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Childcare Sufficiency Assessment of Derby city's out of school childcare

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1. Executive Summary

The Council has a statutory duty to report annually on how the local authority is meeting its duty to secure sufficient childcare and to make an assessment report publicly available.

This Out of School Childcare (OOS) Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) focuses on the childcare needs of primary school aged children, it is a strategic tool which evaluates the childcare market, it is available to a range of stakeholders and incorporates key local intelligence, demographic and supply data. It can be used to support new and existing childcare providers to make business decisions that will impact on the supply of childcare in the city and the strategic planning of the Council's childcare sufficiency priorities.

It should be noted that parents often need to access before and after school childcare linked to the school their child attends, but then may choose to access different providers for holiday childcare. This means that there could be a shortfall in places which may not correlate across all OOS providers nor have any measurable impact on place availability and demand.

The Council has mapped the current supply of OOS childcare and identified current pressure points linked to the sufficiency of OOS provision for primary aged children. All Council Wards offer some OOS childcare options to parents; however, some Wards do not offer every type of childcare provision.

Since the 2022, Derby's before and after school childcare market has steadily grown, although it has not returned to 2019 pre covid numbers. Holiday club numbers are also growing but the gap between 2019 availability and 2023 remains the higher. With the new government Wrap Around childcare programme it is expected that the before and after school market will continue to grow.

Figure 1 – Out of School Childcare Provider Numbers:

Provider type	2019	2021	2022	2023	% Reduction
Before School Clubs	83	62	70	76	8.4
After School Clubs	58	48	51	55	5.2
Holiday Clubs	47	30	38	35	25.5

Each year there has been a decrease in the number of registered childminders in the city:

Figure 2 – Registered childminders in Derby city by year:

Year	Number of registered childminders	% Reduction
2017	197	
2018	182	-8%
2019	149	-18%
2020	137	-8%
2021	127	-7%
2022	121	-5%
2023	110	-9%

This represents a **44.1% reduction** in childminders since 2017 in Derby, reducing choice for parents as well as the number of places available in home based childcare provision. Ofsted reported, nationally, that there were 33,700 childminders on 31 August 2023, down by 6,652 (20%) since 31 August 2022. This mirrors Derby's downward trend in registered childminders.



Findings of a recent parental survey indicate that some parents found the cost of childcare a barrier to accessing or using more hours/sessions. Childcare rates are highest in:

- Childminders – Abbey, Darley, and Allestree.
- Before school clubs – Oakwood, Spondon and Blagreaves.
- After school clubs – Mackworth & New Zealand, Spondon and Blagreaves.
- Holidays clubs – Alvaston North, Oakwood and Darley

There may be a shortfall of OOS childcare places in some Wards within the city. However as not all families choose or need to use OOS childcare and with some families using informal childcare such as extended family members, the data below should be taken as a guide to possible shortfalls.

St Giles Special School, Zaytouna Primary School, Akaal Primary School and Normanton House School do not have before or after school childcare dropping off at and/or collecting from their schools.

In addition, Roe Farm Primary School, Allenton Community Primary Academy, Landau Forte Academy Moorhead, and Cottons Farm Primary Academy have no after school childcare collecting from their schools.

Figure 3 - Highest pupil to place ratios:

Highest pupil to before school place ratio	Highest pupil to after school to ratio	Highest before holiday to child place ratio
Alvaston North (13.7 pupil to place)	Normanton (119.8 pupil to place)	Sinfin & Osmaston (175.3 child to place)
Normanton (13.6 pupil to place)	Sinfin & Osmaston (46 pupil to place)	Chaddesden North (169.5 child to place)
Chaddesden East (12.8 pupil to place)	Abbey (45 pupil to place)	Mickleover (29.4 child to place)
		Mackworth & New Zealand (29.4 child to place)

The parental survey identified the majority of parents are satisfied with their out of school childcare arrangements, although these figures have dropped from 2022.

- 84% were either satisfied or very satisfied with their before-school arrangements, down from 88% in 2022.
- 77% were either satisfied or very satisfied with their after-school arrangements, down from 82%
- 56% were either satisfied or very satisfied with their holiday arrangements. Down from 68% in 2022.

The biggest barrier for families using before and after-school childcare over the last 12 months has been the cost, with: -

- 36% of families for before-school saying cost is a barrier.
- 39% for after school saying cost is a barrier.

Parents comments included –

- *“I'd like to see more provision. Parents are forced into impossible situations whereby they need to work but struggle to get childcare.”*
- *“Schools need to have more spaces available for the children to join before and after school clubs!”*
- *“It is too expensive. We would rather travel into work but it's easier and more convenient to work from home.”*
- *“I find childcare costs too expensive so therefore have reduced my working hours to school hours. This has financially impacted our quality of life and standard of living.”*

Parents main reason for using out of school childcare is that they go to work.

- 90% of families use before school childcare because they work.
- 91% of families use after school childcare because they work.
- 82% of families use holiday childcare because they work.



The survey evidenced that 66% of parents agree that there should be more before-school childcare in their local areas. 70% of parents agree that more after-school childcare is needed and 71% think there should be more holiday childcare.

What happens next:

The Council's Childcare and Family Information Team (CFIT) will ensure that the Out of School CSA is produced annually and made available to elected members, parents and childcare providers as directed by Statutory Guidance.

CFIT will use the OOS CSA 2023 as a key strategic planning tool and work with all childcare providers to look at possible sufficiency gaps; and support the creation of new places where demand and long-term sustainability can be evidenced.

