

CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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1. INTRODUCTION

Section 6 of the Childcare Act 2006 places a statutory duty on local authorities to ensure so far as reasonably practicable to secure sufficient childcare in the area for working parents.

The duty also requires local authorities to secure free childcare for qualifying children of eligible working parents.

2. LEGISLATION

Local Authorities are required to secure sufficient childcare so far as reasonably practicable for working parents or those studying or training for employment with children aged 0-14 (or up to 18 for disabled children).

Local Authorities should take into account where it is 'reasonably practicable' when assessing what sufficient childcare means in the area and include:

- The state of the local childcare market, including supply and demand
- The state of the labour market
- The quality and capacity of childcare providers including funding, staff, premises and experience

The Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities 'Early Education and Childcare, April 2024' suggest that Local Authorities should "report annually to elected council members on how they are meeting their duty to secure sufficient childcare".

3. THE BOROUGH OF TAMESIDE

3.1 Description

Tameside Borough was created on 1 April 1974 and is one of the ten metropolitan districts of Greater Manchester. It consists of nine towns in a mainly urban area, stretching from the city of Manchester to the Peak District and shares its borders with Stockport, Oldham, Manchester and the Borough of High Peak.

Tameside is comprised of 19 wards and is characterised by some of the worst 5% of deprived areas nationally. Tameside is noted to be the 37th most deprived borough nationally on the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019.

See **Appendix 1** Income Deprivation affecting Children 2019 - for further information.

3.2 Population

The population of Tameside as recorded by the Census 2021 highlighted an increase of 5.4%, or 11,747 residents compared to the previous Census 2011.

The population using the latest mid- year population estimates is approximately 234,666. This is an increase of 1.5% or 3467 residents over the previous mid-year population estimate figure of 231,199.

3.3 Ethnicity

The following table shows 82.32% of residents recorded by the Census 2021 in Tameside describe themselves to be White British. This is above the national average of 74.42% but less than the Census 2011 when 88.51% of residents identified as White British.

	White British		Other	
	Number	%	Number	%
Tameside	190,305	82.4	40,765	17.6
East	53,930	90.2	5,940	9.8
North	33,931	67.9	16,672	32.1
South	41,904	83.6	8,311	16.5
West	60,540	86.2	9,839	13.8

(Source Census 2021)

3.4 Age

Using data extracted from the Census 2021 the following table shows the breakdown of age across the borough and by the administrative neighbourhoods – north, east, south and west:

- North-Ashton
- East- Mossley, Stalybridge, Dukinfield
- South-Hyde and Longdendale
- West-Denton, Droylsden, Audenshaw

Notably, from a childcare demand perspective, approximately 63% of the population is of working age: 16 to 64 years which is a small decrease compared to the Census 2011 when it was 65% approximately. This figure becomes significant when considered in conjunction with Birth Rate data.

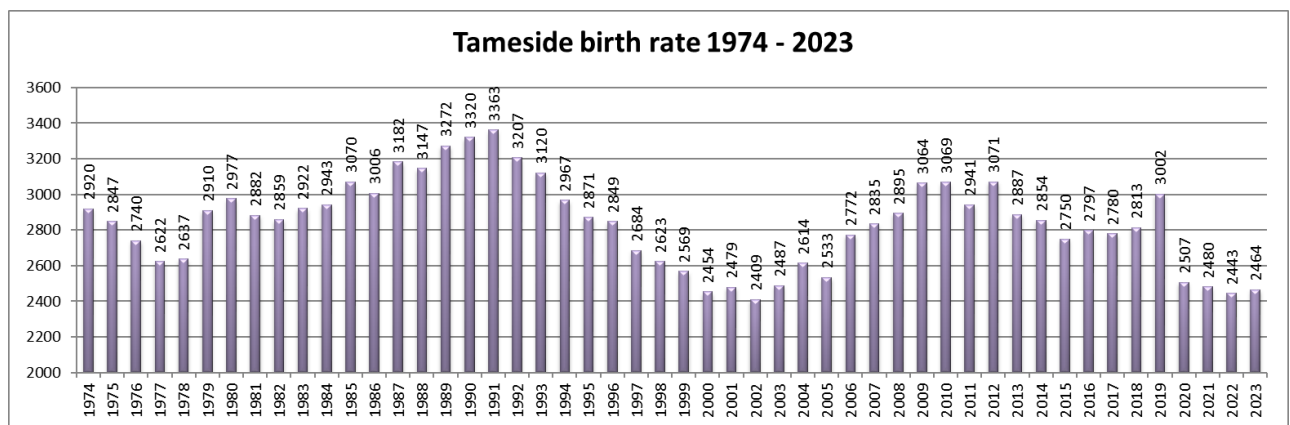
	0 to 4		0 to 15		16 to 64		65+	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Tameside	13,664	5.9	45,934	19.9	144,620	62.6	40,509	17.6
East	3,367	5.6	11,616	19.3	37,548	62.6	10,729	18.0
North	3,364	6.6	10,926	21.5	31,653	62.3	8,041	16.1
South	3,186	6.3	10,368	20.6	31,417	62.4	8,416	17.0
West	3,756	5.3	13,034	18.5	44,034	62.5	13,320	19.0

(Source Census 2021)

3.5 Birth Rate

The graph shows Tameside births from 1974 to 2023 and illustrates there has been an upward trend for births across the borough from 2005 onwards, which caused an increase in demand for childcare places for early years and school age children.

The graph shows that the birth rate, following a notable decrease has remained static until 2020 when it dropped to similar levels to that in 2005. Traditionally, the birth rate tends to follow a fluctuating 25-year cycle, it is expected therefore that this trend will repeat again in future years. During 2023, the birth rate increased slightly compared to 2022. Birth rates will continue to be monitored and remain one of the key factors in determining demand for childcare, especially given the sustained decrease during 2020 to 2023, and with the predicted birth rate for 2024 to be at a similar lower level. A sustained lower birth rate can affect demand for childcare and primary school places, which has started to impact early years' provision. This could negatively affect the supply of early years' provision where providers are struggling with low numbers. Low occupancy levels may affect sustainability, potentially resulting in a reduction of early years places, which will in turn affect early years roles and in a worst-case scenario the closure of provision.



3.6 Economic Growth

The Covid-19 pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis have created or exacerbated a number of social and economic challenges for Tameside, particularly around low levels of skills attainment, poor health outcomes, low levels of productivity and the number of our residents in low paid employment, as Tameside currently has the lowest level of jobs paying at least the Living Wage of any GM borough. These are being addressed through a variety of new projects and strategies, including the revised Corporate Plan, Poverty Strategy, Inclusive Growth Strategy and ambitious regeneration plans to capitalise on opportunities available locally such as Ashton Moss, Godley Green and town centre development.

Due to the rollout of Universal Credit replacing Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and other benefits for many claimants, the following table illustrates the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance plus those who claim Universal Credit and are required to seek work and be available for work. This data set replaces the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance as the headline indicator of the number of people claiming benefits principally for the reason of being unemployed.

The Claimant count during 2023 has remained at similar levels to the previous year, albeit it is showing a slight increase when comparing the claimant levels at December 2022 compared to

December 2023, which is an increase of approx.1.67%. The claimant count represented as a percentage of the population using age 16 to 64 has increased from 4.7% in January 2023 to 4.8% in December 2023.

Claimant Count Numbers for 2023(to the nearest 5)

	North Total	West Total	South Total	East Total	Tameside Total*
January 2023	1,985	1,675	1,335	1,565	6,560
February 2023	1,985	1,690	1,325	1,600	6,600
March 2023	2,040	1,710	1,410	1,675	6,835
April 2023	2,070	1,780	1,395	1,700	6,945
May 2023	2,005	1,665	1,345	1,615	6,630
June 2023	2,050	1,690	1,370	1,615	6,725
July 2023	2,070	1,690	1,420	1,615	6,795
August 2023	2,065	1,710	1,405	1,590	6,770
September 2023	2,010	1,660	1,370	1,610	6,650
October 2023	2,000	1,690	1,340	1,600	6,630
November 2023	2,025	1,675	1,320	1,640	6,660
December 2023	2,030	1,705	1,305	1,675	6,715

(Source: NOMIS: Claimant Count Jan – Dec 2023)

*The Tameside total is sometimes higher or lower than the sum of its constituent neighbourhood totals. This is because each neighbourhood figure is calculated by adding together the totals of its constituent lower-super output areas (about 35 LSOAs per neighbourhood) and the LSOA totals are pre-rounded by NOMIS to the nearest 5 whereas the total Tameside figure is extracted by NOMIS separately.

Claimant count represented as a percentage of 16-64 population

	North Total	West Total	South Total	East Total	Tameside Total*
January 2023	6.2	3.9	4.4	4.2	4.7
February 2023	6.2	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.7
March 2023	6.4	4.0	4.7	4.5	4.9
April 2023	6.5	4.2	4.6	4.5	5.0
May 2023	6.3	3.9	4.4	4.3	4.7
June 2023	6.4	4.0	4.5	4.3	4.8
July 2023	6.5	4.0	4.7	4.3	4.9
August 2023	6.5	4.0	4.6	4.3	4.9
September 2023	6.3	3.9	4.5	4.3	4.8
October 2023	6.3	3.9	4.4	4.3	4.7
November 2023	6.4	3.9	4.4	4.4	4.8
December 2023	6.3	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.8

(Source: NOMIS: Claimant Count Jan – Dec 2023)

3.7 Economic Activity

The following table indicates the breakdown of the borough according to economic activity, which highlights at the time of Census 2021, 60.50% of the borough is economically active.

