

CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ANNUAL REPORT 2025



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1. INTRODUCTION

Section 6 of the Childcare Act 2006 places a statutory duty on local authorities to ensure as 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 as 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 consider 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

The Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities 'Early Education and Childcare, February 2025 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 2025- 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 239,643. This is an increase of 2.12% or 4977 residents over the previous mid-year population estimate figure of 234,666.

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%. This figure becomes significant when considered in conjunction with Birth Rate data.

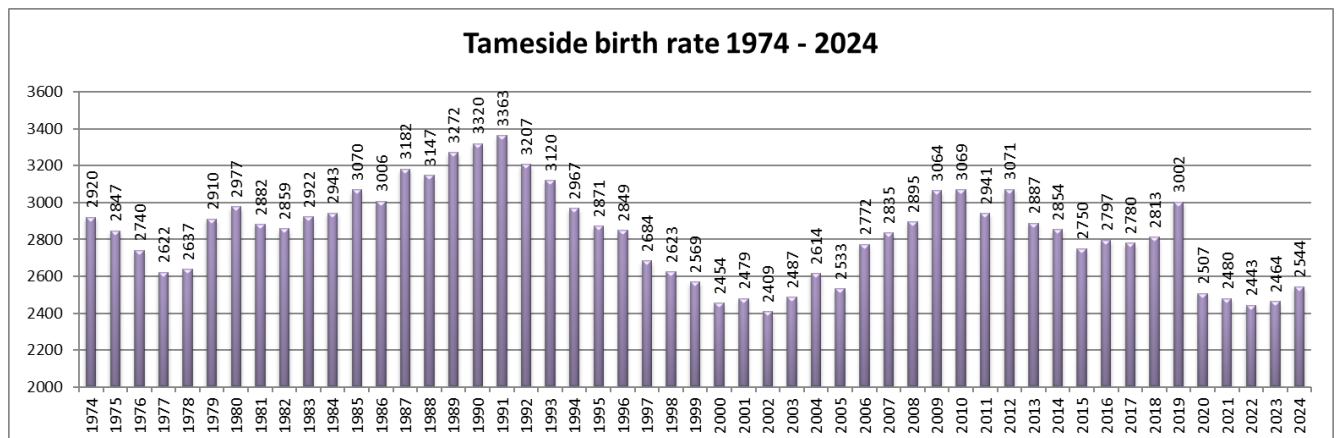
	0 to 4		0 to 15		16 to 64		65+	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Tameside	13,664	5.9	45,934	19.9	144,620	62.6	40,509	17.6
East	3,367	5.6	11,616	19.3	37,548	62.6	10,729	18.0
North	3,364	6.6	10,926	21.5	31,653	62.3	8,041	16.1
South	3,186	6.3	10,368	20.6	31,417	62.4	8,416	17.0
West	3,756	5.3	13,034	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 increase in 2019 has remained at much lower levels compared with the 1990's and is not currently showing signs of any increase as it has been averaging births of 2488 over the last 5 years. 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 2024, the birth rate increased slightly compared to 2023 by 80 births or 3.25%. Birth rates will continue to be monitored and remain one of the key factors in determining demand for childcare.



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.

Universal Credit is replacing a number of benefits; 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 2024 has increased compared to the previous year, it is showing a 10.79% increase when comparing the claimant levels in December 2023 compared to December 2024. The claimant count represented as a percentage of the population using age 16 to 64 has increased from 4.8% in December 2023 to 5.3% in December 2024.

Claimant Count Numbers for 2024(to the nearest 5)

	North Total	West Total	South Total	East Total	Tameside Total*
January 2024	2,075	1,730	1,320	1,665	6,785
February 2024	2,160	1,730	1,340	1,665	6,890
March 2024	2,165	1,755	1,400	1,690	7,005
April 2024	2,170	1,735	1,435	1,700	7,035
May 2024	2,195	1,735	1,380	1,655	6,975
June 2024	2,235	1,800	1,440	1,680	7,160
July 2024	2,350	1,920	1,540	1,805	7,625
August 2024	2,400	1,915	1,545	1,790	7,660
September 2024	2,425	1,905	1,560	1,795	7,680
October 2024	2,420	1,820	1,590	1,790	7,625
November 2024	2,450	1,795	1,560	1,750	7,545
December 2024	2,400	1,750	1,575	1,725	7,440

(Source: NOMIS: Claimant Count Jan – Dec 2024)