CFIT will share the OOS CSA 2023 with the Learning and Skills division, who are leading on the new government wrap around childcare programme and provide any requested supply data that supports its delivery.

FIS will work with schools, childcare providers, and parents to raise awareness about the 'Right to Request' wrap around childcare such as before school and after school clubs. We will signpost interested parties to the DfE guidance that will help parents and childcare providers who want to know more about the ['Right to Request'](#) and the right for parents' who may wish to ask the primary school that their child attends to consider establishing wraparound and or holiday childcare, and childcare providers may ask to use school facilities for wraparound and or holiday provision at times when the school is not using them.

The cost of out of school childcare has been an on-going concern for parents since 2019 and it is again noted as a barrier in this 2023 CSA. Cost is therefore seen as an ongoing issue for parents and with the cost-of-living crisis this barrier it likely to increase. CFIT will be raising awareness of the support options available by working with employers, health services, children centres, DWP colleagues as well as delivering high profile marketing and communication to raise awareness with parents. Childcare providers will be encouraged, during their funding audits, to review and refresh the information that they make available to parents regarding making childcare affordable and CFIT will monitor Tax Free Childcare (TFC) take up rates to evidence the impact of the project.



2. Introduction

2.1 Local government childcare sufficiency duties.

The Childcare Act 2006 Part 1 sections 6 - 11 covers the duties on local government in England so far as is reasonably practical to:

Secure sufficient childcare for working parents and those undertaking training or education, with the intention of returning to work and to assess supply, taking action to fill any gaps in provision, including choices for parent / carers.

Consider ways that they can work with childcare providers to improve the affordability of childcare. Have regard to the provision of childcare which is suitable for disabled children.

2.2 The Council has a statutory duty to report annually on how the local authority is meeting its duty to secure sufficient childcare and to make a relevant assessment report available to parents. Derby City's Out of School Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) is a strategic tool; it is available to a range of stakeholders and incorporates key local intelligence, demographic, and supply data. It can be used to support new and existing childcare providers to make business decisions that will impact on the supply of childcare in the city and the strategic planning of the Council's childcare sufficiency priorities.

2.3 A strong childcare market is critical to the success of Derby's local economy by improving outcomes for children and for parents to go out to work or training. This Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) 2023 focuses on the sufficiency of out of school childcare for primary school aged children across the city and will identify possible sufficiency pressure points. School aged childcare plays a crucial role in the lives of many families, supporting parent/carers back into work or training.

2.4 The Council is responsible for 'managing the childcare market'. It has a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient childcare places for primary aged children. To do this the Council has to adopt the role of 'market facilitator' and respond to changes in the supply and demand. The Council has a responsibility to support all childcare providers to consider the creation of additional childcare places as well as encouraging providers to delivery modules flexibly to meet parents' needs. The constantly changing level, nature, and quality of childcare in the city means it is often a difficult market to predict in terms of gaps and over-provision and how well this matches families' needs; provision can look very different within a short period of time.

2.5 The Council would always expect that existing and prospective childcare providers undertake their own market research to fully understand local childcare needs and use the information in this CSA as an indication only due the fluidity of the childcare market.

3. Aims of this Out of School (OOS) Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

- 3.1 To robustly map the supply of before, after school and holiday childcare provision in the city.
- 3.2 To use demographic and parental demand survey data to assess demand.
- 3.3 To identify any possible gaps in the supply of childcare.
- 3.4 To fulfil the Council's market facilitator role by raising awareness of the state of the childcare market for OOS with new and existing childcare providers.
- 3.5 To meet the Council's statutory duty on the sufficiency of OOS childcare thus minimising risk in relation to lack of childcare places for parents.



4. Parental Demand

4.1

This section presents a picture of the potential scale of childcare insufficiency across the city, by applying the data collected from the survey undertaken with parents/carers during October 2023, to the overall number of families in the city. It gives an indicative figure only of the scale of potential challenges.

4.1.2 The survey captured information on the out of school childcare needs of primary school aged children.

Figure 4 – Percentage of surveys completed by Ward:

Ward	Percentage of returns
Mickleover	19.5
Allestree	17.2
Darley	12.6
Littleover	12.6
Sinfin & Osmaston	10.3
Mackworth and New Zealand	5.7
Blagreaves	3.4
Chaddesden North	3.4
Abbey	2.3
Alvaston South	2.3
Normanton	2.3
Oakwood	2.3
Chellaston & Shelton Lock	2.3
Alvaston North	1.1
Arboretum	1.1
Chaddesden East	1.1
Chaddesden West	0.0
Spondon	0.0

We received responses from most Wards in Derby, with the most represented being Mickleover, Allestree, Darley, Littleover and Sinfin & Osmaston. There were no responses from Chaddesden West and Spondon and low responses from Chaddesden East, Arboretum and Alvaston North.



4.2 Before School Childcare

- 54.7% of families surveyed had used before school childcare in the last 12 months.
- 74% of these families used before school clubs or breakfast clubs, up from 71% in 2022.
- 24% used family members, down from 27% in 2022.
- 19% used before school childminders down from 24% in 2022.

4.2.1 84% of families were either very satisfied or satisfied with their before school childcare. 3% were dissatisfied. 85% of families were either very satisfied or satisfied with the quality of their before school childcare.

4.2.2 66% of families agree that there should be more before school childcare in their local area.

4.2.3 68% agree that before school childcare is available at the times of day, they need it, down from 69% in 2022.

69% agreed that they can get childcare for the weeks that they need it.

