

Thurrock Council Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA)

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1. Overall assessment and summary

Our council is required by law to 'report annually to the elected council members on how they are meeting their duty to secure sufficient childcare, and make this report available and accessible to parents'. We have prepared this report in order to meet this duty.

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.

In this report, we have made an assessment of sufficiency using data about the need for childcare and the amount of childcare available, and feedback from local parents about how easy or difficult it has been for them to find suitable childcare.

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

The Childcare Sufficiency Report also:

Sets out the principles and planning guidelines on early years both nationally and locally.

- Provides demographic and contextual picture of the early year's provision in Thurrock.
- Provides information on the demand of childcare in Thurrock including data in relation to children with Special Educational Needs and or disability (SEND), school age children and the take up funded early education places.
- Provides an indication of the supply, quality and affordability of childcare across the borough.
- Provides childcare sufficiency data, population of two, three & four years old and number of childcare providers by wards.
- Provides details of the take up of 30 hour free childcare
- Provides details of future planning and developments and population increases/decreases.
- Details how we plan to support childcare sufficiency in the borough

Section 1.01 2. Overall sufficiency in our area

To ensure overall childcare sufficiency, we will continue to work on the following:

We continue to work with providers to offer sustainability yet affordable childcare. We work with providers to ensure our prices are similar to our geographical neighbours.

Recruitment is an issue both nationally and locally, we are working to produce a recruitment strategy to ensure our providers are able to recruit and retain good quality staff, ensuring the number of childcare places in Thurrock meets parent's demands.

(a) Quality

We continue to work with our providers to ensure good quality provision and expect all our providers to achieve a good or outstanding Ofsted. We have a team of officers who work closely with providers at risk of not meeting this standard to improve practice to ensure good outcomes for our youngest children.

Under the guidance of the Early Years officers, all PVI providers in Thurrock undertake both welfare and learning and development RAG audits at least once a year. The RAG audits are in line with both the current Ofsted inspection framework and the EYFS framework.

(b) Level of provision

Places have continued to be available to parents throughout the pandemic. Thurrock Council Officers have worked with providers throughout this challenging time to ensure good quality childcare has been available to those parents who wished to access early education and childcare places. We have monitored closely our settings during the Covid pandemic. From the 1st June 2021 all our group childcare settings remained opened and 90% of our childminding settings remained open.

The Covid Pandemic has had a major impact on the take up of the Two Year Entitlement. We saw a decrease in the number of children accessing the entitlement at the start of the pandemic due to the limited availability of placements and because of parental concern regarding Coronavirus. From March 2020 childcare settings prioritised placements for children of key workers and children deemed vulnerable. Even when the majority of childcare settings opened in June 2020 the implementation of bubble groups meant the continued reduction of available placements. Although take up for the autumn term had been increasing steadily over the previous three years, the ongoing pandemic saw numbers of 2YO accessing during the autumn term 2020 fall to their lowest level since 2013. That decrease in take up continued into the spring and summer 2021 terms. However, the reduction in take up of the Two Year Entitlement due to Coronavirus has not been specific to Thurrock and during this period we have performed well against other local authorities in regards to the take up of the Two Year Entitlement early education and childcare places.

As of summer 2021, 4190 children have accessed the additional 15 hours of funded entitlement for working parents of 3 and 4 year olds. This is an increase of 129 children on the previous summer.

As of summer 2021 the number of children accessing 30 hours entitlement is 1261. This is an increase of 162.

Most childminders offer wraparound care, this includes holiday, before and after school care. This supports parents to find or stay in full time work supporting children in a home to home environment.

A small number of full day care providers offer breakfast and after school provision serving local schools. This ensures parental choice.

In addition many of our schools offer breakfast club for children attending their school, promoting school attendance and a healthy start to the day.

Thurrock has one provider who offers solely wraparound care serving three local schools in the Grays area of Thurrock.

Childminders also offer holiday provision and full day care for 5 years+

One provider offers solely holiday provision in the Chafford and North Stifford Ward of the borough but serves all areas.

