet the register requirements**.

The registration requirements and the processes will differ depending on the type of childcare provided and the ages of the children looked after.

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Type of Childcare	Definition
Childminder	<p>You are a childminder if you are caring for children in your or someone else's home for payment or reward. It does not count as childminding if it is the home of one of the children being cared for, unless the care is for more than 2 different families at the same time.</p> <p>You can work alone or with up to 2 Childminders or assistants at any one time. Each Childminder (often known as co-childminders) must apply to register separately.</p> <p>Under your Childminder registration, you can apply to spend up to 50 % of your time running childcare from non-domestic premises. Non-domestic premises include places like nurseries, church halls, parts of a school or classrooms. You need to follow the same requirements as your original registration.</p>
Childcare on domestic premises	<p>If you want to work with 3 or more other adults in someone's home, this counts as childcare on domestic premises. "Domestic premises" means somewhere that's used entirely or mainly as a private home. You can have 4 or more Childminders or any mix of Childminders and Childminding Assistants.</p> <p>Under your childcare on domestic premises registration, you can apply to spend up to 50 % of your time running childcare from non-domestic premises.</p>
Childcare on non-domestic premises	<p>This is where childcare is provided on premises which are not somebody's home, for example, in purpose-built premises, village halls, and school premises. Such childcare normally includes nurseries, playgroup, before- and after-school clubs and other daycare.</p>
Home Childcarer (sometimes known as a nanny or au pair)	<p>Nannies and au pairs, also known as 'home childcarers', look after children of any age in the child's own home.</p> <p>As a nanny, you can look after children from two different families at the home of one of the families. However, if more than two families use the care at the same time, it is classed as childminding and you will need to register as a Childminder.</p>

APPENDIX 8 – OFSTED REGISTRATION

Ages of children being cared for	Type of Register
Birth to 31 August after their fifth birthday	Early Years Register
From 1 September after their fifth birthday up to their eighth birthday	Compulsory part of the Childcare Register
Eight years and over	Voluntary part of the Childcare Register
Looking after children as a nanny	Voluntary part of the Childcare Register
Any other childcare when you don't have to register with Ofsted	Voluntary part of the Childcare Register

Ofsted Inspections

How and when you'll be inspected by Ofsted depends on whether you're on the Childcare Register or the Early Years Register.

Ofsted will make sure you're meeting the requirements for:

- Safeguarding and Welfare
- Learning and Development

If you do not meet the requirements, you'll be told what you need to do to improve and when you need to improve by.

Childcare Register

You could be inspected at any time if you're only on the Childcare Register.

You'll get a letter to tell you whether you've met the requirements.

The inspection letter will be **published online by Ofsted** for one year.

Read more about how inspections are done.

Early Years Register

You'll usually be inspected within the first 30 months of registering as a Childminder or Childcare provider, and at least once every six years after that.

You may also be inspected if someone reports concerns about the childcare you're providing.

You'll be sent a report with your grade. You'll be told how to do better, if there's anything that can be improved.

You'll be graded as one of the following:

- Grade 1 – outstanding
- Grade 2 – good
- Grade 3 – requires improvement
- Grade 4 – inadequate

Read the early years inspection handbook to find out what these grades mean.

Your inspection report will be **published online by Ofsted** within 10 working days of you being sent it.

You must give a copy of the report to the parents of the children you look after and to anyone else who asks for one.

APPENDIX 9 – LOCAL AUTHORITY SUPPORT FOR PARENTS / PROVIDERS

Families Information Service

The Families Information Service (FIS) provides free and impartial advice on childcare, early education and activities for children and young people as well as support services and benefits. They hold details of all registered and unregistered childcare across Rotherham to support parents in finding childcare provision to meet their needs. The FIS also offers extra support to families experiencing difficulty finding suitable childcare, for example, if short term/emergency, overnight or out of hours childcare is needed, children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), parents/carers for whom English is a second language or if no suitable childcare was found from their initial request. The FIS help by offering support such as providing one-to-one support, advice and guidance, contacting providers to find out whether they are able to offer the service the family requires and where appropriate, arranging for parents/carers to be accompanied on their initial visits.

The service is available via a Freephone helpline, email, or website **www.rotherham.gov.uk/fis** providing parents and professionals with access to information on a wide range of subjects.

The FIS also carry out the eligibility checks for all two year old early education places. Parents can apply for the funding via the Freephone helpline, postal application or online portal. The FIS notify parents of the eligibility check outcome and give support to access their free place (for example, by providing details on local early education providers, explaining the process to access the place and referring to the Inclusion Officer for support for children with SEND).

They can also advise on other government schemes to help with the costs of childcare including:

- Childcare element of Universal Credits
- Childcare element of Tax Credits
- Tax Free Childcare
- Childcare Vouchers
- Care to Learn
- Discretionary support fund for further education
- Student Finance for full time higher education

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Support for Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

The Families Information Service (FIS) offers ‘brokerage’ assistance to families with children with additional needs by offering the support needed to find the right childcare for the child and family. The support offered varies depending on individual circumstances; for example, the FIS may contact childcare providers on a parent’s behalf to check if the provision is suitable or search for childcare with particular experience and/or training of children with additional needs. The FIS has links with the Disabled Children’s Information Officer who promotes access to childcare to all parents/ carers of children who are undergoing a medical assessment at the Child Development Centre. The FIS also work closely with the Early Years Inclusion team who then support the family and the childcare provider to ensure the child’s individual needs are met. The Early Years Inclusion team support settings to be inclusive to all children and families. Specialist transitions are put in place for children with SEND into childcare or an early education place.