4.2.4 Barriers to accessing before school childcare:

- 36% of families indicated that they cannot afford before school childcare/it is too expensive, up from 33% in 2022.
- 16% did not have providers that drop off at their school, up from 14% in 2022.
- 17% of families told us that places were not available at times they needed them.
- 24% of families were unsatisfied or very unsatisfied with the cost of before school childcare they use, up from 22% in 2022.
- 32% of families would change their before school childcare if there was another choice, up from 43% in 2021.

4.2.5 Of those families that haven't used before school childcare in the last 12 months:

- 21% said that they could not afford it, up from 35% in 2022.

4.2.6 The main reason for families using before school childcare was because they go to work, with 90% of families indicating work was a reason they use before school childcare, up from 86% in 2022.

4.3 After School Childcare

4.3.1 Types of after school childcare used:

- 69% of families that used after school childcare used after school clubs, up from 68% in 2022.
- 27% used family members, down from 32% in 2022.
- 22% used childminders, up from 28% in 2022.
- 77% of families agree or strongly agree that they are satisfied with their after-school childcare, down from 82% in 2022.
- 76% of families agree or strongly agree that they are satisfied with the quality of their after-school childcare, down from 82% in 2022.

4.3.2 Barriers to accessing after school childcare:

- 39% of families indicated that cost was an issue, up from 38% in 2022.
- 15% of providers told us they were on a waiting list for their chosen provider.
- 14% also indicated that places weren't available when they needed, the same as 2022.
- 28% of families disagree or strongly disagree that they are satisfied with the cost of their childcare arrangements, down from 32% in 2022.
- 26% of families disagreed or strongly disagreed that it has been easy to get the type of after school childcare they want in their local area, down from 39% in 2022.
- 70% of families agreed that there should be more after school childcare in their local area, down from 76% in 2022.



- 4.3.3 Of families that haven't used after school childcare in the last 12 months:
- 21% told us that they can't afford it, down from 39% in 2022.
- 4.3.4 Why families use after school childcare:
- 91% of families indicated that they use after school childcare because they work.
 - 23% told us they use it for their child's learning and development.
 - 23% indicated that after school childcare was not available at the times of day that they needed, the same as 2022.
 - 64% of families agreed that they can get after school childcare for the weeks they need, 17% of families disagreed.
 - 42% would change their after-school childcare if there was another choice, up from 27% in 2022.

4.4 Holiday Childcare

- 67% of families that have used holiday childcare in the last 12 months used a holiday club or playscheme down from 79% in 2022.
 - 39% of families used a family member, up from 32% in 2022.
 - 17% used a childminder, down from 21% in 2022.
- 4.4.1 Of the families that have used holiday childcare in the last 12 months:
- 48% reported that they have found cost to be a barrier, down from 52% in 2022.
 - 30% said that places were not available at the times they needed.
 - 28% told us that there were no places locally.
 - 17% said that their preferred providers were full.
- 4.4.2 Of families that have not used holiday childcare in the last 12 months:
- 26% of families say that can't afford holiday childcare.
- 4.4.3 82% of families indicated that they used holiday childcare because they work.
- 26% also use it so that their child can play with other children.
 - 35% use holiday childcare for their child's learning and development.

4.5 Parent Employment and Training

Figure 5 – Parents' working hours:

Respondents Employment	Percentage
Employed over 30 hours per week	41.8
Employed 16 to 29 hours	19.7
Unemployed	7.4
Other	4.9
Employed under 16 hours	9.0
Studying	2.5
Self-employed over 16 hours	8.2
Self-employed under 16 hours	4.1
Training	2.5

Over four in ten parents that responded to the survey work more than 30 hours per week, with a fifth working 16-29 hours per week. Around one in thirteen parents were unemployed.



Figure 6 – Partners’ working hours:

Partners Employment	Percentage
Working 30 hours or more	71.6
Working 16-29 hours	6.8
Working under 16 hours	1.1
Self-employed over 16 hours	10.2
Self-employed under 16 hours	2.3
On a training programme	2.3
Unemployed	3.4
Other	2.3

Over 70% of partners to the main respondent work 30 hours or more per week, up from 61.6% when the survey was conducted in 2022.

One in 5 (20%) of families that responded to the survey are one parent families.

Figure 7 – Parents’ working patterns:

Working Hours - Respondent	Percentage
Traditional 9 to 5 no flexi	34.5
Traditional office with flexi	27.6
Shift work	9.2
Nights	1.1
Weekend	2.3
Evenings	2.3
Work from home	3.4
Term time only	8
Fit around school hours	10.3
Seasonal working	1.1

14.9% of respondents work non-traditional hours (weekends, evenings, nights, or shift work, down from 17.6% in 2022.

Figure 8 – Partners’ working patterns:

Working Hours - Partner	Percentage
Traditional office hours (9-5)	38%
Traditional hours flexible	36.60%
Shift work	12.70%
Nights	1.40%
Work from home	5.60%
Term time only	2.80%
Work around school hours	2.80%

Three quarters of partners work traditional or flexible traditional hours, up from 6 in 10 in 2022, whilst one third (14%) work non-traditional hours (weekends, evenings, nights, shift work), down from 33% in 2022.



5. Supply Data

5.1 Many working parents will need to access before, after and holiday childcare for their primary school aged child/ren to enable them to work, however they may face difficulties in finding the right childcare for their child/ren that drops off or collects from the school that their child is attending or for holiday childcare closer to where they live. The delivery of OOS childcare differs greatly in each of the five localities across Derby and there is limited provision in some parts of the city.