We have a number of providers who offer atypical hours of childcare in Thurrock.

From the results from the parent survey we have not received feedback that parents cannot access childcare. Some parents exercise their right not to take up the offer of early education.

The vast majority of settings in Thurrock practice inclusion. However the survey has indicated that some parents with SEND children find it hard to access suitable childcare. Our Early Years Area SENCO is working closely with settings to ensure there is suitable childcare places available to all parents regardless of need. We are proactively marketing the take up Early Years Inclusion Fund and DAF funding, ensuring the grants are being used by settings to support early year's children with SEND. Our officers run regular training and forums to further improve the quality of SEND provision.

The Sunshine Centre based in Tilbury is for children aged up to 18 years with a whole range of needs both behavioural and physical. The centre offers holiday and respite care.

There are a number of gaps in sufficiency in the some wards in the west of borough, south west of the borough.

Section 1.02 3. Our plans for childcare

- *Continue to encourage providers including schools to participate in 30 hours entitlement offer to enable more working parents to access their full entitlement.*
- *To sustain the take up of 2 year old offer.*
- *To support providers to offer or access wrap around care for working parents.*
- *Provide training, mentoring and inclusion support for childcare providers to raise standards.*
- *To continue to provide business and financial advice to childcare providers.*
- *To support settings with recruitment and retention of good quality staff.*
- *Work closely with new providers to ensure they have done adequate market research and understand the costs involved in opening a new setting.*
- *To support new settings ensuring welfare requirements and learning and development are delivered at a good standard from opening.*
- *Undertake RAG ratings of settings to monitor the quality of provision to ensure all settings are aiming for a good or better Ofsted judgement.*
- *To support further early years education & childcare development across the borough where re-generation and new housing is taking place.*
- *To consider early education future needs before decisions are taken in relation to capital assets across the Local Authority.*

Section 1.03 4. Demand for early education and childcare

(a) 4.1 Population of early year's children – data taken from ONS 2019

In total, there are 13,282 children under the age of five living in our local authority. These children may require early year's education and childcare.

Numbers by age

Age	Number of children
Age 0	2489
Age 1	2612
Age 2	2647
Age 3	2769
Age 4*	2765

* Some four-year-olds will have started reception

(b) 4.2 Population of school age children

In total there are 18,267 children aged 5-11, and 6985 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	2603
Age 6	2665
Age 7	2724
Age 8	2673
Age 9	2483
Age 10	2490
Age 11	2629
Age 12	2423
Age 13	2303
Age 14	2259

(c) 4.3 Changes to population of children in our area

Our population has increased from 2019 by 11.7%.

The population of early year's children has increased by 1.01%.

The birth rate has mainly stayed the same with a slight decrease of 0.1% since 2019.

(d) 4.4 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	76
Primary school (reception to year six)	775
Secondary school (year seven to thirteen)	838

Children aged 3 and 4 who have low level or emerging special education needs or disability are entitled to early years inclusion funding.

Number of children accessing Early Years Inclusion funding summer term 2021	83
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Early years providers are able to access the Disability Access Fund. The fund is to support settings make reasonable adjustments to their settings if they have identified special education needs or disabilities children within their setting.

Number of settings accessing DAF funding summer term 2021	27
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Figures correct as at 31st July 2021

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 early education and childcare or school, and it can take some time from concerns 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 SEND but do not have the need for an EHC plan. This is why the number of EHC Plans for early year's children is low.