Individualised support is offered to childcare settings and parents of children with complex SEND to identify specialist needs and ensure that settings are equipped with the resources and specialised training needed to meet the child’s individual needs. This may include medical care plans, specialist equipment needed, individualised risk assessments and individual fire evacuation plans.

Settings and schools are also supported to ensure some children with SEND are in a setting with specialist enhanced support through an

Inclusion Support Grant. Disability Access funding is available for settings who have children aged three and four years whose parents are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance for a child with SEND this can then be used to purchase resources or support from specialist services.

Support for Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Families

Additional support to access childcare and early education can be offered to BME families. The Families Information Service offers a telephone translation service to ensure that the family’s needs are clearly understood and the information and advice given is clear and that the family’s needs have been met. If further support is required a referral to an Early Help Outreach and Engagement Worker is made to offer supported visits to local childcare providers. Early Help staff work closely with local communities and organisations to increase the awareness of childcare and early education, working with families to remove barriers by visiting families at home, engaging them in Family and Children’s Centre services, building trust and relationships between families and local childcare and early education providers.

APPENDIX 9 – LOCAL AUTHORITY SUPPORT FOR PARENTS / PROVIDERS

Support for Childcare and Early Education Providers

A range of support is provided to early years childcare providers to ensure quality standards are maintained and increased on an ongoing basis. We target support to new providers and those with a 'Requires Improvement' or 'Inadequate' Ofsted grade, or where the setting is identified as at risk of not getting at least a Good Ofsted outcome at their next inspection. This risk is identified through the Early Years Quality Improvement (EQuIP) visits between setting leader(s) and the setting's allocated Early Years Specialist.

Childcare Officers provide a range of support to registered Childminders and Out of School Clubs. Support is available throughout the Ofsted registration process and also in preparation for Ofsted inspections. Childcare Officers offer support visits to providers, in particular those providers who are due an Ofsted inspection, to offer advice and guidance on Ofsted requirements and the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)⁵. Follow up visits are carried out as necessary to ensure all actions have been implemented and provide further support as required prior to Ofsted inspections. Childminders are supported to complete the EQuIP during visits.

In order to support ongoing Childminder recruitment, the training offer now includes one to one support or group training to be more responsive to needs.

Each early years group setting is allocated an Early Years Specialist to complete the EQuIP which identifies their likelihood of achieving a good or better Ofsted outcome at their next inspection, support with meeting the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage

Statutory Framework⁵ and the development of high quality provision and practice. Where a setting has 0-3 year provision that is identified as needing support by an Early Years Specialist this support is then provided by the Early Years Lead Practitioner (Birth to 3 years).

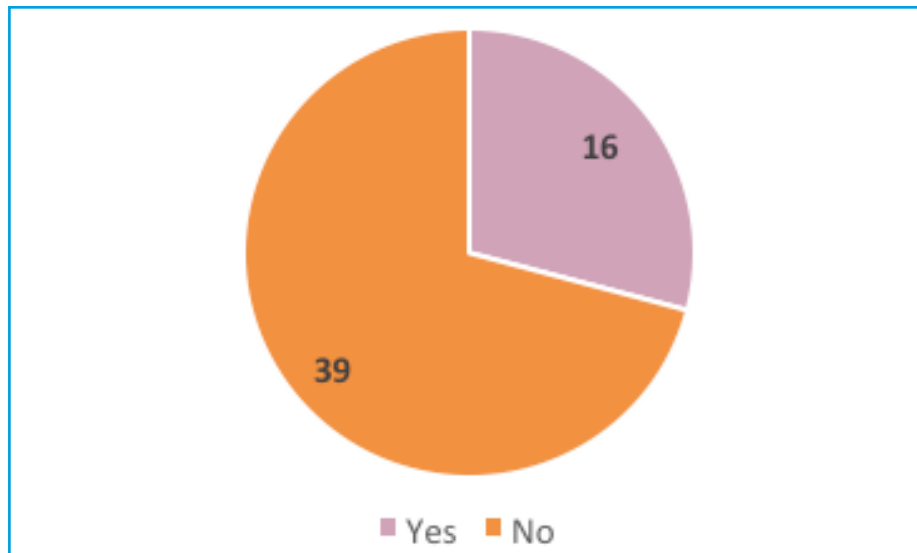
In addition, a range of networking and training events are offered to group settings to keep them up to date with early years developments and expectations and support the development of effective practice. For good and outstanding settings this is the main source of support offered to them.