	Economically Active		Economically Active: Employees		Economically Active: Self-Employed		Economically Active: Unemployed		Economically Active: Full-Time Student		Economically Inactive	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Tameside	112,079	60.5	91,692	49.5	13,963	7.5	6,424	3.5	3,215	1.7	73,057	39.5
East	29,012	60.1	23,930	49.6	3,718	7.7	1,364	2.8	769	1.6	18,479	38.3
North	22,041	55.6	17,625	44.5	3,008	7.6	1,408	3.5	770	1.9	16,873	42.5
South	23,537	58.9	19,423	48.4	2,979	7.5	1,135	2.8	706	1.8	15,605	39.4
West	34,282	59.7	28,480	49.6	4,168	7.2	1,634	2.9	968	1.7	22,098	38.6

(Source: Census 2021)

3.8 School Readiness

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets the standards that all early years' providers must meet to ensure children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. It promotes teaching and learning to ensure children are school ready and gives them the broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life. (*Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, page 5*).

Tameside accepts that being school ready is about more than just the child being ready for school. This transition needs the support and cooperation of all individuals involved to create a holistic approach, so a child has an enjoyable and positive experience. Schools should be ready for the child as much as the child is ready for school, helping smooth the transition between play-based early learning and more formal classroom-based teaching. Parents are encouraged to recognise that they are key to preparing their children for school. Key to this successful transition is positive cooperation between parents, childcare professionals and teachers.

In 2024, 62% of pupils in Tameside have achieved a good level of development (GLD) on the revised EYFS profile – an increase of 1% on 2023. The national average for achievement of GLD is 67.7% (though this is subject to change) compared to 67% in 2023%.

From September 2021, the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) reforms and new framework became statutory, which is designed to improve outcomes for the most disadvantaged children to narrow development gaps at school entry. The reforms are also designed to reduce bureaucracy in early years' assessments and planning, which will enable practitioners to have more time to spend developing a rich curriculum focusing on the needs of the children in their care.

4. REVIEW OF THE LOCAL CHILDCARE MARKET

4.1 Childcare Supply

The amount of childcare provision that is currently available has seen some changes since the last annual sufficiency report completed in 2023, the most notable changes are the closure of six group providers and a further decrease in the number of registered childminders within the borough. The data appears to show that we have also lost 4 playgroups and preschools, however 2 of these have

been redesignated as they are now offering fully daycare, so the loss of pre-school/playgroup is actually 2 closures.

Based on the information collected during summer 2024 the childcare market and the number of childcare places in School Nursery classes, Out of School Care and Independent Schools appears to have remained stable. The number of childminders, private day nurseries and pre-school playgroups have all fallen and will continue to be monitored.

A high proportion of providers offer 30 hours of free childcare which indicates continued demand for eligible working parents. Further analysis of the sufficiency of the current 2-year and 30-hour provision in the borough is detailed later in this report.

Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Difference + / -
Childminders	280	271	254	223	211	188	167	152	-15
Pre-school playgroups	20	17	16	16	17	16	14	10	-4
Private nurseries	51	55	54	54	56	55	53	49	-4
Out of school Care	57	54	84	92	94	96	97	104	+7
School Nursery Classes	66	66	66	65	64	63	64	65	+1
Independent School with Early Years	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-

(The figures given above are for providers who are listed with the Families Information Service, some providers are not listed e.g. crèches that are not required to be registered with Ofsted as they offer less than 2 hours of provision).

4.2 Breakdown of Current Childcare by Area

The following tables highlights the number of providers and places reported during the summer term 2024, where available.

Ashton Under Lyne Area

Type	2021 No of Providers	2021 No of Places	2022 No of Providers	2022 No of Places	2023 No of Providers	2023 No of Places	2024 No of Providers	2024 No of Places
PDN	14	946	12	771	12	834	9	694
Childminder	31	103	32	112	28	95	26	89
Playgroup/ Pre-School	3	112	3	92	3	95	3	99
Out of School Care/Holiday Care	22	689	19	700	21	777	21	1266

School Nursery Class	15	599	14	476	14	463	14	463
Totals	85	2449	80	2151	82	2264	73	2611

In Ashton-under-Lyne, we have seen the loss of 3 group providers in this area and a number of childminders, both will have an impact on the availability of childcare. Other sectors have remained the same as the previous year which creates some stability. However, due to improved reporting the total number of Out of School care places has increased. We are aware of 1 new group provider in this area which will open during the autumn 2024 term which will replace places from some of those that closed in 2023 and improve parental choice.

Denton/Droylsden/Audenshaw Area

Type	2021 No of Providers	2021 No of Places	2022 No of Providers	2022 No of Places	2023 No of Providers	2023 No of Places	2024 No of Providers	2024 No of Places
PDN	13	1015	13	965	13	972	15	1039
Childminder	93	303	82	306	74	228	69	213
Playgroup/ Pre-School	7	345	7	275	7	311	5	188
Out of School Care/Holiday Care	28	695	31	1087	31	977	31	1185
School Nursery Class	18	908	18	903	18	810	19	719
Totals	159	3266	151	3536	142	3298	139	3344

In this area 2 playgroups and pre-schools have been redesignated as Private Day Nurseries as this is more aligned to their delivery model, so the places have not actually been lost. The number of childminders has slightly reduced but in other areas the number of providers remains similar to the previous year. Overall and with the addition of a new school nursery class this area has seen an increase in the total number of places available.

Dukinfield/Stalybridge/Mossley Area

Type	2021 No of Providers	2021 No of Places	2022 No of Providers	2022 No of Places	2023 No of Providers	2023 No of Places	2024 No of Providers	2024 No of Places
PDN	16	1093	17	1169	15	1049	13	931
Childminder	53	174	46	201	40	124	36	105
Playgroup/ Pre-School	3	65	3	61	1	20	1	22
Out of School/Holiday care	24	859	26	1068	26	999	30	1442

School Nursery Class	16	584	16	494	17	555	17	534
Independent School	1	14	1	13	1	13	1	13
Totals	113	2789	109	3006	98	2760	98	3047

In this area, we have seen the loss of 2 Private Day Nurseries which has reduced overall place numbers. There is a further reduction in the number of childminders which again has impacted places. Numbers show increases for Out of School Care which is due to improved data collection and an increase in providers.

Hyde/Longdendale Area

Type	2021 No of Providers	2021 No of Places	2022 No of Providers	2022 No of Places	2023 No of Providers	2023 No of Places	2024 No of Providers	2024 No of Places
PDN	13	867	13	897	13	820	12	722
Childminder	34	116	28	96	25	83	21	59
Playgroup/ Pre-School	4	100	3	68	3	68	1	21
Out of School Care/Holiday Care	20	716	20	717	19	794	22	918
School Nursery	15	506	15	482	15	529	15	500
Totals	86	2305	79	2260	74	2294	71	2220

In this area, we have seen the closure of a private day nursery and a reduction in the number of childminders and pre-schools and playgroups. Overall, the total number of places remains similar to the previous year which is positive.

Totals for Tameside

Type	2021 No of Providers	2021 No of Places	2022 No of Providers	2022 No of Places	2023 No of Providers	2023 No of Places	2024 No of Providers	2024 No of Places
PDN	56	3921	55	3802	53	3675	49	3386
Childminder	211	696	188	715	167	530	152	466
Playgroup/ Pre-School	17	622	16	496	14	494	10	330
Out of School/Holiday Care	94	2959	96	3572	97	3547	104	4811
School Nursery Class	64	2597	63	2355	64	2357	65	2216

Independent School	1	14	1	13	1	13	1	13
Totals	443	10809	418	10953	396	10616	381	11222

Across the borough, we have seen closures in both Private Day Nurseries and Playgroups and Preschools but again the most marked reduction of places is linked to childminder places due to a reduction overall in the numbers operating. The total number of childcare providers has also decreased, however total reported places highlight an increase compared to the previous year which reflects increases in School Nursery Classes and Out of School Provision. From Autumn 2024 we are aware of 3 new group providers who will open for business and also deliver the free hours. This will replace some of the places lost during 2023.

The number of childminder places where no data is provided is an estimated number based on each childminder having the capacity to take three children under the age of 5 (as per Ofsted guidance) so this will depend on how many children under 5 childminders elect to take.

See **Appendix 2** – Maps highlighting Group Provision, Out of School Clubs and Childminders

4.3 Demand for Childcare

During 2023, the Family Information Service (FIS) received a total of 3988 enquiries of various types. Of these 644 were enquiries where full details were taken. A further breakdown confirmed that a large proportion of these full enquiries initiated, related to childcare, nursery education or 2-year funded places, totalling 89.44% of the enquiries, which highlights continued demand for formal childcare.

On analysis of the short enquiries where full details were not provided, 42% approx. of this type of enquiry related to childcare, nursery education and 2-year funded places or from childcare providers.

During 2023 the Family Information Service underwent some changes with a change to the service moving under the Education Department. Despite this change, the number of enquiries relating to Early Help during 2023 amounted to 59% of the overall enquiries received by Family Information Service.

Many parents search online, and Tameside provides an 'Online Childcare Finder'. Statistics inform that during the period between January to December 2023 there were 3799 different searches for childcare on the Families Information Service Online service, which is a 6.39% reduction from the previous year in 2022.

This can be accessed from the following web link: <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/childcarefinder>

The Tameside website also provides access to a Service Information Directory, which is a much wider online search function providing parents with information on services for children, young people and their parents/carers e.g.

- Activities
- Children Centre Activities
- SEND – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- Parenting
- Youth Clubs

- Toddler Groups and more

This site can be found by accessing the following link <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/Tameside-Service-Information-Directory>

4.4 Parental Questionnaires

The Families Information Service emailed a brief survey to all those who had made an enquiry for childcare during 2023 to establish data about their search and ascertain any issues or barriers to finding the type of childcare they were seeking.

