
Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA)

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1. Overall assessment and summary

Thurrock Council is required by law to ‘report annually to elected council members on how they are meeting their duty to secure sufficient childcare, and make this report available and accessible to parents’.¹ The Council has prepared this report in order to meet this duty ¹.

Having sufficient childcare means that families are able to find childcare that meets their child’s learning needs and enables parents to make a real choice about work and training. This applies to all children from birth to age 14, and to children with disabilities. Sufficiency is assessed for different groups, rather than for all children in the local authority.

We use information about childcare sufficiency to plan our work supporting the local childcare economy.’

Statutory guidance on Early Education and Childcare, effective from 1 September 2017. The wording of the 2014 statutory guidance, effective until this date, is identical ¹.

Overall sufficiency in our area

We do not have access to reliable data that breaks down the population by ward of children by individual age groups since the last National Census in 2011. It is therefore difficult to compare the sufficiency of places by individual ward.

2 Year old Entitlement

There are currently sufficient 2 year entitlement places offered by Thurrock childcare providers. The providers understand the importance of the two year entitlement and what it offers to the most disadvantaged children in Thurrock, enabling them to thrive and achieve, as their peers.

2 year entitlement access especially in the summer term can be limited, due to parents wishing to stay on waiting lists for their preferred provider, despite places available with other suitable, quality, providers

Universal Entitlement- All 3 & 4 year olds.

We have not received any parental feedback that parents cannot gain a places for their child’s universal entitlement, there still are parents who do not wish their child to access early years education and childcare, by exercising their right to choose, for their child not to participate in this non-statutory offer.

30 Hours Entitlement for children of working parents

The access to the additional 15 hours of entitlement funded hours for working parents of 3 & 4 year olds, is currently on an upward trend and is predicted to continue.

Schools are showing signs that they are progressing to offer 2 year entitlement places and also the 30 hours for working parents. This is still measured, but we are hopeful to have some advocates to encourage other school early years providers to participate in one or both of the offers.

In some areas of Thurrock we have limited atypical hours to offer parents. The local regional shopping centre is open seven days a week, opening as early as 8.00am on some days, and closing as late as 10.00pm there is scope for supporting these parents to access work, particularly if they have no wider family or friends to help out. Other local employers offer shift or weekend work, which are based in Thurrock, who offer parents employment opportunities.

The majority of schools now offer at least a breakfast club, although this tends to be for the reception age children upwards, despite offering nursery provision. This may be a cultural mind-set that teachers do not participate in the classroom before or beyond the traditional school day. The availability of appropriate staff outside this core time is challenging to some, while others embrace the challenge to overcome the barriers for parents to find suitable childcare to enable access to work or training.

Childminders offer the wrap around care to the school day where their capacity permits, however, some childminders prefer not to offer holiday childcare if they are caring for their own children particularly if their own children are older.

Most childcare providers in Thurrock practice inclusion in their practice, however, the barrier still remains in some instances, particularly with providers offering a limited number of places where additional support is necessary, which may impact on care and learning, given to other children in their provision.

Thurrock Council will continue

- 1.1 *To support further early years & childcare development across the borough where re-generation and new housing is taking place.*
- 1.2 *To promote and encourage more schools to consider eligible 2 year old intake.*
- 1.3 *To consider early education future needs before decision are taken in relation to capital assets across the Local Authority*
- 1.4 *To support sessional providers to offer, or access wrap around care in partnership, for working parents*

2 Demand for childcare

Population of early years children

In total, there are 12502* children under the age of five living in our local authority. These children may require early years childcare.

Numbers by age

Age	Number of children
Age 0	2397
Age 1	2432

Age 2	2347
Age 3	2661
Age 4*	2665

* Some four-year-olds will have started reception

Population of school age children

In total there are 18097 children aged 5-11, and 6971 children aged 12-14 living in our local authority. These children may require childcare before and after school, and/or during the school holidays.