5.2 OOS childcare available for parents is delivered by a variety of providers such as but not limited to, sports clubs, cultural institutions, day nurseries, childminders, voluntary organisations, sole traders, and schools. The provision can be delivered in a variety of venues and those operating from school sites may be delivered by the school themselves or by third party providers.

5.2.1 Breakfast clubs are often available on school sites and offer children and young people the opportunity to have breakfast before the school day starts. Data indicates 71% of the 76 before school clubs offer breakfast. Generally, the fee for school breakfast club sessions is minimal and some parents use them as before school childcare.

5.2.3 In addition to after school childcare many schools offer after school activities which some parents use as childcare, but these activities have not been considered in this CSA due to the ever-changing programme and availability.

5.3. For the purpose of this CSA group providers are either private, voluntary, independent or maintained providers that care for children on non-domestic premises.

5.3.1 For the purpose of this CSA childminders are either Ofsted registered or registered with a Childminding Agency, providers that care for children on domestic premises.

5.4 In this OOS CSA supply data has been established by asking childcare providers what places they offer rather than rely on Ofsted registered numbers. Places available to primary school aged children have increase in all provider types since 2019:

Figure 9 – childcare places change 2019 to 2023:

	2019	2022	2023
Before School places	2717	2956	2937
After School places	1840	2018	2011
Holiday places	1180	2134	1330

There are several reasons that providers offer fewer places than they are registered for this could be local demand for places, staff recruitment and business modelling.

5.5 CFIT encourages providers to offer flexibility of delivery, so that parents' needs can be met, and parents are supported back into work and or study.



5.6 Supply data by Ward:

Please note that for information included in this section refer to the data tables in Appendix 2. The data was compiled in October 2023 with before, after and holiday childcare providers' service records audited at the same time to ensure the most current supply side data was available to underpin this CSA.

Locality 1

Chaddesden East has the **third highest** pupil to place ratio for before school clubs (12.8) and the third lowest cost per hour for childminders (£4.66).

- Before school child to place ratio: 12.8 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio: 12.8 pupils to each place.
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio: 22.8 primary school age children to each place.

Chaddesden North has the **second lowest** number of childminders (2) and no holiday club providers, which means that it has second the highest child to place ratio for holiday childcare places (169.5). Childminder average rates are the second lowest in the city (£4.50)

- Before school child to place ratio: 10.7 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio: 22.1 pupils to each place.
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio: 169.5.0 primary school age children to each place.

Chaddesden West has the **joint lowest** number of Before school clubs (2) and the lowest child to place ratio for before school clubs (3.7)

- Before school child to place ratio: 3.7 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio 5.3 pupils to each place
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio 5.3 children to each place.

Oakwood has the **joint lowest** number of before school clubs (2), and second lowest holiday clubs (1) which implies there is limited choice for parents. Childcare costs for group providers are high at before (£8.00), after (£12.50) and holiday clubs (£57.00).

- Before school child to place ratio: 6.8 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio: 7.5 pupils to each place.
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio: 15.7 primary school age children to each place.

Spondon has **some of the lowest** before school, after school and holiday club child to place ratios. It has the second highest number of childminders (11) and one of the highest number of after school providers (6). Before (£7.90) and after (£12.66) school prices are amongst the highest.

- Before school child to place ratio: 4.9 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio: 3.9 pupils to each place.
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio: 6.5 primary school age children to each place.

Locality 2

Alvaston North has the **highest pupil** to place ratio for before school clubs (13.7). The cost per session of after school clubs is the lowest (£7.40) whilst the cost of holiday clubs is the highest (£57.94).

- Before school child to place ratio: 13.7 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio: 9.3 pupils to each place.
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio: 22.2 primary school age children to each place.



Alvaston South has the **second highest** number of before school clubs (7). After school session rates are the second lowest session (£7.50).

- Before school child to place ratio: 5.6 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio: 10.9 pupils to each place.
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio: 24.1 primary school age children to each place.

Chellaston & Shelton Lock

- Before school child to place ratio: 8.0 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio: 11.7 pupils to each place.
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio: 17.7 primary school age children to each place.

Sinfin & Osmaston has the **lowest before school club session rate** (£1.17) but does not have any dedicated holiday provision.

- Before school child to place ratio: 8.5 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio: 46.0 pupils to each place.
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio: 175.3 primary school age children to each place.

Locality 3

Abbey has the **second lowest number of childminders** (2) and the second lowest number of after school clubs (1). It has the third highest child to place ratio for after school places and the highest hourly rate for childminders (£6.25).

- Before school child to place ratio: 9.3 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio: 45.0 pupils to each place.
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio: 16.7 primary school age children to each place.

Arboretum has the **joint lowest number of childminders** (1), the highest number of before school (10) and after school clubs (7). Holiday childcare session rates are the lowest (£16.66) in the city.

- Before school child to place ratio: 8.3 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio: 15.9 pupils to each place.
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio: 16.8 primary school age children to each place.

Normanton is the only Ward to have **no dedicated after school clubs**. It has the highest after school club child to place ratio and the second highest before school club ratio. Before school rates are the second lowest in the city (£1.33). Holiday club session rate are the second lowest in the city (£18.33).

- Before school child to place ratio: 13.6 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio: 119.8 pupils to each place.
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio: 21.3 primary school age children to each place.

Locality 4

Blagreaves has the **third highest number of childminders** (10) and the joint second lowest number of before school clubs (3). After school clubs have the third highest session rate (£12.54) as do before school clubs (£7.85).

- Before school child to place ratio: 10.0 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio: 11.6 pupils to each place.
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio: 14.4 primary school age children to each place.