Of those who responded 86.54% were successful in finding childcare with 13.46% not able to find provision at that time.

Of those who found childcare, the following confirmed if they were able to find their first choice:

97.77%	Found their 1 st Choice of childcare
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Of those who were unable to find suitable childcare (2.23%), the following reasons were offered:

16.67%	Indicated no places available
16.67%	There were no Ofsted registered providers in their locality, only childminders
16.67%	There were no childminders in the area that collected from a specific school
16.67%	Indicated there were no wraparound places for school aged children who attend specialist provision
16.67%	They were still looking as needed an out of hours childminder
16.67%	They had not yet applied

Of those who responded, the following confirmed their preference for the type of childcare sourced:

76.92%	Looking for a Group Provider e.g. Private Day Nursery/Pre School-Playgroup
7.69%	Looking for a Childminder
9.62%	Looking for a School Nursery
3.85%	Looking for Out of School Care
1.92%	Not Stated

Of those who responded, the following replied to confirm their preference for the amount of childcare required:

84.62%	Looking for just their free early years hours
3.85%	Looking for Full Time Childcare
1.92%	Looking for Part Time Childcare
1.92%	Looking for Nighttime Care
5.77%	Looking for Out of School Care
1.92%	Looking to move to a closer provider

Of those who responded and had sourced childcare, the following indicated their overall experience with their provider:

100%	Found the experience positive
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Of those who responded, they were all asked what the main factor in choosing childcare was:

28.85%	Indicated Location
17.31%	Indicated they had used the provision before
19.23%	Indicated it was based on recommendations or their reviews
9.62%	Based on the overall Environment of the provision
11.53%	Stated other reasons
13.46%	Not provided a response

Of those who responded and found childcare, they were all asked if they felt the costs were reasonable:

34.62%	Indicated zero costs as they were only accessing their free hours
34.62%	Felt the costs were reasonable
5.76%	Indicated costs were not reasonable or expensive
25%	Did not provide a response

Provider Comments on the Expanded New Entitlements

The following comments have been made by providers following the introduction of the new expanded entitlements. Mostly it appears to be having a really positive impact with parents wanting to access the entitlement and increase their hours as a result.

‘We have seen a massive increase and we are full, usually at this time in year we would still have places’

‘We have seen an increase in spaces being taken up since the new funding’

‘It is having a positive impact with more parents coming forward’

‘The staff have noticed an increase in babies since the funding came into place’

‘The baby room is really busy, and we are getting a lot more early enquiries for places’

‘We have noticed that parents who may only have attended One to two days are now attending three to four days’

‘A lot more parents are increasing the number of days they attend as a result of the free hours’

‘We have had more enquiries since the new funding has been introduced’

‘The funding is benefiting the children a lot – a lot more children are taking up the opportunity – more families are wanting to go all year round instead of just term time’

Provider Comments on the Benefits of childcare

'It is amazing for children to attend childcare – they get to access things that they might not necessarily get to access at home'

'the funding is a lot more accessible to disadvantage families – they are seeing more children come in who are really shy at first and within a few weeks their social and interacting skills improve massively – this is really rewarding for the staff'

'Children get the opportunity to do activities that they might not get to do at home e.g. messy play'

'The children really enjoy playing in the outdoor area and they enjoy doing gardening in the outdoor area'

'They get to learn life skills and it helps prepare them for school. It helps with their learning and development'

'It helps children to build resilience'

'Helps with child development- gives the children the opportunity to use social skills. Allows children to get used to a routine'

Parental Comments on their Chosen childcare

Of those who responded and found their chosen childcare, parents were asked about their experience with their childcare provider so far, the following comments were offered:

'All the staff are lovely at the nursery, my child has settled really well and is making new friends'

'Very happy with the service'

'Excellent all round'

'Positive nursery, really helpful and friendly'

'Amazing'

'Its has been awesome'

Child Comments

The following responses were given by children when asked, what do they like about attending nursery

'I enjoy coming to nursery'

'Love coming to nursery'

'I love the outdoors area'

'I love the trips'

'I love playing with friends'

'I love playing on the bikes'

'We love circle time'

The following messages were from children who were leaving their nursery at the end of summer

'I am going to really miss going to nursery'

'I don't want to leave nursery'

'Can I come back and show you my uniform'

Location and Reputation of childcare are the main reasons parents choose their provision, with many parents using the same provision for other children. Whilst cost is important it is not the main factor in a parent's decision making.

The quotes provided by Parents about their chosen childcare also highlight a positive experience for their children whilst attending.

4.5 Free Places for Three and Four Year Old Children

In Tameside according to Department for Education national statistical release data, (provided to all local authorities in 2024 from data sourced from the January census) and comparing to population data, 97.50% of 3 and 4 year-olds are taking up some or all of their free early education funding. This is a 0.90% increase on the previous year which is moving us towards take-up levels experienced prior to the pandemic levels of take up, of approx. 98%.

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Percentage	99%	99%	98%	98%	95%	93%	95%	96.6%	97.50%

Again, using data from the January 2024 DfE statistical release, take up for 2-year funding saw a decrease during both 2020 and 2021, however, during 2022 take up started to recover again and there has been a consistent increase since 2021 which has continued into 2024 where the increase of take up has increased by a further 1.2%. This reflects the ongoing work by teams within the council to encourage families to take up this offer.

From 1 April 2024, the expanded entitlement for eligible working families with a 2-year-old commenced and careful monitoring will be needed to understand the impact on the current 2 year entitlement for families, which are those in receipt of some form of government support.

Despite some loss of provision and changes to places, there were no reported issues with families having difficulties accessing places during summer 2024 which is the busiest term and based on data collected during summer there still appears to be adequate choice and opportunity for parents to take up the offer.

Percentage of 2 year old children benefitting from funded early education places by local authority All providers - Percentage of population										
Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Percentage	59%	73%	85%	85%	77%	75%	71%	77%	81.4%	82.60%

See **Appendix 3** - Map of Childcare providers delivering free Early Education Funding.

4.6 Free Places for Two Year Old Children

From April 2024 in addition to the current 2-year entitlement for parents in receipt of some form of government support, parents who meet the new criteria for the expanded entitlements can access 15 hours of free early years provision over 38 weeks for their 2 year old.

The eligibility criteria for 2 years olds who are entitled to a free 15-hour early education and childcare place can be found on the following pages:

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/surestart/childcare/2yearoldfunding>

2 Year Entitlement for parents in receipt of qualifying government support. The council receives DfE target lists, approx. 7 times per year and from this the council contact families who may be eligible to apply. This list is not exhaustive so parents who feel they meet the criteria can apply and be eligible for the offer despite not appearing on one of the DfE lists.

Numbers for potentially eligible 2 year olds for this type of offer have remained relatively static up to autumn 2021 when the target number was 1215. However, since summer 2022 the target list has been decreasing steadily and this is evident again for 2024 where during summer it has decreased from 957 to 913 which is a 4.47% decrease, compared to the same point in 2023.

In Tameside, we generally have a good take up of places, which are monitored term by term. Take up, taken from data from the January census for 2024 increased to 87.00% compared to 2023 which was 86%.

Working Parent Entitlement for 2-Year-olds

From 1st April 2024 the free entitlements were expanded to enable eligible working parents with a child aged 2, to claim 15 hours free early education per week over a maximum of 38 weeks. To apply parents/carers must also apply directly to Her Majesty's Revenues and Customs (HMRC) and renew their eligibility regularly as per their renewal dates. Further information can be located on the HMRC website <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Data will be collected on an ongoing basis to monitor take up of this new offer commencing from summer term 2024:

No's of Families with a Two Year old taking all or part of the 15 Hour Working Parent Entitlement	
2023-2024	
Term	Take Up

Autumn 2023	N/A
Spring 2024	N/A
Summer 2024	922

A detailed assessment of the number of two-year places was collated during summer 2024 to inform on the number of two-year places available within the borough, for both 2 year offers, and to identify any further gaps.

This year's collective data on 2 year take up is highlighting that only 45.78% of families took up a 2 year place in the ward in which they lived, with 46.70% taking up their place in another ward in Tameside, we also import 7.52% of families from outside the borough. This makes it difficult to map places and identify any gaps in provision as families are not all looking to take up a place in their home ward.

The data highlights that 710 families are taking up a place on the existing 2 year offer and 926 families accessed the new Working Parent Entitlement during its first term of inception during summer 2024.

There is no data available on the total number of families who met the Working Parent Entitlement, but we do have data to highlight that 245 families who were on the target list for the existing 2 year offer did not access a place in Tameside. However, some of these families could be accessing a place in a bordering local authority or they are actively choosing not to take up their place or they may not feel their child is ready.

The data collected on 2 year entitlements is highlighting 454 vacancies across the borough, which would ensure that all children that wish to access a place could do so.

Taking into consideration the above, there were a number of wards that were highlighting very few remaining vacancies.

The following wards indicated minimal places:

- Ashton Hurst
- Audenshaw
- Denton West

Ashton Hurst – this area had very few vacancies for 2 year olds wishing to access a place however in all other Ashton wards, there was a surplus of places with many in walking distance to the Hurst Area. Also, in addition a new provider is also opening for autumn 2024 in the Ashton St Michaels area.

Audenshaw – this area had minimal vacancies, however there were places available in Ashton St Peters which borders this area. We are also aware of new provision due to open in the Audenshaw area during Autumn 2024 term which will create much needed additional places for all age ranges in this area.