*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 2024	6.5	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.8
February 2024	6.8	4.0	4.4	4.5	4.9
March 2024	6.8	4.1	4.6	4.5	5.0
April 2024	6.8	4.1	4.7	4.5	5.0
May 2024	6.9	4.1	4.6	4.4	5.0
June 2024	7.0	4.2	4.7	4.5	5.1
July 2024	7.3	4.5	5.1	4.8	5.4
August 2024	7.5	4.5	5.1	4.8	5.5
September 2024	7.6	4.4	5.2	4.8	5.5
October 2024	7.6	4.3	5.2	4.8	5.5
November 2024	7.6	4.2	5.1	4.7	5.4
December 2024	7.5	4.1	5.1	4.6	5.3

(Source: NOMIS: Claimant Count Jan – Dec 2024)

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 year's providers must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. It promotes teaching and learning to ensure children's 'school readiness' and gives children the right foundation for good future progress through school and life. (*Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, page 7*)

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 2025, 62% of pupils in Tameside have achieved a good level of development (GLD). The national average for achievement of GLD is 68.3%. Tameside have been set a Statutory GLD target of 71%, this is an increase of 9%.

The government aims to ensure that 75% of 5-year-olds in England have a good level of development by 2028. This will be achieved through the Early Learning Goals in the EYFS Framework.

4. REVIEW OF THE LOCAL CHILDCARE MARKET

4.1 Childcare Supply

Based on the information collected during summer 2025 the childcare market when compared to 2024.

A high proportion of providers offer 30 hours of free childcare for working parents and are delivering the new expanded entitlements which has improved demand for formal childcare for eligible working parents. Further analysis of the sufficiency of childcare in the borough is detailed later in this report.

Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2005	Difference + / -
Childminders	271	254	223	211	188	167	152	151	-1
Pre-school playgroups	17	16	16	17	16	14	10	10	=
Private Day nurseries (PDN0	55	54	54	56	55	53	49	51	+2
Out of school Care	54	84	92	94	96	97	104	106	+2
School Nursery Classes	66	66	65	64	63	64	65	65	-
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 2025 where available:

Type	Ashton Under Lyne		Denton/ Droylsden/ Audenshaw		Dukinfield/ Stalybridge/ Mossley		Hyde/ Longdendale		Totals for Tameside	
	Total Provider	No of places	Total Provider	No of places	Total Provider	No of places	Total Provider	No of places	Total Provider	No of places
Private Day Nursery	10	812	17	1118	12	845	12	781	51	3577
Childminder & Childminder Agency	28	98	66	234	34	105	23	81	151	518
Playgroup/ Pre-School	3	100	5	158	1	22	1	21	10	301
Out of School/ Holiday Care	21	791	32	1081	30	1047	23	764	106	3683
School Nursery Class	14	459	19	791	17	532	15	580	65	2362
Independent School	-	-	-	-	1	8	-	-	1	8
Totals for 2025	76	2260	139	3382	95	2559	74	2227	384	10449
Totals in 2024	73	2611	139	3344	98	3047	71	2220	381	11222

Ashton Under Lyne

There is little change to childcare in this area, when compared to 2024, with 76 providers increasing from 73. Places in Out of School provision has fallen but this is accounted for with Holiday clubs showing a reduction in places, due to the increase of Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) or Fuel for Fun places which are not captured within this sample.

Denton/Droylsden/Audenshaw

This area has remained stable with the same number of providers and places.

Dukinfield/Stalybridge/Mossley

This area seen the closure of a day nursery, however another in the area is expanding which will, next year plug the place gap. Again, the change to reduce Holiday Club places has affected overall place numbers.

Hyde/Longdendale

This area has seen an increase in the number of providers and places.

Summary

Generally based on updated information for 2025, the market remains stable. There has been an increase in the total number of providers, the main loss of places is due to the formal places previously recorded in Holiday Clubs, moving over to HAF or Fuel for Fun places. Based on the data there continues to be sufficient provision and choice for parents.

Year on Year Comparison for Tameside

Type	2022 No of Provid ers	2022 No of Places	2023 No of Provid ers	2023 No of Places	2024 No of Provid ers	2024 No of Places	2025 No of Provid ers	2025 No of Places
PDN	55	3802	53	3675	49	3386	51	3577
Childminder	188	715	167	530	152	466	151	518
Playgroup/ Pre-School	16	496	14	494	10	330	10	301
Out of School/ Holiday Care	96	3572	97	3547	104	4811	106	3683
School Nursery Class	63	2355	64	2357	65	2216	65	2362

Independent School	1	13	1	13	1	13	1	8
Totals	418	10953	396	10616	381	11222	384	10449

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 2024, the Family Information Service (FIS) received a total of 1621 enquiries of various types. Of these 325 were enquiries where full details were taken. A further breakdown confirmed that a considerable proportion of these full enquiries, related to childcare, 30 hours free childcare or 2-year funded places, totalling 91.69% of the enquiries, which highlights continued demand for formal childcare.