Numbers by age

Age	Number of children
Age 5	2610
Age 6	2626
Age 7	2664
Age 8	2616
Age 9	2500
Age 10	2467
Age 11	2614
Age 12	2424
Age 13	2307
Age 14	2240

Changes to population of children in our area

Since 2016 Population of early years children has decreased by 3%

Since 2016 Population of school age children has increased by 9%

Number of children with special educational needs and disabilities

Children with special education needs and disabilities (SEND) are entitled to support with childcare up to the age of 18 (age 14 for children who do not have a special need or disability). The number of children with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan in our local authority is:

Age	Number of children
Birth to school age	7
Primary school (reception to year six)	633
Secondary school (year seven to thirteen)	704

Children's needs change over time and are identified at different ages. Among the youngest children, SEND may only be identified when they start in childcare or school, and it can take some time from problems being identified to an EHC plan being issued. It is therefore possible that the number of children with SEND aged 0-4 is an underestimate. Some children have SEN but do not have an EHC plan.

3 Supply of childcare

Number of early years providers and places

In total, there are 234 childcare providers in our local authority, offering a maximum of 3679 early years early education and childcare registered places:

Childminders*

Ward	Number of providers	Number of registered places	0-2 years registered places	2-3 years registered places	3-5 years registered places	Total 0-5 registered years places
Aveley & Uplands	8 (3)	27 (9)	9	6 (2)	12 (4)	27 (9)
Belhus	5 (1)	18 (3)	6	5 (1)	7 (1)	18 (3)
Chadwell St Mary	7 (3)	20 (9)	6	5 (2)	9 (4)	20 (9)
Chafford and North Stifford	18 (3)	69 (6)	23	15 (2)	31 (2)	69 (6)
Corringham & Fobbing	2 (1)	9 (3)	3	2 (1)	4 (1)	9 (3)
East Tilbury	4 (2)	13 (4)	4	3 (1)	6 (2)	13 (4)
Grays Riverside	13 (3)	36 (8)	13	6 (1)	17 (4)	36 (8)
Grays Thurrock	8 (1)	25 (3)	8	8 (1)	9 (1)	25 (3)
Little Thurrock Blackshots	10 (3)	36 (9)	12	9 (2)	15 (4)	36 (9)
Little Thurrock Rectory	5 (2)	15 (6)	5	3 (1)	7 (3)	15 (6)
Ockendon	15 (5)	51 (15)	17	11 (3)	23 (7)	51 (15)
Orsett	6 (0)	22 (0)	7	4 (0)	11 (0)	22 (0)
South Chafford	15 (4)	51 (9)	18	14 (2)	19 (4)	51 (9)
Stanford East Cor Town	6 (2)	15 (2)	7	3 (0)	5 (0)	15 (2)
Stanford le Hope West	4 (3)	10 (7)	4	2 (1)	4 (3)	10 (7)
Stifford Clays	5 (0)	16 (0)	7	2 (0)	7 (0)	16 (0)
The Homesteads	6 (1)	24 (3)	8	7 (1)	9 (1)	24 (3)

Tilbury Riverside & Thurrock Park	4 (3)	10 (7)	4	2 (1)	4 (3)	10 (7)
Tilbury St Chads	0 (0)	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
West Thurrock South Stifford	15 (3)	45 (8)	16	14 (2)	15 (3)	45 (8)
Total	156 (43)	512 (111)	177	121 (24)	214 (47)	512 (111)

() data shown in brackets denotes those childminders not delivering entitlement and their places, but registered for 0-5 children that have been included in the main figure in categories indicated.