In order for an EHCP to be agreed, two specific criteria must be met:

- *Whether the child or young person has or may have special educational needs*
- *Whether they may need special educational provision to be made through an EHCP*

Section 1.04 5. Supply of early education and childcare

(a) 5.1 Number of early year's providers and places

In total, there are 233 childcare providers in our local authority, offering a maximum of 4004 early years' childcare places:

Type of provision	Number of providers	Number of registered places
Childminders*	153	981
Nursery classes in schools	28	841
Private, voluntary and independent nurseries	52	2182

The data in this table was correct as at August 2021 (Gateway Primary Academy is opening a 30 place nursery class in September 2021 this is included in the above data)

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

(b) 5.2 Early year's vacancies

Vacancy rates are a snapshot, and often change rapidly. In some cases, providers may have a vacancy which is only available for a specific age group, or for a particular part time arrangement. We ask providers to report vacancies to us so we can help promote them. Not all chose to do this. In general, vacancy rates are higher in the autumn, when children move to school. Vacancies have been higher during the pandemic due to parents working from home, so not requiring childcare and parental choice not to take up the offer of childcare during this time.

(c) 5.3 Early year's 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 weekday	Available after 6pm weekday	Available weekends ¹	Available school holidays
Childminders	153	52	52	14	14
Schools nurseries	28	9	3	0	0
Private, voluntary and independent nurseries	52	29	13	0	13

(d) 5.4 Number of school age providers and places

In total, there are 198 providers of childcare for school age children during term time, and 121 providers of childcare for school age children during the holidays. Of the total number, 171 childminders may provide care for school age children during term time.

<i>Type of provision</i>	<i>Number of providers</i>	<i>Number of registered places</i>
Breakfast club – Primary school	34	973
Breakfast club – Secondary school	0	0
Breakfast care Childminders*	113	367
Breakfast club -Private and Voluntary and Independent Providers (PVI)s	14	433
Total Breakfast Care	161	1773
After-school club – Primary school	14	470
After-school club – Secondary school	0	0
After School care - Childminders*	169	534
After school club - Private and Voluntary and Independent Providers	15	466
Total After School Care	198	1470
Holiday club - Primary school	3	100
Holiday club - Secondary school	0	0
Holiday care - Childminders*	107	366
Holiday club - Private and Voluntary and Independent Providers	11	387
Total Holiday Care	121	853

* 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.

(e) 5.5 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 at Summer Term 2021 is:

Age	% of eligible children
Age 2	71%
Age 3 and 4	69%

(f) 5.6 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>Applying for 30 hours funding</i>	<i>Number of families Summer Term 2021</i>
New Applications for a place	431
Eligible for a place	1961
Accessing a place	1261

The data in this table is based on Department for Education data in Summer Term 2021.

(g) 5.7 Prices of early school years childcare

For early year's childcare outside the funded entitlements, we report on average prices per hour, reported to us by settings. 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	£6.79	N/A	£4.91
2 year olds	£6.13	£4.39	£4.78
3 and 4 year olds	£5.69	£4.63	£4.73

(h) 5.8 Prices of school age

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	£4.11
After-school club per day	£12.65
School age childminder per hour	£4.69
Holiday club per week	£186.57

Section 1.05 6. Childcare Sufficiency Ward Profile Data – Summer Term 2021

Based on the following formula the sufficiency need in each ward has been calculated.

***Ofsted registered places – 50% of school reception places = available Ofsted places
Total number of children in ward – 20% (parental choice not to access childcare, chosen childcare outside of ward or borough) = number of children in ward likely to take up childcare.*

For sufficiency a 10% margin has been taken into account. This calculation is based on children aged 2 to 4.

Aveley & Uplands	
Number of 2 years old in the ward	162
Number of 3 and 4 year olds in the ward	371
Total of both age groups	533
Ofsted Registered places (120 of these are school reception places)	365
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	44
Number of accessing 2 year old funding	33
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	216

No day nurseries	2
No maintained nurseries	0
No pre schools	2
No school nurseries	2
No primary schools	2
No childminders	7
Quality of provision	100% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	427
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	No
Is there a need to create places	Based on local knowledge there is only a small potential for additional places

Belhus	
Number of 2 year olds in the ward	149
Number of 3 and 4 year olds in the ward	368
Total of both age group in the ward	517
Number of Ofsted registered places (195 of these are school reception places)	377
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	53
Number of accessing 2 year old funding	32
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	284
No day nurseries	2
No maintained nurseries	0
No school nurseries	4
No primary schools	4
No pre schools	0
No childminders	2
Quality of provision	100% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	414

Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	Yes
Is there a need to create places	Based on our local knowledge there is some difficulty placing 2 year olds in the summer term. There is a potential need for places for 2, 3 and 4 year old places as 3 and 4 year old places are mainly in schools who are not offer childcare in school holidays

Chadwell St Mary	
Total number of 2 years old in the ward	161
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds	323
Total of both age groups in the ward	484
Number of Ofsted registered places (90 of these are school reception places)	267
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	62
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	48
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	186
No day nurseries	2
No maintained nurseries	0
No school nurseries	0
No primary schools	2
No pre schools	1
No childminders	6
Quality of provision	100% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	388
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	No
Is there a need to create places	Yes

Chafford and North Stifford	
Total number 2 years old in the ward	127
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds in the borough	270
Total of both age groups	397
Number of Ofsted registered places (120 of these are school reception places)	461
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	18
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	10
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	291
No day nurseries	1
No maintained nurseries	0
No pre schools	1
No school nurseries	1
No primary schools	1
No childminders	19
Quality of provision	96% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	319
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	Yes
Is there a need to create places	No

Corringham and Fobbing	
Total number of 2 years olds in the ward	57
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds	107
Total number of both age groups	164
Number of Ofsted registered places	150

(60 of these are school reception places)	
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	7
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	6
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	84
No day nurseries	0
No maintained nurseries	0
No school nurseries	1
No primary schools	1
No pre schools	1
No childminders	3
Quality of provision	100% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	132
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	Yes
Is there a need to create places	No

East Tilbury	
Total number of 2 years old in the ward	99
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds in the ward	224
Total number of both age groups	323
Number of Ofsted registered places (90 of these are school reception places)	262
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	25
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	30
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	178
No day nurseries	1
No maintained nurseries	0

No school nurseries	0
No primary schools	1
No pre schools	1
No childminders	4
Quality of provision	100% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	259
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	Yes
Is there a need to create places	No

Grays Riverside	
Total number of 2 year olds in the ward	270
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds in the ward	564
Total number 2, 3 and 4 year olds	834
Number of Ofsted registered places (90 of these are school reception places)	438
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	99
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	68
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	297
No day nurseries	2
No maintained nurseries	0
No school nurseries	1
No primary schools	1
No pre schools	0
No childminders	12
Quality of provision	94% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	668
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	No

Is there a need to create places	Yes
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Grays Thurrock	
Total number of 2 year olds in the ward	132
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds in the ward	269
Total number of both age groups	401
Number of Ofsted registered places (240 of these are school reception places)	522
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	54
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	31
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	246
No day nurseries	1
No maintained nurseries	0
No school nurseries	2
No primary schools	3
No pre schools	3
No childminders	12
Quality of provision	100% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	321
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	Yes
Is there a need to create more places	No

Little Thurrock Blackshots	
Total number of 2 year olds in the ward	98
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds in the ward	191

Total number of both age groups	289
Number of Ofsted registered places (125 of these are reception school places)	261
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	31
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	15
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	88
No day nurseries	0
No maintained nurseries	0
No school nurseries	2
No primary schools including 1 special school	3
No pre schools	1
No childminders	11
Quality of provision	100% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	233
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	Yes
Is there a need to create more places	No – Although there is sometimes sufficiency in this ward for 2 year olds, but spaces are available in neighbouring wards.

Little Thurrock Rectory	
Total number of 2 year olds in the ward	89
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds in the ward	158
Total number of both age groups olds	247
Number of Ofsted registered places (30 of these are school reception places)	246

Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	11
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	12
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	186
No day nurseries	1
No maintained nurseries	0
No school nurseries	1
No primary schools	1
No pre schools	1
No childminders	6
Quality of provision	100% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	199
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	Yes
Is there a need to create more places	No

Ockendon	
Total number of 2 year olds in the ward	184
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds in the ward	372
Total number of both age groups	556
Number of Ofsted registered places (60 of these are school reception places)	316
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	60
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	39
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	167
No day nurseries	2

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No maintained nurseries	0
No school nurseries including 1 special school	3
No primary schools	1
No pre schools	3
No childminders	1
No childminders	10
Quality of provision	100% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	446
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	No
Is there a need to create more places	Yes – For 2 year olds there is a difficulty in the summer term as the larger settings in the area tend to have longer waiting lists.