Denton West – this area also had minimal vacancies, data highlights a surplus of places in Denton North East and Denton South which are both within a half-mile radius. From September 2024 a new group provider will open in this ward and create much needed additional places for all age ranges.

See **Appendix 4** – Analysis of 2 Year Free Places and Take up

Further Action – 2 Year Place Creation

Work is underway to analyse any potential gaps in early years provision as the local authority has a duty to secure sufficient places for all parents who wish to access one.

The current level of deficit places within each of the above wards in the main are quite small but at this point it is difficult to predict demand for the new Working Parent Entitlement and especially when this increases to 30 hours from September 2025. Overall, at the time of the assessment there appeared to be sufficient places for all families who wanted to access a place in Tameside, as not all families will want to take up the offer. From the places that are available not all families could access a place in their home ward however we know that approx. 54% of families take up a place in another ward or come from outside Tameside.

We are unable to track how many families residing in Tameside maybe accessing a place in a neighbouring authority and if this data was available, it would indicate how many more children were accessing a place.

Given the expansion of the 2 year offer for the Working Parent Entitlement, this may impact on the overall number of places available for both 2 year entitlements. This will be monitored to understand any negative impact to the existing 2 year offer, which is for parents in receipt of certain government funding.

From the data collected directly from providers we are also aware of the impact of room closures and issues cited by providers in recruiting experienced and trained staff. Both may prevent some providers from expanding their places to their full Ofsted registered capacity. Staff recruitment has been highlighted as a national issue and has been raised at both national and regional level.

The birth rate for the first half of 2024 highlights a slight increase on projected birth levels when compared to 2023. Births have remained at similar lower levels in 2020, 2021 and 2022. Births are one of the main factors for demand for places and will therefore continue to be monitored carefully.

The birthrate is one of a number of considerations in the decision making for place creation. However, the council is now engaged in activities to perform a more detailed assessment of the level of places that may be required, especially in light of the expanded entitlements and when they increase from 15 free hours per week to 30 hours. This will enable us to stimulate the market in areas of need to create new places to meet the increased demand.

Overall, there appeared to be sufficient places based on the summer 2024 data despite the loss of 6 group providers during 2023, which reduced the number of available places. Some of these losses could be attributable to a sustained lower birth rate, however we are aware that not all the decisions for closure were due to this one factor.

With the availability of the Early Years Capital Expansion Grant to create new places for the Working Parent Entitlements, work will commence during the autumn 2024 term to determine any gaps in places and stimulate the market for growth using capital funding.

4.7 Working Parent Entitlement for 3 and 4 Year Olds - 30 Hours Free Childcare

In addition to the 15 hour universal entitlement, parents/carers that qualify are entitled to a further 15 hours of free early education per week or a maximum of 570 hours per year, giving them up to 30 hours free early education per week over a maximum of 38 weeks. To apply parents/carers must apply directly to Her Majesty's Revenues and Customs (HMRC) and renew their eligibility regularly as per their renewal dates. Further information can be located on the HMRC website <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

The take up of places of the 30 hour offer during Autumn 2023 increased again to the highest levels seen since its implementation. However, for the first time we have seen a decrease in take up during Spring and Summer 2024, which may mean the take up rates have now plateaued. Continued monitoring of take up and available places will continue.

No's of Families with a 3 and 4 Year old taking all or part of the 30 Hour Working Parent Entitlement (30 Hours)									
2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024	
Term	Take Up	Term	Take Up	Term	Take Up	Term	Take Up	Term	Take Up
Autumn 2019	1307	Autumn 2020	1242	Autumn 2021	1282	Autumn 2022	1299	Autumn 2023	1331
Spring 2020	1760	Spring 2021	1649	Spring 2022	1719	Spring 2023	1820	Spring 2024	1762
Summer 2020	1996	Summer 2021	1971	Summer 2022	1992	Summer 2023	2111	Summer 2024	2043

The majority of all group providers and childminders on the directory are registered to deliver the offer, and 55 of the 65 primary schools with a nursery, are also delivering the offer or registered to deliver the offer.

Working Parent Entitlement - 3 and 4 Year olds 30 Hours Free Childcare

After analysis of the data provided during summer 2024 for 3 and 4 year olds taking up some or all of their 30 hour entitlement, approximately half of all families (48.49%) taking up their offer sourced provision within their home ward, 44.04% took up a place in another Tameside ward and approximately 7.47% of families taking up a place, came from outside of Tameside.

This level of movement makes it difficult to plan for the sufficiency of places as potentially families are sourcing provision, which is convenient, for either extended family, on routes into work or as a preference for a particular provider. (See **Appendix 5**)

The analysis of 3 and 4 year places during summer 2024 highlighted a total of 418 vacancies for universal 15-hour entitlement, with recorded vacancies in all wards of Tameside apart from in Denton West. For the 30 hours or the extended part of the entitlement there were a total of 243 vacancies, again with recorded vacancies in all wards apart from in 3, however in all 3 of the areas

new provision is due to open in the autumn 2024 term which will inject much needed extra places for all age ranges including 3 – 4's (See **Appendix 5**)

Further Action

There is no detailed statistical data available on qualifying numbers of families for the working parent entitlement, so monitoring will be ongoing to see where and how families are taking up their place. This level of monitoring will be expanding from autumn 2025 with the expansion of the working parent entitlements to 30 hours for all age ranges. As the new entitlements are predominantly aimed at working parents/carers, it is difficult to monitor how far parents are travelling from home to an early years provider e.g. they may source childcare near work or extended family. Information from the 2024 sufficiency data collection indicates that more families took up a place within their home ward (approx. 48.50%) which is also a positive indicator.

The number of recorded vacancies for 3 and 4 year olds across the whole sector for the extended part of the entitlement has remained the same level as the previous year, however, there was a decrease in vacancies for the universal entitlement largely due to the loss of 6 group- providers.

Based on vacancy data available during summer 2024, it appears that there were sufficient places available for 3 and 4 year olds. During the summer term we started to establish what existing providers are delivering, which will involve the continued monitoring of places, take up and vacancies.

4.8 Childcare for Children Aged 5-11 and During School Holidays

In Tameside at the time of analysis, there were 104 Out of School clubs, (includes holiday clubs) but in total 200 providers are offering out of school care, which includes childminders. The overall number of places has decreased slightly by 3%, which could be due to the decrease in the number of childminders.

A new national programme is currently underway to encourage more provision for wraparound care for primary school age children which commences from Autumn 2024. The aim of the new programme is to encourage the expansion of existing provision and also the development of new provision to provide term time wraparound care from 8 am to 6pm to meet the needs of working parents with school age children. This report will reflect annually and record the expansion of Out of School Care.

Before and After School places for children aged 4 years and over

The analysis of vacancy data highlighted that there were vacancies for both before and after school places within all wards within the borough.

Holiday Club Places for 4 years and over

The analysis of vacancy data highlighted that there were full time vacancies for Holiday Club places within 17 wards within the borough, there was 1 ward with zero vacancies and 1 with only 1 part time place.

The areas that were showing minimal or zero vacancies is:

- Audenshaw – No places
- Denton West – 1 full time place
- Droylsden West – No places
- Hyde Newton – No places

- Mossley – 1 full time place

The Department for Education is offering Childminder start up grants which may stimulate interest in this part of the childcare sector, which has been displaying reducing numbers year on year. In all of the reported wards where places were minimal, places were available in neighbouring wards and overall, there were still full and part time vacancies available across the borough, however places will continue to be monitored. (See **Appendix 6**)

4.9 **Childcare for Disabled Children and Children with Special Educational Needs (SEND)**

Tameside Early Years Provides registered with Ofsted can access advice, support and guidance for Children with SEND from The Early Years Quality Team, via training, visits, networks, SENDCo surgeries and consultations.

Childcare providers are able to support children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) and there has been increased parental confidence that Early Years providers are able to meet the needs of children with SEND.

Data provided from the Census 2021 highlights that 19.90% of residents in the borough are identified as Disabled under the Equality Act. (At the time of publication data was not available from Census 2021 to identify the percentage of children.)

	Total: All usual residents		Disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a lot		Disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a little		Not disabled under the Equality Act	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Tameside	231,071	100.0	21,138	9.1	25,071	10.8	184,862	80.0
East	59,868	100.0	5,358	8.9	6,685	11.2	47,825	79.9
North	50,600	100.0	4,941	9.7	5,311	10.5	40,348	79.7
South	50,217	100.0	4,520	9.0	5,542	11.1	40,155	79.9
West	70,382	100.0	6,319	9.0	7,530	10.8	56,533	80.2

(Source: Census 2021)

Since July 2017, there has been a dedicated Special Educational Needs Caseworker for those children undergoing an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment (EHCNA) or with an Education Health and Care Plan, available for early years. This responsibility is now shared between two Senior SEND Case Officers. They work closely with the Early Years Quality Officers and Early Years Settings, including those in the maintained, non-maintained and private voluntary and independent Sector.

Three Dedicated Early Years Quality Officers (EYQO) have a focus on SEND in Early Years provision across the borough. The EYQO will ensure the highest quality of care and education is offered to meet children's needs. They support the Tameside SEND process, making sure all early years' practitioners are collecting relevant information to ensure smooth transitions to the most appropriate educational setting for children with SEND.

All Early Years Childcare providers are able to access additional support for children with identified disabilities and special education needs, by means of the:

- Disability Access Fund

- SEN Inclusion Fund

Both measures are intended to enable Early Years providers to promote equal access to opportunities and resources for children in early years who have an identified SEND.

4.10 Quality of Childcare

The DfE identify within current statutory guidance that they would like the outcome for all children to be able to take up their free hours in a high quality setting. Evidence shows that higher quality provision has greater developmental benefits for children, particularly for the most disadvantaged children, leading to better outcomes.