Littleover has the **highest number of childminders** (12).

- Before school child to place ratio: 6.9 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio: 9.8 pupils to each place.
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio: 18.9 primary school age children to each place.

Mickleover the joint **second lowest number of holiday clubs** (1), but third highest number of before school clubs (6).

- Before school child to place ratio: 6.8 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio: 9.5 pupils to each place.
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio: 29.4 primary school age children to each place.

Locality 5

Allestree has the **second lowest before and after school child to place ratios** and (4.1 and 4.0 respectively). Allestree has the second lowest child to place ratio for holiday childcare (5.6).

- Before school child to place ratio: 4.1 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio: 4.0 pupils to each place.
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio: 5.6 primary school age children to each place.

Darley has the joint **lowest number of childminders** (1) in the city. The childminder rate (£6.00) is the second highest in the city. Darley has highest number of holiday clubs (4).

- Before school child to place ratio: 10.3 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio: 10.0 pupils to each place.
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio: 11.8 primary school age children to each place.

Mackworth & New Zealand has the **third highest child to place ration** for after school childcare with only one provider and the highest after school session costs (£14.00)

- Before school child to place ratio: 6.8 pupils to each place.
- After school child to place ratio: 36.0 pupils to each place.
- Holiday childcare child to place ratio: 29.4 primary school age children to each place.

6. Expanded Childcare Offer – Wraparound Care:

6.1 The Budget announced by the government in March 2023 included increased funding for wraparound care of school age children, with £289 million attributed to local authorities to help providers accommodate the needs of parents. The expectation is for working parents to have access to childcare before and after school, from 8:00am to 6:00pm by September 2024. The Childcare sufficiency assessment will help the Council identify where the current gaps in Derby's wraparound care offer are.

More information on the National Wraparound Childcare Programme has been published in the [National Wraparound Childcare Programme Handbook - A guide for local authorities in England – October 2023](#).



7. Holiday Activities and Food Programme

7.1 The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) fund is a government initiative offering local authorities a grant to deliver free places at holiday clubs during the Easter, summer, and Christmas school holidays in 2023. These places are made available to children in the local authority area who are eligible for and receive benefits-related free school meals.

7.2 The Derby Holiday Activity and Food Programme aims to provide support for families, in Derby, by providing free activities and meals during school holidays and beyond. The fund aims to achieve the following for children and young people:

- access to enriching activities that they may not otherwise be able to attend.
- enjoy learning new skills.
- meeting friends and socialising, reducing social isolation during school holidays.
- have a healthy and nutritious meal.
- take part in physical and creative activities.
- build greater knowledge of health and nutrition.

7.3 For the first time this winter, the Council has sort to check children's eligibility to ensure those attending HAF are the target children, FIS has taken a lead role with this initiative, as well as with the delivery of the on-line HAF directory of providers and with an active social media campaign to raise of sessions as well as the need to apply for an eligibility code. In total FIS processed 1235 family applications, of these 579 families were found eligible, 624 families not eligible, and 25 were pending waiting for further information from the family. FIS has confirmed that a total of 993 children are eligible for HAF, and all these children received their unique code in time for the winter offer.

7.4 Although HAF places are not primarily delivered for childcare, it can be assumed that some parents will use the places as such which will enable them to work during the holiday period.

There is more information about Derby's HAF programme on:

<https://derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/extra-curricular-activities/derby-haf/>



8. Gaps Analysis

8.1 The gaps analysis table below summarises the source data found in appendix 2 and highlights high- and low-pressure points by Ward across the city.