Private, Voluntary and Independent Nurseries & Pre-schools

Ward	Number of providers	Number of registered places	0-2 years registered places	2-3 years registered places	3-5 years registered places	Total 0-5 years registered FTE Places**
Aveley & Uplands	3	116	9	43	64	116
Belhus	2	66	12	18	36	66
Chadwell St Mary	5	210	33	94	83	210
Chafford and Nth Stifford	2	148	21	35	92	148
Corringham & Fobbing	1	26	0	3	16	19**
East Tilbury	2	150	12	38	90	140**
Grays Riverside	4	229	30	71	128	229
Grays Thurrock	4	172	41	65	66	172
Little Thurrock Blackshots	1	32	0	6	26	32
Little Thurrock Rectory	2	90	0	27	63	90
Ockendon	3	127	9	36	82	127
Orsett	1	26	0	0	16	16**
South Chafford	2	158	42	43	73	158
Stanford East Cor Town	5	191	0	47	130	177**

Stanford le Hope West	5	211	36	50	95	181**
Stifford Clays	1	26	0	6	15	21**
The Homesteads	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tilbury Riverside & Thurrock Park	2	105	12	30	63	105
Tilbury St Chads	2	75	15	25	35	75
West Thurrock Sth Stifford	4	226	36	60	130	226
Total	51	2384	308	697	1303	2308

** Not all providers open for 5 days per week and therefore the total number of places available (expressed as registered place equivalent) does not equate to the providers number of registered places at times.

Nursery Classes in Schools

<i>Ward</i>	<i>Number of providers</i>	<i>Number of registered places</i>	<i>0-2 years registered places</i>	<i>2-3 years registered places</i>	<i>3-5 years registered places</i>	<i>Total</i>
Aveley & Uplands	2	56	0	0	56	56
Belhus	4	104	0	0	104	104
Chadwell St Mary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chafford and North Stifford	1	52	0	0	52	52
Corringham & Fobbing	1	40	0	6	34	40
East Tilbury	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grays Riverside	2	78	0	0	78	78
Grays Thurrock	1	30	0	0	30	30
Little Thurrock Blackshots	1	26	0	1*	25	26
Little Thurrock Rectory	1	30	0	0	30	30
Ockendon	2	52	0	0	52	52

Orsett	1	35	5	4	26	35
South Chafford	3	78	0	0	78	78
Stanford East Cor Town	1	30	0	6	24	30
Stanford le Hope West	1	30	0	0	30	30
Stifford Clays	1	36	0	10	26	36
The Homesteads	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tilbury Riverside & Thurrock Park	2	78	0	0	78	78
Tilbury St Chads	1	52	0	0	52	52
West Thurrock South Stifford	2	52	0	2*	50	52
Total	27	859	5	29	825	859

*Some nursery classes in school accept rising 3s.

Total All Providers

Ward	Number of providers	Number of registered places	0-2 years registered places	2-3 years registered places	3-5 years registered places	Total 0-5 years Registered Places
Aveley & Uplands	13 (3)	199 (9)	18	49 (2)	132 (4)	199 (9)
Belhus	11 (1)	188 (3)	18	23 (1)	147 (1)	188 (3)
Chadwell St Mary	12 (3)	230 (9)	39	99 (2)	92 (4)	230 (9)
Chafford and North Stifford	21 (3)	269 (6)	44	50 (2)	175 (2)	269 (6)
Corringham & Fobbing	4 (1)	75 (3)	3	11 (1)	54 (1)	68** (3)
East Tilbury	6 (2)	163 (4)	16	41 (1)	96 (2)	153** (4)
Grays Riverside	19 (3)	343 (8)	43	77 (1)	223 (4)	343 (8)
Grays Thurrock	13 (1)	227 (3)	49	73 (1)	105 (1)	227 (3)
Little Thurrock Blackshots	12 (3)	94 (9)	12	16 (2)	66 (4)	94 (9)