Legislation was agreed and Ofsted is now the sole arbiter of quality for delivery of Early Education Funding, which has resulted in a changed role for Local Authorities. In response to this, the following table provides a breakdown of all the key types of providers according to their Ofsted rating (data collated as at summer 2024):

Group Settings and Independent Schools	Data Collated Summer 2021		Data Collated Summer 2022		Data Collated Summer 2023		Data Collated Summer 2024	
	Actual	Percentage %	Actual	Percentage %	Actual	Percentage %	Actual	Percentage %
Inadequate	0	0	1	1.39	1	1.47	1	1.67
Requires Improvement	0	0	2	2.78	2	2.94	1	1.67
Good	52	70.27	51	70.83	44	64.71	39	65
Outstanding	9	12.16	7	9.72	4	5.88	2	3.33
Not Yet Graded	13	17.56	11	15.28	16	23.53	16	26.66
Meets Standards	0	0	0	0	1	1.47	1	1.67

There are 60 group providers in total with approximately 68.33% rated as good or outstanding, which is a further decrease on the previous year. The number of providers who are awaiting their first inspection has remains the same as the previous year. The number of settings rated inadequate or requires improvement has decreased slightly.

Out of School Clubs & Holiday Clubs	Data Collated Summer 2021		Data Collated Summer 2022		Data Collated Summer 2023		Data Collated Summer 2024	
	Actual	Percentage %	Actual	Percentage %	Actual	Percentage %	Actual	Percentage %
Inadequate	0	0	1	1.04	2	2.06	1	0.96
Requires Improvement	1	1.10	2	2.08	1	1.03	2	1.92
Good	66	72.53	65	67.71	60	61.86	63	60.58
Outstanding	8	8.79	9	9.38	5	5.16	2	1.92
Await 1 st Inspection	13	12.09	14	14.58	13	13.40	19	18.27
Met	5	4.39	5	5.21	15	15.46	16	15.39
Other	1	1.10	0	0	1	1.03	1	0.96

There are 104 Out of School Clubs, including Holiday Clubs with 62.50% rated as good or outstanding, which is a further decrease on the previous year. In addition, 15.39% are awaiting their first inspection.

Childminders & Childminder Agencies	Data Collated Summer 2021		Data Collated Summer 2022		Data Collated Summer 2023		Data Collated Summer 2024	
	Actual	Percentage %	Actual	Percentage %	Actual	Percentage %	Actual	Percentage %
Inadequate	5	2.37	7	3.72	0	0	1	0.66
Requires Improvement	6	2.84	3	1.60	2	1.20	0	0
Good	132	62.56	125	66.49	131	78.44	112	73.68
Effective – (CM Agencies)	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1.97
Outstanding	12	5.69	8	4.26	3	1.80	2	1.32
Awaiting Inspection	37	17.54	29	15.42	9	5.39	11	7.24
Met	19	9.00	16	8.51	22	13.17	23	15.13

In total, there are 152 childminders within the borough, which is a further decrease on the previous year. Of these, 115 or 75.65% of the childminders are rated as good or outstanding. Currently there are 34 childminders who have not yet been inspected or are classed as 'Met'.

Schools with a Nursery Class	Data Collated Summer 2024	
	Actual	Percentage %
Inadequate	0	0
Requires Improvement	3	4.61
Good	54	83.08
Outstanding	2	3.08
Yet to be Inspected	6	9.23

In total there are 65 primary schools within the borough that have a nursery class and provide early education, of these 86.16% are rated good or outstanding, but with a number of schools becoming academies in the last 12 months there are 6 schools awaiting inspection.

Of the 65 schools, 55 or, 84.62% are currently offering the 30 hours free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds.

4.11 Affordability of Childcare

Childcare costs vary from area to area within the borough and from type to type, however the tables below illustrate typical average childcare costs in Tameside collated during summer 2024 based on a full-time attendance e.g. 50 hours of care per week and 25 hours:

Average cost for group providers offering up to 50 hours per week:

Under twos per week attending 50 Hours	£260.00
Under twos per week attending 25 Hours	£149.00
Aged 2 plus per week attending 50 hours	£260
Aged 2 plus per week attending 25 Hours	£146

- The most expensive rate for under two's for 25 hours was £175.50
- The cheapest rate for under two's for 25 hours was £100
- The most expensive rate for aged 2 plus for 25 hours was £175.50
- The cheapest rate for aged 2 plus for 25 hours was £100
- The most expensive rate for under two's for 50 hours was £315
- The cheapest rate for under two's for 50 hours was £195
- The most expensive rate for aged 2 plus for 50 hours was £315
- The cheapest rate for aged 2 plus for 50 hours was £195

Childminders - The typical average weekly costs for a childminder in the area:

Under twos per week attending 50 Hours	£209
Under twos per week attending 25 Hours	£109
Aged 2 plus per week attending 50 hours	£209
Aged 2 plus per week attending 25 Hours	£109

Out of School provision can be offered at various providers however typical costs include:

Out of school club typical average weekly Cost for a place for 15 hours per week	£83.00
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The data highlights that childcare costs within the borough have increased in all sectors and age ranges which is reflective of the increased costs for childcare providers to run their businesses and also pay their staff e.g. increased pension and national insurance contributions, plus increases to the national minimum wage.

5. CONCLUSION

During 2024 the initial indicators highlight the childcare market in Tameside has contracted, this could be aligned to the lower birth rates over the last 3 years reducing demand for formal childcare and the lasting effects of the pandemic and changing family circumstances e.g. more parents working from home.

There has been a reduction in the number of Private Day Nurseries, Pre-Schools/Playgroups and Childminders which has decreased the total number of places but not considerably. From the data and anecdotal information received from providers on the reductions, a reduced demand for places has been an overarching factor.

A number of providers reported issues with recruiting experienced staff with the desired levels of qualifications. Most have confirmed that as demand increases again for places subject to the ability to recruit, they can reopen rooms that have been closed. Whilst there are place reductions in 3 of the 5 childcare types, due to the predicted lower birth rate for the next few years, providers are adapting to meet these lower levels of demand for childcare.

Also, from provider level feedback there is a lot of positive changes following the introduction on the new expanded entitlements for working parents.

The childcare market in Tameside is constantly changing and at the time of reporting data, we were aware of 3 group providers who were due to open in Autumn 2024. This will impact positively and create much needed new places which will benefit the childcare market and the roll out of the expanded entitlement which started in April 2024.

For 2024 despite a reduction in providers overall, the number of childcare places available across the borough has remained stable which impacts positively on parental choice.

The number of families that were in receipt of certain benefits and therefore potentially eligible for a 2-year place at the time of the data collection (summer 2024) has increased slightly from the previous year. This will require ongoing monitoring especially in light of the introduction of the new free entitlement for working parents with a 2-year-old and if this negatively impacts the existing 2 year take up.

Whilst there are some areas with less vacancies than in other areas, after further investigation, most families in these areas can be served by neighbouring wards with vacancies. There were 3 areas specifically identified for monitoring for 2 year olds, highlighted in section 4.6, however 2 new providers are opening in autumn 2024, which will add new places in 2 identified areas.

Not all sectors of childcare providers respond to the request to provide data, which prevents a full assessment of the sufficiency of childcare places in all areas. Without any other anecdotal information to highlight any specific gaps in provision for childminders, we have been unable to fully assess sufficiency of all places but conclude from the vacancies available from those that did submit that there is still adequate provision.

30 Hours Free childcare

From the information available, there are no reported issues with parents experiencing insufficient provision. Approximately 85% of the boroughs primary schools with a nursery offer 30 hours, which provide much-needed additional places. At the time of data collection, which was during the busiest reported term, (summer) there were vacancies for 30 hours in all areas of the borough. There were 3 areas where the number of places was minimal, however in 2 of these areas we will see the addition of new places in Autumn 2024 when 2 new day nurseries open in these wards. This will be continually monitored and reported upon annually.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