Figure 10. Gaps Overview

Source: Families Information Service October 2023

Locality	Ward	Childminders		Before School Clubs			After School Clubs			Holiday Clubs 5 to 11 yr population to place		
		Number	Cost per hour	Number	Pupil to place ratio	Cost per session	Number	Pupil to place ratio	Cost per session	Number	ratio	Cost per day
Locality 1	Chaddesden East	3	£4.66 (Low)	3	12.8 (High)	£7.16	3	12.8	£9.50	2	22.8	£33.00
	Chaddesden North	2 (Low)	£4.50 (Low)	3	10.7	£3.25	2	22.1	£9.75	n/a	169.5 (High)	n/a
	Chaddesden West	4	£4.59	2 (Low)	3.7 (Low)	£3.62	1 (Low)	5.3 (Low)	£11.35	1	5.3 (Low)	£35.00
	Oakwood	8	£4.75	2 (Low)	6.8	£8.00 (High)	2	7.5	£12.5 (High)	1	15.7	£57.00 (High)
	Spondon	11 (High)	£4.67	5	4.9 (Low)	£7.90 (High)	6 (High)	3.9 (Low)	£12.66 (High)	3	6.5 (Low)	£37.33
Locality 1 Total		28	£4.63	15	7.4	£5.99	14	7.6	£11.15	7	13.4	£40.58
Locality 2	Alvaston North	12	£5.04	3	13.7 (High)	£5.43	5	9.3	£7.4 (Low)	1	22.2	£57.94 (High)
	Alvaston South	8	£4.68	7 (High)	5.6	£4.00	4	10.9	£7.5 (Low)	1	24.1	£40.00
	Chellaston & Shelton Lock	8	£5.16	4	8.0	£5.20	3	11.7	£10.13	2	17.7	£33.00
	Sinfin & Osmaston	3	£4.83	4	8.5	£1.17 (Low)	1 (Low)	46.0 (High)	£11.25	n/a	175.3 (High)	n/a
Locality 2 Total		31	£4.93	18	8.2	£3.95	13	12.9	£9.07	4	26.7	£43.65
Locality 3	Abbey	2 (Low)	£6.25 (High)	2 (Low)	9.3	£2.5 (Low)	1 (Low)	45.0 (High)	£10.00	3	16.7	£29.94
	Arboretum	1 (Low)	£4.00 (Low)	10 (High)	8.3	£4.55	7 (High)	15.9	£9.36	3	16.8	£16.66 (Low)
	Normanton	6	£5.75 (High)	3	13.6 (High)	£1.33 (Low)	0 (Low)	N/A (High)	n/a	3	21.3	£18.33 (Low)
Locality 3 Total		9	£5.33	15	9.9	£2.79	8	29.5	£9.68	9	18.2	£21.64
Locality 4	Blagreaves	10 (High)	£5.50	3	10.0	£7.85 (High)	3	11.6	£12.54 (High)	3	14.4	£30.92
	Littleover	12 (High)	£5.07	5	6.9	£3.80	3	9.8	£12.16	1	18.9	£40.00
	Mickleover	6	£5.00	6 (High)	6.8	£4.91	4	9.5	£9.75	1	29.4	£38.00
Locality 4 Total		28	£5.19	14	7.5	£5.52	10	10.1	£11.48	5	20.6	£36.31
Locality 5	Allestree	7	£5.53	3	4.1 (Low)	£7.16	3	4.0 (Low)	£11.00	2	5.6 (Low)	£38.00
	Darley	1 (Low)	£6.00 (High)	3	10.3	£5.70	4	10.0	£9.77	4	11.8	£50.62
	Mackworth & New Zealand	6	£5.33	5	6.8	£3.78	1 (Low)	36.0 (High)	£14.00 (High)	1	29.4	£35.00
Locality 5 Total		14	£5.62	11	6.4	£5.55	8	8.4	£11.59	7	10.5	£41.21
Grand Total		110	£5.14	73	7.9	£4.76	53	11.5	£10.60	32	17.2	£36.68

8.2 All Wards offer some before school childcare options. Normanton currently doesn't offer any dedicated after school provision. However, access varies by school so in some Wards there is limited or no before and after child childcare identified for pupils at individual schools. As evidenced in appendix 1 table 3.

8.2.1 Chaddesden North and Sinfin & Osmaston don't currently offer any holiday childcare schemes.

8.2.2 St Giles, Zaytouna Primary School, Akaal and Normanton House have no before school or childminders dropping off at their schools.

8.2.3 Roe Farm Primary, St Giles, Zaytouna Primary, Allenton Community Primary, Landau Forte Moorhead, Cottons Farm Primary School, Akaal Primary and Normanton House have no after school or childminders who offer an after-school collection childcare service.



8.3 The highest pupil to before school childcare place ratios are in Alvaston North (13.7 children per place), Normanton (13.6 children per place), Chaddesden East (12.8 children per place) and Chaddesden North (10.7 children per place).

8.4 The highest school pupil to after school place ratios are in Sinfin & Osmaston (46.4 children per place) Abbey (45.0 children per place) and Mackworth & New Zealand (36.0).

8.5 The highest primary age children to holiday childcare place ratios are in Sinfin & Osmaston (175.3 children per place), Chaddesden North (169.5 children per place), Mickleover (29.4 children per place) and Mackworth & New Zealand (29.4 children per place).

8.6 The highest childcare costs per hour/session are in:
 Childminders - Abbey (£6.25), Darley (£6.00) and Normanton (£5.75).
 Before school clubs – Oakwood (£8.00), Spondon (£9.00) and Blagreaves (£7.85).
 After school clubs – Mackworth & New Zealand (£14.00), Spondon (£12.66) and Blagreaves (£12.54).
 Holidays clubs – Alvaston North (£57.94), Oakwood (£57.00) and Darley (£50.62).

8.6.1 Compared to 2019 and 2021 data this represents price changes of:

Figure 11 – childcare price changes 2019 to 2023:

	2019	2021	2022	2023	% change from 2019	% change from 2022
Childminders	£4.26	£4.56	£4.57	£5.14	20.7	12.5
Before School Clubs	£3.66	£5.01	£5.35	£4.76	30.1	-11.0
After School Clubs	£9.18	£10.30	£10.92	£10.60	15.5	-2.9
Holiday Clubs	£30.00	£33.55	£32.98	£38.07	26.9	15.4

9. Methodology

9.1 The OOS CSA 2023 has drawn on providers' stated places delivered rather than Ofsted registered numbers; this has enabled FIS to benchmark real places available to the childcare market and to accurately plot this against school pupil numbers and population data. The CSA has drawn on data provided by the Derby City Council's FIS and a questionnaire survey of parents and carers with additional significant desk research to inform an accurate assessment of current supply, the impact of Covid-19 pandemic on supply and demand and future need as parents adopt new ways of working post pandemic:

9.2 Desk research has been undertaken to ensure that demand for childcare takes account of future trends such as Tax-Free Childcare, Universal Tax Credits and the increase flexible/home working arrangements some parents now have access to.

9.3 An on-line questionnaire survey of parents and carers was published on 11 September 2023 and was available until 6 October 2023, with the aim of exploring current use, barriers to use and unmet demand for childcare. The on-line survey was completed by 115 parents and carers, however after response where the family did not have a child in the age range were filtered out, we received 107 pertinent responses, all of whom stated that they had children in the primary school age group. FIS raised awareness of the survey with web page articles, Facebook posts, engagement with childcare providers, Children Centres, Schools, Health, Job Centre Plus, Libraries and Leisure services.