Orsett	
Total number of 2 year olds in the ward	58
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds in the ward	121
Total number of both age groups	179
Number of Ofsted registered places (72 of these are school reception places)	169
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	10
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	10
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	72
No day nurseries	0
No maintained nurseries	0
No school nurseries	1
No primary schools	3
No pre schools	1
No childminders	4
Quality of provision	100% Good or better

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**Total number of children likely to take up places	145
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	Yes
Is there a need to create more places	No

South Chafford	
Total number of 2 year olds in the ward	120
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds in the ward	272
Total number of both age groups	392
Number of Ofsted registered places (240 of these are school places)	560
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	24
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	20
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	165
No day nurseries	2
No maintained nurseries	0
No school nurseries	3
No primary schools	3
No pre schools	0
No childminders	14
Quality of provision	100% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	314
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	Yes
Is there a need to create more places	No

Stanford East Corringham Town	
Total number of 2 year olds in the ward	109
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds in the ward	228
Total number of both age groups	337
Number of Ofsted registered places (180 of these are reception school places)	402
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	33
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	25
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	311
No day nurseries	1
No maintained nurseries	0
No school nurseries	1
No primary schools	4
No pre schools	4
No childminders	6
Quality of provision	100% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	271
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	Yes
Is there a need to create more places	No
Stanford le Hope West	
Total number of 2 year olds in the ward	128
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds in the ward	213
Total number of both age groups	341
Number of Ofsted registered places	345

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(100 of these are school reception places)	
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	21
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	18
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	254
No day nurseries	4
No maintained nurseries	0
No school nurseries	1
No primary schools	2
No pre schools	1
No childminders	6
Quality of provision	100% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	273
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	Yes
Is there a need to create more places	No

Stifford Clays	
Total number of 2 year olds in the ward	65
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds in the ward	149
Total number of both age groups	214
Number of Ofsted registered places (90 of these are school reception places)	201
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	13
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	8
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	155
No day nurseries	0

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No maintained nurseries	0
No school nurseries	1
No primary schools	1
No pre schools	2
No childminders	4
Quality of provision	100% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	172
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	Yes
Is there a need to create more places	No

The Homesteads	
Total number of 2 year olds in the ward	82
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds in the ward	173
Total number of both age groups	255
Number of Ofsted registered places (no school reception places)	36
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	10
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	11
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	1
No day nurseries	0
No maintained nurseries	0
No School nurseries	0
No primary schools	0
No pre schools	0
No childminders	4
Quality of provision	100% Good or better
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	No
Is there a need to create more places	Yes

Tilbury Riverside & Thurrock Park	
Total number of 2 year olds in the ward	144
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds in the ward	334
Total number of both age groups	478
Number of Ofsted registered places (124 of these are school reception places)	392
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	67
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	52
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	164
No day nurseries	2
No maintained nurseries	1
No school nurseries	2
No primary schools	2
No pre schools	0
No childminders	5
Quality of provision	100% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	384
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	No
Is there a need to create more places	Yes

Tilbury St Chads	
Total number of 2 year olds in the ward	116
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds in the ward	252
Total number of both age groups	368
Number of Ofsted registered places (120 of these are school reception places)	289
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	54
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	41
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	148
No day nurseries	1
No maintained nurseries	1
No school nurseries	2
No primary schools	2
No pre schools	0
No childminders	2
Quality of provision	100% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	296
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	No
Is there a need to create more places	Yes

West Thurrock and South Stifford	
Total number of 2 year olds in the ward	297
Total number of 3 and 4 year olds in the ward	575
Total number of both age group	872
Number of Ofsted registered places	509

(120 of these are school reception places)	
Number of families eligible for 2 year old entitlement	88
Number of 2 year olds accessing funding	37
Number of 3 and 4 year olds accessing funding	305
No day nurseries	3
No maintained nurseries	0
No school nurseries	2
No primary schools	2
No pre schools	1
No childminders	14
Quality of provision	95% Good or better
**Total number of children likely to take up places	698
Do we have sufficient childcare places in this ward	No
Is there a need to create more places	Yes, there is need for places for all age groups but a particular need for 2 year places.