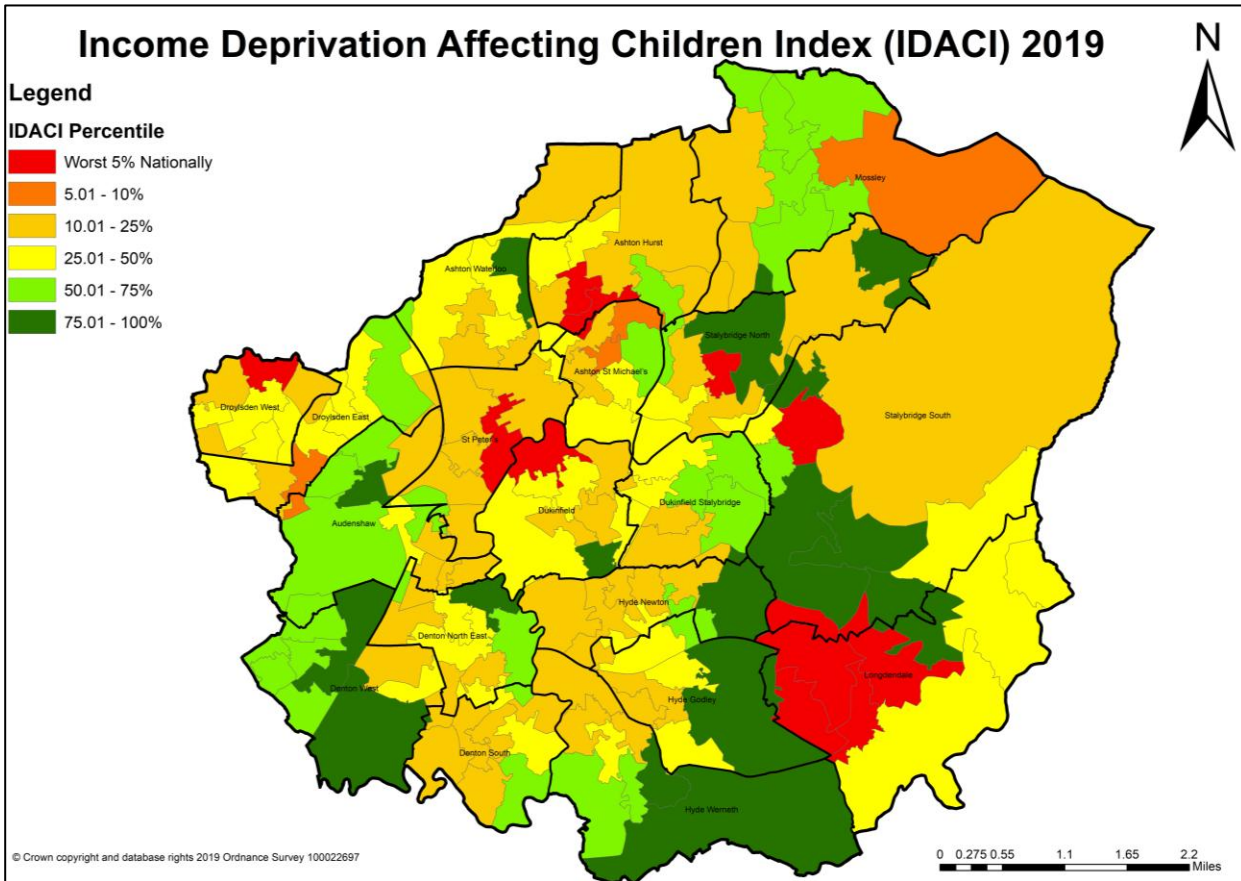
The 2024 annual report highlighted further contraction in the childcare market. However, some of this will be replaced by new group provision opening from autumn 2024. Further analysis of places and the take-up of the expanded entitlements will be needed as the entitlements are expanded to 30 hours and embedded.

The following recommendations are suggested:

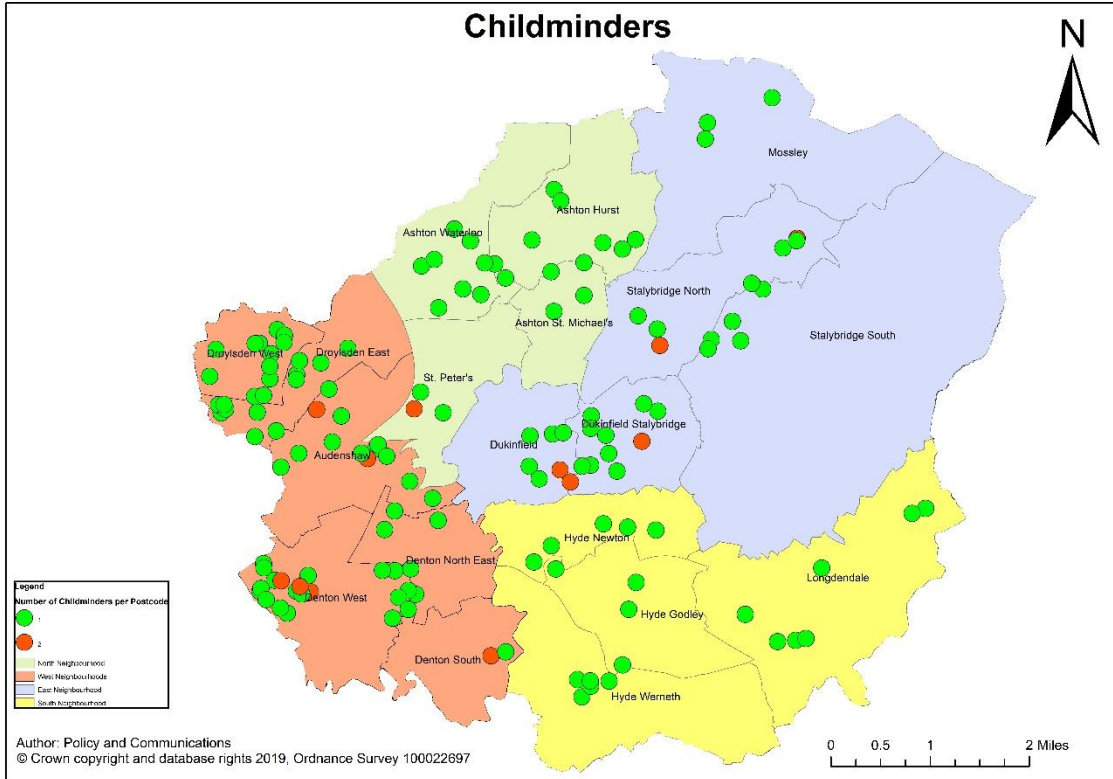
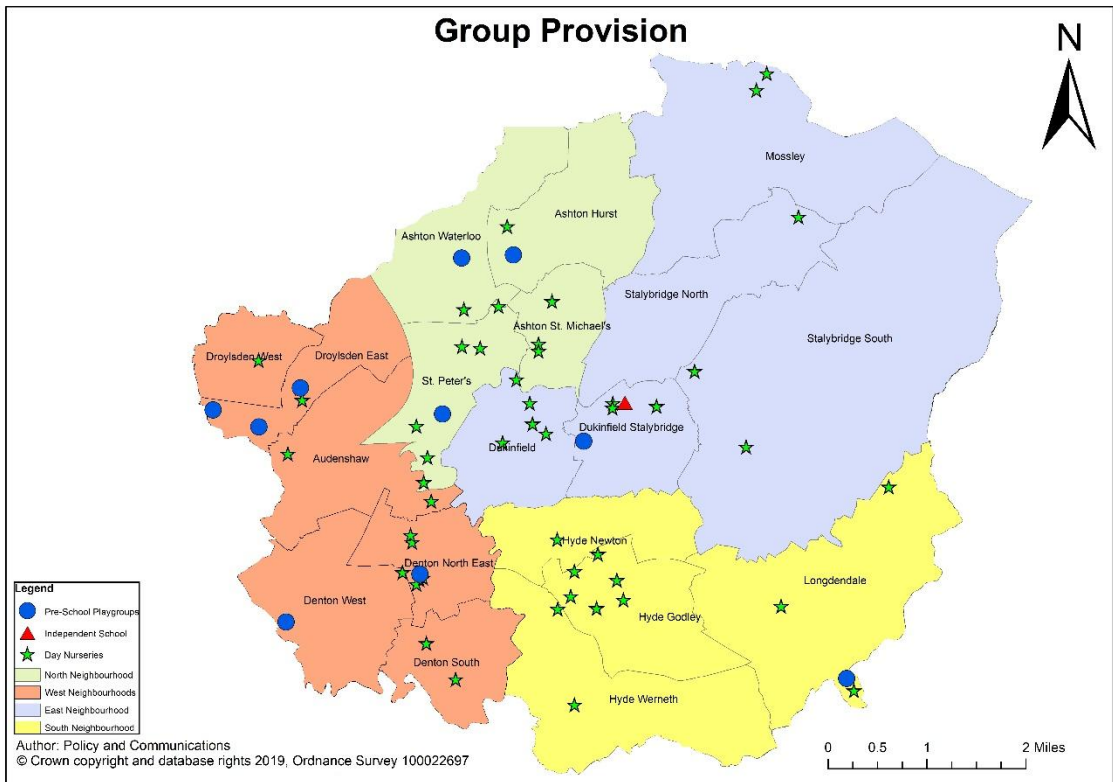
1. To use data ascertained as part of the assessment of places for the existing and new expanded entitlements for working parents to ensure we have sufficient places for all parents that want to take up the offer from the point where the entitlements increase to 30 hours e.g. September 2025. Where the data highlights potential gaps to stimulate the market for new place creation using the Early Years Capital Expansion Grant.

2. Continue to monitor the number of places across the borough for all age ranges of children to analyse any trends or shifts in the marketplace and the sufficiency of the number of places available.
3. To reassess the expansion of Out of School Care for children aged from reception to year 6, and ensure any new places once created as part of the Wraparound Programme are captured in the 2025 Childcare Sufficiency Annual Report