9.4 Data on the impact and reach of the Holiday Activities and Food project have been included to evidence the additional holidays club services within the city.

9.5 Supply data held by FIS provided details of Ofsted registered and non-registered provision, including places and vacancy data; hours of availability and fees charged.

9.6 CFIT has worked with the Council's, Information Management and the Policy Research and Engagement Teams to provide population data and local intelligence for this OOS CSA.

9.7 Assessing childcare places is complex and the analysis is based upon a combination of gathering existing local intelligence, making future predictions and horizon scanning to drill down and give the most up to date picture of a local ward/locality.

9.8 There are a number of significant risks factors in assessing childcare sufficiency. It should be noted that any analysis can only be a best estimate of local sufficiency and is a snapshot in time. Childcare providers considering creating or extending existing provision would need to review analysis to ensure that unmet parental demand still exists and that any new provision/expansion would be sustainable in the medium to longer term.

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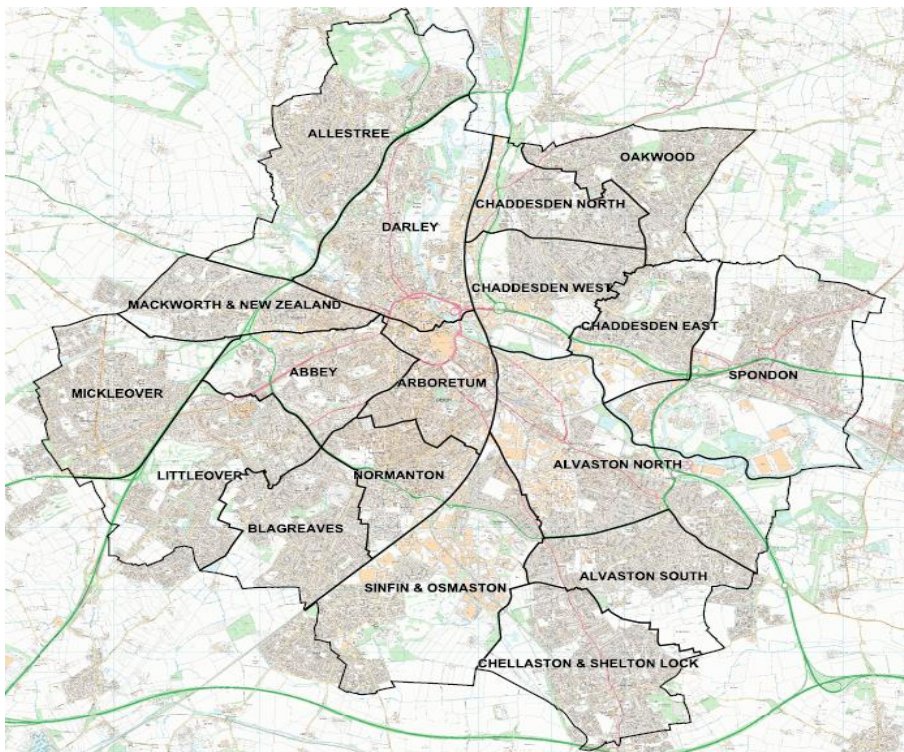
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Appendix 1

Figure 12: Map of city showing wards



Locality and wards map key:

Locality	Wards
1	Chaddesden North, Chaddesden East, Chaddesden West, Oakwood, Spondon
2	Alvaston North, Alvaston South, Chellaston & Shelton Lock, Sinfin & Osmaston
3	Abbey Arboretum, Normanton
4	Blagreaves, Littleover, Mickleover
5	Allestree, Darley, Mackworth & New Zealand



Figure 13: Before school provision by provider type and ward

Source: Families Information Service October 2023

Locality	Ward	Childminders			Before School Clubs			Total before school places	Pupil on roll numbers	Pupil to places ratio
		Number	Places offered	Cost per hour	Number	Places offered	Cost per session			
Locality 1	Chaddesden East	3	8	£4.66	3	94	£7.16	102	1301	12.8
	Chaddesden North	2	6	£4.50	3	89	£3.25	95	1017	10.7
	Chaddesden West	4	14	£4.59	2	50	£3.62	64	234	3.7
	Oakwood	8	41	£4.75	2	66	£8.00	107	723	6.8
	Spondon	11	57	£4.67	5	174	£7.90	231	1134	4.9
Locality 1 Total		28	126	£4.63	15	473	£5.99	599	4409	7.4
Locality 2	Alvaston North	12	48	£5.04	3	82	£5.43	130	1776	13.7
	Alvaston South	8	36	£4.68	7	250	£4.00	286	1592	5.6
	Chellaston & Shelton Lock	8	30	£5.16	4	170	£5.20	200	1590	8.0
	Sinfin & Osmaston	3	9	£4.83	4	176	£1.17	185	1578	8.5
Locality 2 Total		31	123	£4.93	18	678	£3.95	801	6536	8.2
Locality 3	Abbey	2	6	£6.25	2	120	£2.50	126	1169	9.3
	Arboretum	1	3	£4.00	10	258	£4.55	261	2167	8.3
	Normanton	6	16	£5.75	3	125	£1.33	141	1916	13.6
Locality 3 Total		9	25	£5.33	15	503	£2.79	528	5252	9.9
Locality 4	Blagreaves	10	30	£5.50	3	79	£7.85	109	1094	10.0
	Littleover	12	39	£5.07	5	109	£3.80	148	1018	6.9
	Mickleover	6	24	£5.00	6	254	£4.91	278	1879	6.8
Locality 4 Total		28	93	£5.19	14	442	£5.52	535	3991	7.5
Locality 5	Allestree	7	27	£5.53	3	205	£7.16	232	958	4.1
	Darley	1	3	£6.00	3	110	£5.70	113	1164	10.3
	Mackworth & New Zealand	6	23	£5.33	5	141	£3.78	164	1117	6.8
Locality 5 Total		14	53	£5.62	11	456	£5.55	509	3239	6.4
Grand Total		110	420	£5.14	73	2552	£4.76	2972	23,427	7.9