This data is correct as at summer term 2021

Some 4 years olds will be accessing reception class provision in schools

Parents may choose to take up their funding entitlement at settings outside of their ward or out of borough.

Section 1.06 7. Quality of childcare in our area

(a) 7.1 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 year's grade.

Both schools and early years providers have four possible Ofsted grades: ‘outstanding’, ‘good’, ‘requires improvement’, and ‘inadequate’.² Some providers are still awaiting their first full inspection. These providers are excluded from our calculation.

Type of provision	Total number of providers	% achieving good or outstanding
Childminders on EY Register	134	98 %
Nursery classes in schools *	28	100%
Private and voluntary nurseries	52	96%

School percentages are for schools who have an Ofsted judgement.

For more information see <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/about-our-inspection-reports>

Section 1.07 8. Parents and providers views of sufficiency in our local area

(a) 8.1 Parent survey

An online parent survey took place from February to March 2021. Parents were asked a variety of questions including how easy was it to find information on childcare options, how easy was it to access suitable childcare and the affordable ability of childcare. The results of the survey have been analysed and use to inform this document.

(b) 8.2 Provider survey

An online provider survey took place in the spring term. Providers were asked a variety of questions regarding their numbers of funded and non-funded children, vacancies rates, charges and opening hours. The results of the survey have been analysed and use to inform this document.

(c) FIS enquiry data

During the Pandemic FIS have taken a higher volume of calls then at any time previously. The FIS Team have also added 2 mobile numbers to the current land line to make sure stakeholders can reach the team. The main calls are described below:

- Parents calling about childcare. We take a lot of calls from parents asking about their childcare options, what providers of childcare are in their area and the process for applying for childcare.
- Funding. A lot of parents call to ask what funding their children are entitled too. This includes helping parents with 15 hour funding and also the process for obtaining 30 hour codes.
- Providers calling about our provider portal. The majority of our calls are from our childcare providers who need help and advice when using our provider portal. This can range from password resets to more complex funding issues.

Section 1.08 9. Economic regeneration & new housing

Economic regeneration and new housing developments will increase the 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 give details of ongoing and potential developments of more than twenty units per development by ward.

Ward	Potential Development (of more than 20 units)	
	0-5 years	
	Planning Permission or ongoing development	Further proposed units as at March 2020
Aveley & Uplands	0	0
Belhus	0	173
Chadwell St Mary	43	203
Chafford & North Stifford	0	0
Corringham and Fobbing	199	0
East Tilbury	0	0
Grays Riverside	102	80
Grays Thurrock	0	330
Little Thurrock Blackshots	0	0
Little Thurrock Rectory	0	75
Ockendon	230	27
Orsett	80	750
South Chafford	0	2844
Stanford East Corringham Town	0	129
Stanford le Hope West	279	0

Stifford Clays	0	0
The Homesteads	0	0
Tilbury Riverside & Thurrock Park	88	0
Tilbury St Chads	0	112
West Thurrock South Stifford	256	2850

Data correct as at 4/8/2021

Section 1.09 10. Methodology

- Number of children: based on population projections from <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/bulletins/subnationalpopulationprojectionsforengland/2019based> 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.
- Ofsted registered places data is calculated on how many children can attend a setting in anyone time.
- 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 2021 and data held by Thurrock Council
- Quality of childcare: data on childcare quality is provided by Ofsted.
- Data from providers and parents: Data held by Thurrock Council from provider and parent survey.

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