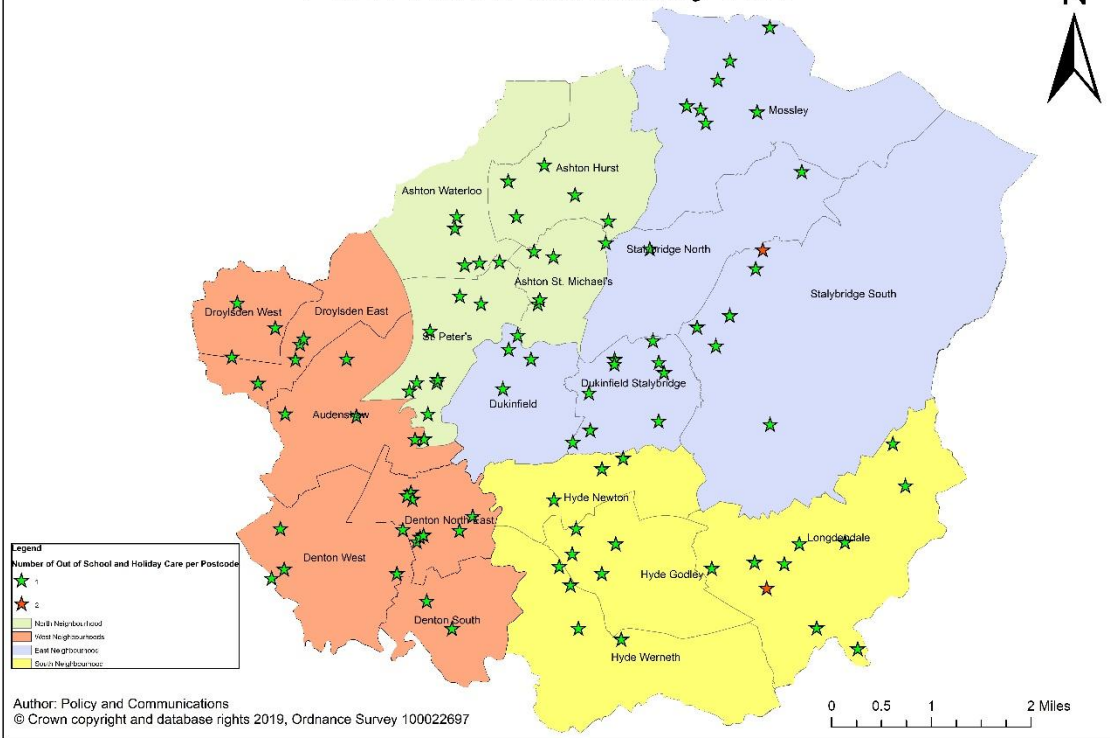
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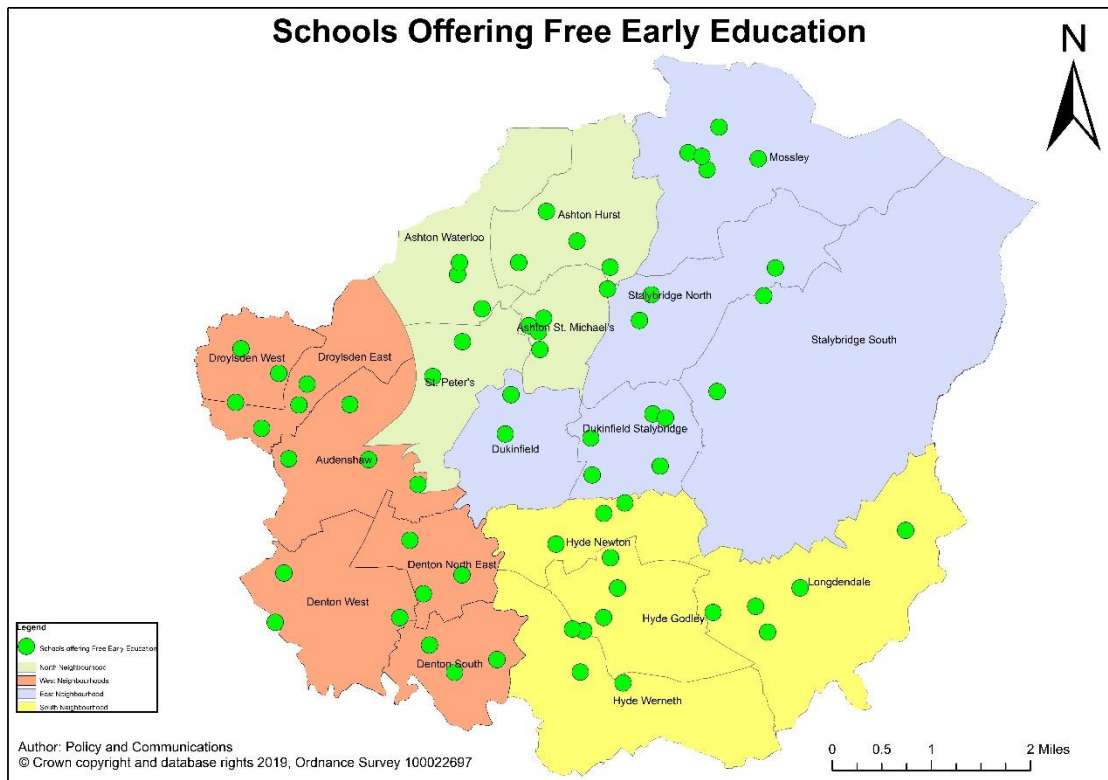
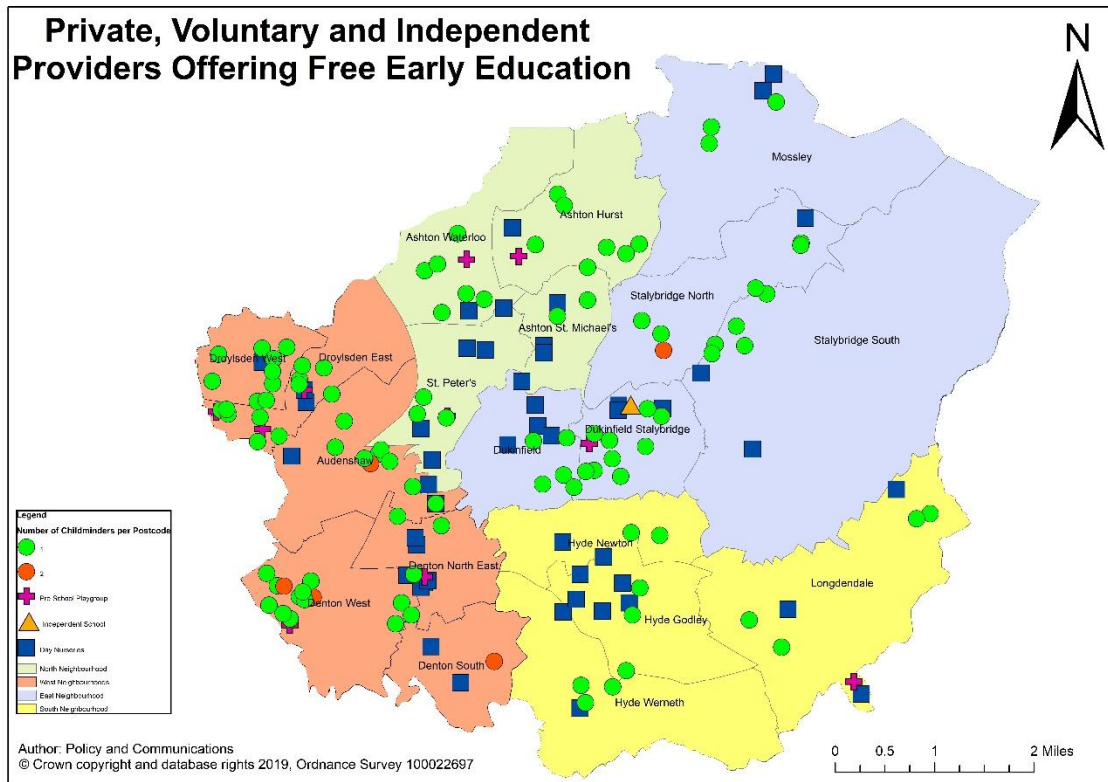
APPENDIX 2 All Maps updated for 2024



Out of School and Holiday Care



APPENDIX 3 - (FEE- Free Early Education)



APPENDIX 4

ANALYSIS OF 2 YEAR FREE PLACES AND TAKE UP – SUMMER 24

Provider Ward	Total Disadvantaged 2 Year Olds in a place during Summer 2024 attending provision in this ward	Total Working Parent 2 Year Olds in a place during Summer 2024 attending provision in this ward	Total 2 Year Olds in a place during Summer 2024 attending provision in this ward	Children who attend in their home ward	Children who attend from another TMBC ward	Children from outside TMBC who attend in this ward	% of Children attending in their home ward	% of Children attending outside their home ward but within TMBC %	% of Inward Migration from outside TMBC	Total Number of FEF Vacancies for 2 Year Olds in this ward
Ashton Hurst	27	15	42	29	11	2	69.05%	26.19%	4.76%	3
Ashton St Michaels	77	56	133	60	68	5	45.11%	51.13%	3.76%	38
Ashton St Peters	92	81	173	62	99	12	35.84%	57.23%	6.94%	20
Ashton Waterloo	22	16	38	29	6	3	76.32%	15.79%	7.89%	9
	218	168	386	180	184	22	46.63%	47.67%	5.70%	70
Audenshaw	27	76	103	37	53	13	35.92%	51.46%	12.62%	2
	27	76	103	37	53	13	35.92%	51.46%	12.62%	2
Denton North East	58	90	148	54	87	7	36.49%	58.78%	4.73%	72
Denton South	21	15	36	27	8	1	75.00%	22.22%	2.78%	35
Denton West	17	42	59	25	16	18	42.37%	27.12%	30.51%	1
	96	147	243	106	111	26	43.62%	45.68%	10.70%	108
Droylsden East	45	58	103	45	48	10	43.69%	46.60%	9.71%	32
Droylsden West	15	15	30	19	9	2	63.33%	30.00%	6.67%	15
	60	73	133	64	57	12	48.12%	42.86%	9.02%	47
Dukinfield	75	88	163	74	86	3	45.40%	52.76%	1.84%	59
Dukinfield / Stalybridge	38	26	64	22	39	3	34.38%	60.94%	4.69%	37
	113	114	227	96	125	6	42.29%	55.07%	2.64%	96
Hyde Godley	42	67	109	35	72	2	32.11%	66.06%	1.83%	25
Hyde Newton	36	69	105	49	54	2	46.67%	51.43%	1.90%	28
Hyde Werneth	29	40	69	39	26	4	56.52%	37.68%	5.80%	14
	107	176	283	123	152	8	43.46%	53.71%	2.83%	67
Longdendale	33	24	57	41	6	10	71.93%	10.53%	17.54%	14
	33	24	57	41	6	10	71.93%	10.53%	17.54%	14
Mossley	21	64	85	47	14	24	55.29%	16.47%	28.24%	23
	21	64	85	47	14	24	55.29%	16.47%	28.24%	23
Stalybridge North	19	49	68	30	37	1	44.12%	54.41%	1.47%	9
Stalybridge South	16	35	51	25	25	1	49.02%	49.02%	1.96%	18
	35	84	119	55	62	2	46.22%	52.10%	1.68%	27
Totals	710	926	1636	749	764	123	45.78%	46.70%	7.52%	454