Figure 14: After school provision by provider type and ward

Source: Families Information Service October 2023

Locality	Ward	Childminders			After School Clubs			Total after school places	Pupil on roll numbers	Pupil to places ratio
		Number	Places offered	Cost per hour	Number	Places offered	Cost per session			
Locality 1	Chaddesden East	3	8	£4.66	3	94	£9.50	102	1301	12.8
	Chaddesden North	2	6	£4.50	2	40	£9.75	46	1017	22.1
	Chaddesden West	4	14	£4.59	1	30	£11.35	44	234	5.3
	Oakwood	8	41	£4.75	2	56	£12.50	97	723	7.5
	Spondon	11	57	£4.67	6	236	£12.66	293	1134	3.9
Locality 1 Total		28	126	£4.63	14	456	£11.15	582	4409	7.6
Locality 2	Alvaston North	12	48	£5.04	5	142	£7.40	190	1776	9.3
	Alvaston South	8	36	£4.68	4	110	£7.50	146	1592	10.9
	Chellaston & Shelton Lock	8	30	£5.16	3	106	£10.13	136	1590	11.7
	Sinfin & Osmaston	3	9	£4.83	1	25	£11.25	34	1578	46.4
Locality 2 Total		31	123	£4.93	13	383	£9.07	506	6536	12.9
Locality 3	Abbey	2	6	£6.25	1	20	£10.00	26	1169	45.0
	Arboretum	1	3	£4.00	7	133	£9.36	136	2167	15.9
	Normanton	6	16	£5.75	0	0	n/a	16	1916	119.8
Locality 3 Total		9	25	£5.33	8	153	£9.68	178	5252	29.5
Locality 4	Blagreaves	10	30	£5.50	3	64	£12.54	94	1094	11.6
	Littleover	12	39	£5.07	3	65	£12.16	104	1018	9.8
	Mickleover	6	24	£5.00	4	174	£9.75	198	1879	9.5
Locality 4 Total		28	93	£5.19	10	303	£11.48	396	3991	10.1
Locality 5	Allestree	7	27	£5.53	3	210	£11.00	237	958	4.0
	Darley	1	3	£6.00	4	113	£9.77	116	1164	10.0
	Mackworth & New Zealand	6	23	£5.33	1	8	£14.00	31	1117	36.0
Locality 5 Total		14	53	£5.62	8	331	£11.59	384	3239	8.4
Grand Total		110	420	£5.14	53	1626	£10.60	2,046	23,427	11.5

Figure 16: Holiday provision break down by ward and locality

Source: Families Information Service October 2023

Locality	Ward	Childminders			Holiday Clubs			Total Holiday places	5 to 11 Population	Population to places ratio
		Number	Places offered	Cost per hour	Number	Places offered	Cost per session			
Locality 1	Chaddesden East	3	8	£4.66	2	49	£33.00	57	1301	22.8
	Chaddesden North	2	6	£4.50	0	0	n/a	6	1017	169.5
	Chaddesden West	4	14	£4.59	1	30	£35.00	44	234	5.3
	Oakwood	8	41	£4.75	1	5	£57.00	46	723	15.7
	Spondon	11	57	£4.67	3	118	£37.33	175	1134	6.5
Locality 1 Total		28	126	£4.63	7	202	£40.58	328	4409	13.4
Locality 2	Alvaston North	12	48	£5.04	1	32	£57.94	80	1776	22.2
	Alvaston South	8	36	£4.68	1	30	£40.00	66	1592	24.1
	Chellaston & Shelton Lock	8	30	£5.16	2	60	£33.00	90	1590	17.7
	Sinfin & Osmaston	3	9	£4.83	0	0	n/a	9	1578	175.3
Locality 2 Total		31	123	£4.93	4	122	£43.65	245	6536	26.7
Locality 3	Abbey	2	6	£6.25	3	64	£29.94	70	1169	16.7
	Arboretum	1	3	£4.00	3	126	£16.66	129	2167	16.8
	Normanton	6	16	£5.75	3	74	£18.33	90	1916	21.3
Locality 3 Total		9	25	£5.33	9	264	£21.64	289	5252	18.2
Locality 4	Blagreaves	10	30	£5.50	3	46	£30.92	76	1094	14.4
	Littleover	12	39	£5.07	1	15	£40.00	54	1018	18.9
	Mickleover	6	24	£5.00	1	40	£38.00	64	1879	29.4
Locality 4 Total		28	93	£5.19	5	101	£36.31	194	3991	20.6
Locality 5	Allestree	7	27	£5.53	2	145	£38.00	172	958	5.6
	Darley	1	3	£6.00	4	96	£50.62	99	1164	11.8
	Mackworth & New Zealand	6	23	£5.33	1	15	£35.00	38	1117	29.4
Locality 5 Total		14	53	£5.62	7	256	£41.21	309	3239	10.5
Grand Total		110	420	£5.14	32	945	£36.68	1365	23,427	17.2