Little Thurrock Rectory	8 (2)	135 (6)	5	30 (1)	100 (3)	135 (6)
Ockendon	20 (5)	230 (15)	26	47 (3)	157 (7)	230 (15)
Orsett	8 (0)	83 (0)	12	8 (0)	53 (0)	73** (0)
South Chafford	20 (4)	287 (9)	60	57 (2)	170 (4)	287 (9)
Stanford East Cor Town	12 (2)	236 (2)	7	56 (0)	159 (0)	222** (0)
Stanford le Hope West	10 (3)	251 (7)	40	52 (1)	129 (3)	221** (7)
Stifford Clays	7 (0)	78 (0)	7	18 (0)	48 (0)	73** (0)
The Homesteads	6 (1)	24 (3)	8	7 (1)	9 (1)	24 (3)
Tilbury Riverside & Thurrock Park	8 (3)	193 (7)	16	32 (1)	145 (3)	193 (7)
Tilbury St Chads	3 (0)	127 (0)	15	25 (0)	87 (0)	127 (0)
West Thurrock South Stifford	21 (3)	323 (8)	52	76 (2)	195 (3)	323 (8)
Total	234 (43)	3755 (111)	490	847 (24)	2342 (47)	3679 (111)

() data shown in brackets denotes those childminders not delivering entitlement and their places, but registered for 0-5 children that have been included in the main figure in categories indicated.

There are no Maintained Nursery Schools in Thurrock

The data in this table was correct on: 31March 2019

* Some childminder places may also be available for older children.

For private, voluntary and independent nurseries and childminders, the number of registered places represents the maximum number of children who can be on the premises at any given time. In practice, many providers choose to operate below their number of registered places.

Children may attend childcare full time or part time. This table records places for children who are attending full time, or for as many hours as the setting is open. In some cases, two or more children attending part time may use one full time equivalent place. For example, one child may attend in the morning and one child may attend in the afternoon.

Early years atypical hours

Childcare is most commonly delivered during the typical working day – between 8am and 6pm on weekdays. Some parents require childcare outside these times in order to fit with their work or other responsibilities.

The number of providers offering childcare for atypical hours in our local authority is:

Type of provision	Number of providers	Available before 8am weekdays	Available after 6pm weekdays	Available weekends ¹	Offer Overnight Care
Childminders +	156	98	64	14	15
Nursery classes in schools	26	11	6	0	0
Maintained nursery schools	0	0	0	0	0
Private, voluntary and independent nurseries	29	24	20	0	0

+ Of those providers supplying this information

Number of school age providers and places

In total, there are **214** providers of childcare for school age children during term time, and **146** providers of childcare for school age children during the holidays. Of that number **174** childminders who may provide care for school age children during term time

Type of provision	Number of providers	Number of registered places
Breakfast club – Primary school	28	898
Breakfast club – Secondary school	0	0
Breakfast care Childminders*	174	603
Breakfast club -Private and Voluntary and Independent Providers (PVIs)	12	363
Total Breakfast club	214	1864
After-school club – Primary school	15	500
After-school club – Secondary school	0	0
After School care - Childminders*	174	603
After school club - Private and Voluntary and Independent Providers	15	458
Total After school club	204	1561
Holiday club - Primary school	3	100
Holiday club - Secondary school	0	0
Holiday care - Childminders*	134	467

¹ This includes availability at any time during the weekend, not necessarily for the whole weekend

Holiday club - Private and Voluntary and Independent Providers	9	339
	146	906

* Childminder data is difficult to break down in to specific places for breakfast, afterschool due to lack of meaningful response numbers from this group of providers to Provider Audit requests. We can assume that if a childminder only offers term time care, this will reduce the number of holiday care places offered and is shown as such.

Tracking supply of childcare for school age children is difficult because not all of this type of provision is registered with Ofsted. It is possible that we have under-counted the provision of breakfast and afterschool clubs and holiday clubs. Parents may also use provision which is not considered 'childcare', for example sports or arts clubs after school or in the holidays.

School age atypical

Childcare is most commonly delivered during the typical working day – between 8am and 6pm on weekdays. Some parents require childcare outside these times in order to fit with their work or other responsibilities.