(Includes data provided by Private, Voluntary and Independent Early Years Providers)

APPENDIX 5

ANALYSIS OF 3/4 YEAR FREE PLACES AND TAKE UP OF UNIVERSAL AND EXTENDED ENTITLEMENT – SUMMER 2024

Ward	3/4 Year Olds in a Universal place during Summer 2024	Children who attend in their home ward	Children who attend from another TMBC ward	Children who attend from outside TMBC	Maximum Number of FEF Vacancies for 3/4 Years Universal	Total Universal Places (Children in place + Vacancies)	% of Children attending in their home ward	% of Children attending outside their home ward but within TMBC %	% of Inward Migration from outside TMBC
Ashton Hurst	154	98	54	2	21	175	63.64%	35.06%	1.30%
Ashton St Michaels	336	170	154	12	32	368	50.60%	45.83%	3.57%
Ashton St Peters	358	187	160	11	50	408	52.23%	44.69%	3.07%
Ashton Waterloo	139	98	33	8	14	153	70.50%	23.74%	5.76%
	987	553	401	33	117	1104	56.03%	40.63%	3.34%
Audenshaw	238	118	99	21	13	251	49.58%	41.60%	8.82%
	238	118	99	21	13	251	49.58%	41.60%	8.82%
Denton North East	261	120	127	14	28	289	45.98%	48.66%	5.36%
Denton South	123	97	25	1	27	150	78.86%	20.33%	0.81%
Denton West	164	82	48	34	1	165	50.00%	29.27%	20.73%
	548	299	200	49	56	604	54.56%	36.50%	8.94%
Droylsden East	238	105	107	26	11	249	44.12%	44.96%	10.92%
Droylsden West	124	78	36	10	9	133	62.90%	29.03%	8.06%
	362	183	143	36	20	382	50.55%	39.50%	9.94%
Dukinfield	275	158	112	5	14	289	57.45%	40.73%	1.82%
Dukinfield / Stalybridge	226	67	155	4	41	267	29.65%	68.58%	1.77%
	501	225	267	9	55	556	44.91%	53.29%	1.80%
Hyde Godley	278	93	181	4	40	318	33.45%	65.11%	1.44%
Hyde Newton	230	143	84	3	21	251	62.17%	36.52%	1.30%
Hyde Werneth	174	116	46	12	12	186	66.67%	26.44%	6.90%
	682	352	311	19	73	755	51.61%	45.60%	2.79%
Longdendale	113	88	11	14	15	128	77.88%	9.73%	12.39%
	113	88	11	14	15	128	77.88%	9.73%	12.39%
Mossley	181	132	11	38	37	218	72.93%	6.08%	20.99%
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Stalybridge North	155	96	58	1	18	173	61.94%	37.42%	0.65%
Stalybridge South	124	75	45	4	14	138	60.48%	36.29%	3.23%
	279	171	103	5	32	311	61.29%	36.92%	1.79%
	3891	2121	1546	224	418	4309	54.51%	39.73%	5.76%

Ward	3/4 Year Olds in a Uni + Ext place (with same provider) during Summer 2024	3/4 Year Olds accessing Extended hours only in this ward	Total 3/4 Year Olds accessing extended hours during Summer 2024	Children who attended extended hours in their home ward	Children who attended extended hours from another TMBC ward	Children who attended extended hours from outside TMBC	Maximum Number of Extended Vacancies for 3/4 Years	Total Extended Places (Children in place + Vacancies)	% of Children attending in their home ward	% of Children attending outside their home ward but within TMBC %	% of Inward Migration from outside TMBC
Ashton Hurst	44	0	44	22	21	1	9	53	50.00%	47.73%	2.27%
Ashton St Michaels	139	0	139	48	81	10	27	166	34.53%	58.27%	7.19%
Ashton St Peters	148	2	150	38	105	7	0	150	25.33%	70.00%	4.67%
Ashton Waterloo	47	1	48	29	17	2	1	49	60.42%	35.42%	4.17%
	378	3	381	137	224	20	37	418	35.96%	58.79%	5.25%
Audenshaw	173	3	176	85	78	13	1	177	48.30%	44.32%	7.39%
	173	3	176	85	78	13	1	177	48.30%	44.32%	7.39%
Denton North East	132	6	138	51	77	10	17	155	36.96%	55.80%	7.25%
Denton South	52	3	55	41	13	1	8	63	74.55%	23.64%	1.82%
Denton West	110	1	111	63	24	24	2	113	56.76%	21.62%	21.62%
	294	10	304	155	114	35	27	331	50.99%	37.50%	11.51%
Droylsden East	136	2	138	62	61	15	6	144	44.93%	44.20%	10.87%
Droylsden West	58	2	60	34	22	4	14	74	56.67%	36.67%	6.67%
	194	4	198	96	83	19	20	218	48.48%	41.92%	9.60%
Dukinfield	143	1	144	73	69	2	18	162	50.69%	47.92%	1.39%
Dukinfield / Stalybridge	135	2	137	40	94	3	26	163	29.20%	68.61%	2.19%
	278	3	281	113	163	5	44	325	40.21%	58.01%	1.78%
Hyde Godley	122	4	126	47	76	3	24	150	37.30%	60.32%	2.38%
Hyde Newton	132	3	135	79	54	2	17	152	58.52%	40.00%	1.48%
Hyde Werneth	91	1	92	60	24	8	6	98	65.22%	26.09%	8.70%
	345	8	353	186	154	13	47	400	52.69%	43.63%	3.68%
Longdendale	46	4	50	37	4	9	6	56	74.00%	8.00%	18.00%
	46	4	50	37	4	9	6	56	74.00%	8.00%	18.00%
Mossley	127	2	129	86	8	35	32	161	66.67%	6.20%	27.13%
	127	2	129	86	8	35	32	161	66.67%	6.20%	27.13%
Stalybridge North	86	1	87	44	42	1	21	108	50.57%	48.28%	1.15%
Stalybridge South	88	1	89	54	32	3	8	97	60.67%	35.96%	3.37%
	174	2	176	98	74	4	29	205	55.68%	42.05%	2.27%
	2009	39	2048	993	902	153	243	2291	48.49%	44.04%	7.47%

(Includes data provided by Schools and Private, Voluntary and Independent Early Years Providers)

APPENDIX 6

ANALYSIS OF OUT OF SCHOOL PROVISION – SUMMER 2024

2024		Before and After School					Holiday Club				
		Places			Vacancies		Places			Vacancies	
Area	Ward	Number of Providers	Number of Before School Places 4 Yrs and over	Number of After School Places 4 Yrs and over	Total Vacancies Before School 4 Yrs and over	Total Vacancies After School 4 Yrs and over	Number of Providers	Number of Full time Places 4 Yrs and over	Number of Part Time Places 4 Yrs and over	Number of Full Time Vacancies 4 Yrs and over	Number of Part Time Vacancies 4 Yrs and over
Ashton under Lyne	Ashton Hurst	11	285	205	55	41	4	31	3	3	2
	Ashton St Michaels	6	212	124	66	16	3	49	6	25	10
	Ashton St Peters	10	240	110	55	24	7	549	0	40	20
	Ashton Waterloo	10	139	58	26	25	4	22	0	5	2
Sub totals		37	876	497	202	106	18	651	9	73	34
Audenshaw	Audenshaw	13	176	178	10	19	9	25	3	0	2
	Sub totals	13	176	178	10	19	9	25	3	0	2
Denton	Denton North East	10	169	177	66	68	8	102	30	33	13
	Denton South	6	168	72	30	20	4	72	60	16	28
	Denton West	19	210	203	17	16	18	127	103	4	5
Sub totals		35	547	452	113	104	30	301	193	53	46
Droylsden	Droylsden East	11	210	174	54	64	9	57	8	8	2
	Droylsden West	12	172	162	26	10	6	19	0	0	2
Sub totals		23	382	336	80	74	15	76	8	8	4
Dukinfield	Dukinfield	10	124	118	27	23	4	21	0	4	3
	Dukinfield / Stalybridge	13	257	257	58	52	9	91	1	21	4
Sub totals		23	381	375	85	75	13	112	1	25	7
Hyde	Hyde Godley	8	269	139	141	16	5	178	0	7	7
	Hyde Newton	5	147	353	12	15	3	93	120	0	0
	Hyde Werneth	7	146	121	76	72	6	104	0	52	0
Sub totals		20	562	613	229	103	14	375	120	59	7
Longdendale/Hattersley	Longdendale	7	144	46	22	5	4	38	4	8	16
	Sub totals	7	144	46	22	5	4	38	4	8	16
Mossley	Mossley	9	210	210	75	48	3	34	0	3	9
	Sub totals	9	210	210	75	48	3	34	0	3	9
Stalybridge	Stalybridge North	10	123	137	31	29	7	33	2	11	2
	Stalybridge South	10	269	239	84	73	6	503	80	50	2
Sub totals		20	392	376	115	102	13	536	82	61	4
Grand Totals 2024		187	3670	3083	931	636	119	2148	420	290	129

(Includes data provided by Schools and Private, Voluntary and Independent Early Years Provider)