All registered providers with an Outstanding, Good or Requires Improvement Ofsted grade can now offer early education places to three and four year olds and those with a 'Good or Outstanding' Ofsted grade can offer places to eligible two year olds. All new providers awaiting their first inspection can also offer early education places for eligible two year olds and three and four year olds. Support for all new providers is given to ensure that they fully understand the contractual requirements.

APPENDIX 10 – SUSTAINABILITY

Responses from full daycare and sessional childcare providers regarding the sustainability of their business.

Do you have any concerns about the ongoing sustainability/viability of your business?



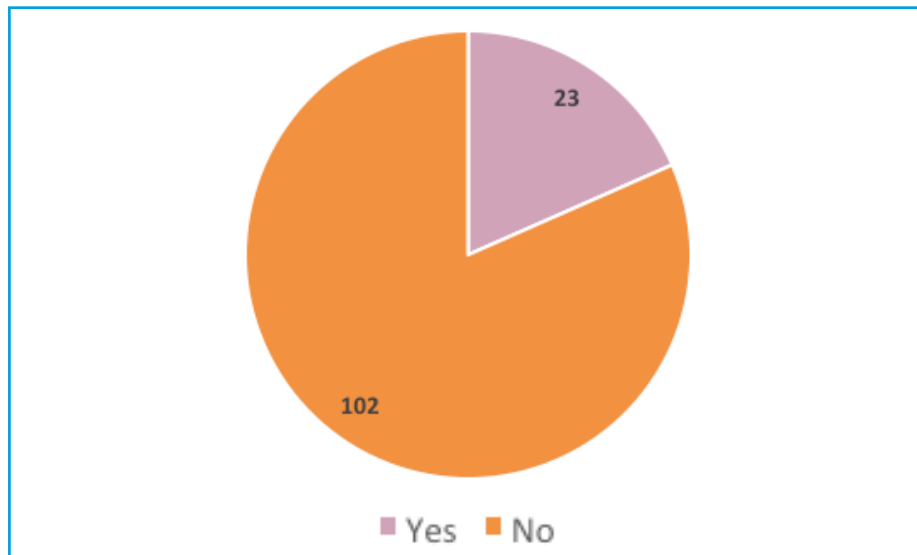
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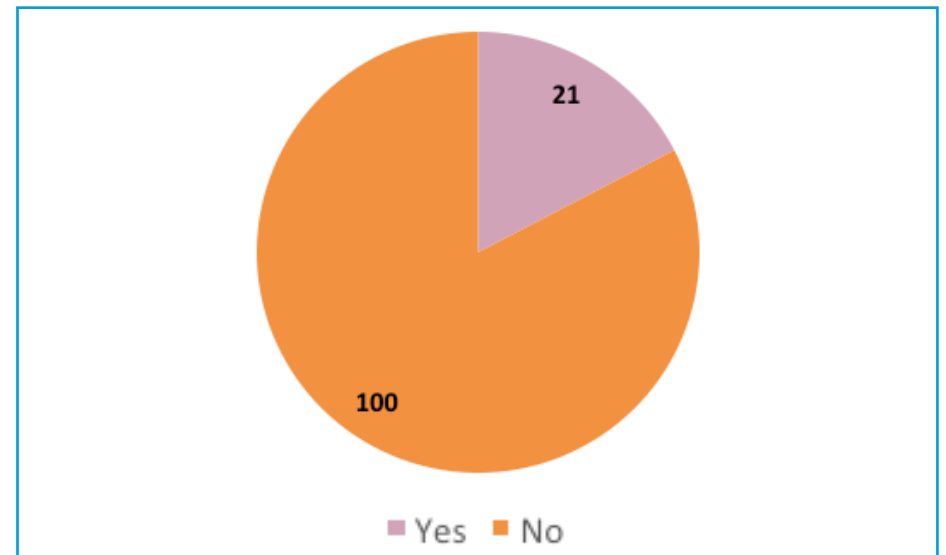
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Responses from childminders regarding the sustainability of their business

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Following the pandemic, have you had to adapt your delivery or business model?



APPENDIX II – CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ACTION PLAN

Objective	Action	Who	When	Progress
Childcare sufficiency issues identified in the 2022/23 Childcare Sufficiency report are addressed	Review instances of unmet demand for Childcare notified to the Families Information Service (FIS) on a quarterly basis and identify any opportunities for action.	Kerry Hurst, FIS Co-ordinator	December 2022 March 2023 June 2023 August 2023	
	Liaise with existing providers in areas of potential unmet demand to explore possibilities of increasing capacity.	Aileen Chambers, Head of Early Years and Childcare Service	January 2023	
	Share Childcare Sufficiency Report 2022/23 with existing childcare providers, highlighting areas with limited capacity / potential unmet demand.	Kerry Hurst, FIS Co-ordinator	January 2023	
	Monitor changes to local childcare provision to identify where any potential sufficiency issues may occur. Include assessing potential changes in the childcare market to identify potential impact on sufficiency of childcare.	Kerry Hurst, FIS Co-ordinator	Termly	
	Monitor turnover of Childminder registrations and potential impact of childcare sufficiency	Kerry Hurst, FIS Co-ordinator	December 2022 March 2023 June 2023 September 2023	

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