The number of providers offering childcare for atypical hours in our local authority is:

<i>Type of provision</i>	<i>Number of providers</i>	<i>Available before 8am weekdays</i>	<i>Available after 6pm weekdays</i>	<i>Available weekends²</i>
Breakfast club – primary school	42	42	N/A	0
After-school club – primary school	15	N/A	15	0
Breakfast club – secondary school	0	0	N/A	0
After-school club – secondary school	0	N/A	0	0
Holiday club	10	8	2	0
Childminders	171	109	65	14

² This includes availability at any time during the weekend, not necessarily for the whole weekend

4 Funded early education

Introduction to funded early education

Some children are entitled to free childcare, funded by the government. These entitlements are for 38 weeks per year.

- All children aged 3 and 4 are entitled to 15 hours per week until they start reception class in school
- Children aged 3 and 4 where both parents are working, or from lone parent families where that parent is working, are **entitled** to 30 hours per week until they start reception class in school³
- Children aged 2 whose families receive certain benefits (including low income families in receipt of in-work benefits), or those who meet additional non-economic **criteria**, are entitled to 15 hours per week. Nationally, about 40% of 2 year olds are entitled to this offer, but the proportion varies by area.

Parents do not have to use all the hours of their funded entitlement. They may choose to split them between providers. With the agreement of their provider, parents may also spread them across the year – for example, rather than taking 15 hours for 38 weeks a year they could take just under 12 hours for 48 weeks a year.

Proportion of 2-year-old children eligible through financial criteria entitled to funded early education at January 2019

In our local authority, 32.97 % of 2 year olds are entitled to funded early education. During 2018 a total of 1223 eligible children accessed 2 year old entitlement funded places.

Take up of funded early education

The proportion of eligible children taking up their funded place (for at least some of the available hours) in our local authority is:

The data in this table is based on Department for Education data in January 2019

Breakdown of funded early education take up by age of children

Age	% of eligible children
Age 2	79%
Age 3 and 4	91%
3 year olds	90%
4 year olds	91%

³ Available to families where each parent (or one parent in a single adult household) are earning the equivalent of working sixteen hours per week on the minimum wage

3 and 4-year-old funded entitlement applications

Parents who think they are entitled to a 30 hour extended hours place apply for this online through the Government’s Childcare Support [website](#). The same website is used to apply for tax free childcare and parents can apply for either or both. If a parent is eligible, the system creates a code which they can use with their chosen childcare provider. If they are ineligible, they will still be entitled to the universal 15 hours of early education and childcare.

<i>Step</i>	<i>Number of Children</i>	<i>% of children</i>	<i>Number of families</i>	<i>% of families applying</i>
Applied for a place	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of children accessing Universal Entitlement 3&4 year olds	3258	91	N/A	N/A
Eligibility Codes Issued of total 3&4 year old Universal Entitlement places taken up	1159	35.57	N/A	N/A
Eligible for a place against those codes issued	978	84.38	N/A	N/A
Accessing a place against eligible places	929	94.99	N/A	N/A

N/A data not available

The data in this table is based on live data Thurrock Council for Spring Term 2019

Providers offering funded early education places

Providers are paid directly by government for delivering funded early education. They are not required to offer them to parents, but of course parents may choose to use a different provider if they do not. Some providers offer a restricted number of funded places. A new full day-care provider was registered by Ofsted 8 April 2019 in the Stifford Clays ward which is not included in the CSA data as at 31 March 2019.

Type of provision	Number of providers	Age 2 targeted	Age 3 and 4 universal 15 hours	Age 3 and 4 – extended 30 hours
Childminders	115	84%	91%	69%
Nursery classes in schools	26	12%	100%	77%
Maintained nursery schools	0%	0%	0%	0%
Private, voluntary and independent nurseries and Pre-schools	51	98%	100%	90%

Comparing take up of funded early education over time

Age	2019*	2018*	2017*
Age 2 – targeted	79%	69%	73%
Age 3 and 4	91%	89%	92%

*January Census

Age	2019*	2018*	2017*
Age 2 – targeted	79%	73.38%	77.26%

*As at 31.03.19

Comparisons to other local authorities

Age	Thurrock	Medway	Essex	East of England	England
Age 2 – targeted	79%	59%	67%	69%	68%
Age 3 and 4	91%	91%	97%	94%	94%

For 2 year entitlement place take up, nationally of 152 Local Authorities, Thurrock is placed 23rd in 2019.

Economic Regeneration and New Housing

Economic regeneration and new homes supply will increase demand for childcare.

It is imperative that new housing developments are taken into account when planning any new early education and childcare places.

The table below indicates the extent of current development in Thurrock broken down by ward. Developments of more than twenty units per development, are noted only.

Ward	Potential Development (of more than 20 units) 0-5 years
Aveley & Uplands	1485
Belhus	0
Chadwell St Mary	1167
Chafford & North Stifford	150
Corringham and Fobbing	113
East Tilbury	1349
Grays Riverside	869
Grays Thurrock	201
Little Thurrock Blackshots	362
Little Thurrock Rectory	102
Ockendon	651
Orsett	287
South Chafford	333
Stanford East Corringham Town	934
Stanford le Hope West	665
Stifford Clays	0
The Homesteads	20
Tilbury Riverside & Thurrock Park	203
Tilbury St Chads	267
West Thurrock South Stifford	1133

Supporting economic wellbeing

Accessible and affordable childcare supports families to work and good quality early years experience supports children's cognitive and emotional development, aiding transition between home and the early years setting and improving school readiness. For some families the need for good quality, accessible and affordable childcare is at least partially satisfied by informal by informal childcare arrangements such as with family and friends, but for no means all. Single parent households and families without established social

structures may not have access to informal childcare. For those that do, informal childcare may not support the social and cognitive outcomes associated with good quality formal early years development and learning.

Supporting children to achieve their potential

In 2008 a Joseph Rowntree report concluded that appropriate childcare could move between a 0.17% and 50% of children out of poverty. A 2012 DfE research report evidenced that early education starting at an early age had a direct impact on the attainment of children.

The body of evidence is large and growing; find a quality early years experience can boost children's all-round development, and is particular beneficial for least advantaged children.

The economy

In 2018 (January to December) 12.8% of households in Thurrock were defined as workless* this compares to 12.2% in the East region and 14% nationally.

Employment levels are slightly higher when compared to the national average but lower compared to the regional figure for employment.

Economic activity rates April 2018 to March 2019

All People:	Thurrock	East Region	Great Britain
Economically active	79.6 %	81.2%	78.7%
In employment	76.4%	78.4%	75.4%
Employees	66.1%	66.8%	64.4%
Self Employed	9.9%	11.4%	10.7%
Unemployed	4.0%	3.4%	4.1%

Economic Inactivity rates April 2018 to March 2019

All People:	Thurrock	East Region	
Economically inactive	20.4%	18.8%	21.3%
Wanting employment	22.1%	19.0%	20.6%
Not wanting employment	77.9%	79.1%	79.4%

Earnings by Residence (2018)

	Thurrock £	East Region £	Great Britain £
Gross weekly pay	550.10	583.4	557.4
Hourly pay- excluding overtime	16.24	17.55	16.80

(source- ONS annual population survey, NOMIS)

<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157204/report.aspx#ps>

5 Prices

Prices of early school years childcare

For early years childcare outside the funded entitlements, we report on average prices per hour, reported to us by settings.⁴ There may be variations to prices based on the number of hours a family uses, with reductions for longer hours, or discounts for sibling groups. There may be additional payments for additional services, e.g. lunch and other meals which are not included in these prices.

Price per hour	Private, voluntary and independent nurseries	School and maintained nursery schools which make charges to parents	Childminders
0 and 1 year olds	£6.54	£N/A	£4.92
2 year olds	£6.04	£4.55	£4.97
3 and 4 year olds	£5.66	£4.55	£4.65

Prices of school age childcare

For school age children during term time, we report on average prices before school per day, after school per day, and for childminding per hour. For holiday childcare, we report on holiday club prices per week.

Setting and price unit	Price
Breakfast club per day	£ 3.81
After-school club per day	£ 12.25
School age childminder per hour	£ 4.59
Holiday club per week	£178.85

Comparing childcare prices over time

Price per hour		Type of childcare		
Age	Year	Private, voluntary and independent nurseries	School and maintained nursery schools which make charges to parents	Childminders
0 and 1	This year	£6.54	£ N/A	£ 4.92
	Year -1	£ N/A	£ N/A	£ N/A
	Year -2	£ N/A	£ N/A	£ N/A
2	This year	£6.04	£ 4.55	£ 4.97
	Year -1	£ N/A	£ N/A	£ N/A

⁴ Details of how we collect this data are in the methodology section below

	Year -2	£ N/A	£ N/A	£ N/A
3 and 4	This year	£5.66	£4.55	£ 4.65
	Year -1	£ N/A	£ N/A	£ N/A
	Year -2	£ N/A	£ N/A	£ N/A

6 Quality of childcare in our area

Ofsted inspection grades

All childcare providers must register with and be inspected by Ofsted, who give them an overall grade for the quality of their provision. Childminders and private and voluntary providers are on the Early Years Register, and schools and standalone maintained nursery schools are on the Schools register. The grades for both registers are equivalent. Schools with nurseries have an overall inspection grade for the whole school and most also have a separate early years grade.

Both schools and early years providers have four possible Ofsted grades: ‘outstanding’, ‘good’, ‘requires improvement’, and ‘inadequate’.⁵ Some providers are still awaiting their first full inspection. These providers are excluded from our calculation.

Nursery classes in independent schools do not generally have an Ofsted grade.

Type of provision	Total number of providers	% achieving good or outstanding
Childminders	105	91%
Nursery classes in schools *	27	93%
Maintained nursery schools	0	0%
Private and voluntary nurseries	47	100%
Total	179	94%

* Early years grade if available, otherwise overall school grade

Providers with met/not met grade

When providers do not have any children on site at the time of their first inspection, they are given an Ofsted grade of ‘met’ or ‘not met’. This shows whether they are meeting the requirements for Ofsted registration, and usually happens when new providers are being set up.

Comparisons to other local authorities

% of providers ‘good’ or ‘outstanding’	Thurrock	Medway	Essex	East of England	England
Childminders	91%	96%	98%	96%	95%
Childcare on Non Domestic Premises	97%	95%	98%	96%	97%

⁵ For more information see <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/childcare-providers-and-inspections-as-at-31-march-2019>

8 Methodology

- Number of children: based on population projections from <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/bulletins/subnationalpopulationprojectionsforengland/2016based>
Figure 6: Population age structure by single year of age and sex for local authorities, counties, regions and England as a whole, mid-2016 to mid-2041
- Children with EHC plans: based on data held by Thurrock Council
- Supply of childcare: based on data provided to us by Ofsted who regulate early years provision in schools and childcare provision, and Thurrock Council data. In some cases, we have supplemented this with local intelligence where providers are not registered with Ofsted.
- Vacancy rates: This data is not available for this Assessment
- Childcare for parents working atypical hours: data held by Thurrock Council
- Funded early education: data on take up of funded early education entitlements is based on the Early Years and Schools Censuses, which are taken every January and published by the Department for Education in the statistical collection *Education provision: children under five years of age*. Data on entitlement to a funded early education place for 2 year olds is provided by the Department for Work and Pensions and local authority data
- Price of childcare: Collected by Provider Audit Spring Term 2019
- Quality of childcare: data on childcare quality is provided by [Ofsted](#).
- Data from providers and parents: This has not been undertaken in time for this Assessment as we have changed our Survey Portal during the Assessment period

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