On analysis of the short enquiries where full details were not provided, 71% approx. of this type of enquiry related to childcare, nursery education, and 2-year funded places or from childcare providers.

During 2024 the Family Information Service received enquiries relating to Early Help which amounted to 10% 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 2024 there were 17,039 different searches for childcare on the Families Information Service Online service, which is a huge increase of online searches compared to the previous year in 2023 (448%).

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 routinely email a brief survey to all those who had made an enquiry for childcare during 2024 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 95.24% were successful in finding childcare with 4.76% 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:

92.50%	Found their 1 st Choice of childcare
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Of those who were unable to find suitable childcare (7.50%), the following reasons were offered:

2.50%	Indicated no places available
2.50%	The provision could not meet the child's needs
2.50%	The cost and times available did not match parents' requirements

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

90.24%	Looking for a Group Provider e.g. Private Day Nursery/Pre School-Playgroup
7.32%	Looking for a Childminder
2.44%	Looking for Out of School Care

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

97.50%	Found the experience positive
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Of those who responded, they indicated what the main factor in choosing childcare was:

95%	Indicated Location
5.00%	Indicated they had used the provision before

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

82.50%	Indicated zero costs as they were only accessing their free hours
15%	Felt the costs were reasonable
2.5%	Indicated costs were not reasonable or expensive

Parental Comments on their Chosen childcare

The following comments were offered by parents and reflect the positive changes the new entitlements are already making to families in Tameside:

- the 30 hours funding has enabled me to go back to work – the HMRC funding makes going back to work viable as it helps to cover the cost of my nursery fees'
- 'We have been accessing the 30 hours free funding since January 2025 and have seen our monthly childcare bill decrease by 50%. This has meant that both myself and my partner have been able to continue working full time whilst knowing our child is happy,

safe and has access to a good quality education! It makes going back to work that little bit easier for parents/carers’

- ‘the 30 hours funding & Tax-Free Childcare has been really helpful to our family’s finances as we have been able to save more money on our childcare costs each month’
- ‘I have been able to increase my working hours with the support of Tax-Free childcare towards my additional childcare costs – childcare is so expensive’
- ‘Any additional support towards the cost of childcare is a great help’
- ‘The on-line application was a bit confusing at first but once my Tax-Free Childcare was set up – it works fine & saves me money’
- ‘I have been able to save money on the cost of my older child’s Holiday Club – I did not realise Tax Free Childcare was available for school aged children’
- ‘I now feel ready to go back to work after spending time with my daughter during her early years – I also feel my daughter is ready to start nursery with support from the HMRC funding so she can become more confident & independent in preparation for school next September.

Child Comments

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

- I liked my nursery today – I had a story about a cat”
- “I love my new nursery because they have lots of toys and bikes”
- “My teacher said I was a superstar and gave me a sticker. This made me excited”
- “There’s lots of new friends for me to play with”
- “When I do good listening and sitting on the carpet I get a sticker”

Location has shown to be 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 Take up of Free Places

All children aged 3 are entitled to 15 hours of free early education over 38 weeks. Qualifying families with a 2-year-old are also entitled to the same hours.

The following data is collated from the Department for Education national statistical release data, (provided to all local authorities in 2025 from data sourced from the January census) and comparing to population data.

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
3- & 4-Year Olds - Universal Funding	99%	98%	98%	95%	93%	95%	96.60%	97.50%	95.74%
2 Year Olds - Families in Receipt of Additional Support	85%	85%	77%	75%	71%	77%	81.40%	82.60%	62.68%

Take up of children aged three and four accessing their free Universal Early Education Entitlement has decreased to 95.74% Universal early education.

This is a showing a slight decrease on the previous year, however, as can be seen the take up levels can fluctuate slightly.

For two-year-olds, the council receives DfE target lists, approx. 7 times per year and from this the council contact families who may be eligible to apply for 2-year funding (Early Learning for Two-Year-olds). 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.

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>

Take up for Early Learning for 2-year-old indicates a decrease which requires monitoring. This could be due to families accessing Working Parent entitlement taking up local places which could leave other places inaccessible to some families. Some families could be eligible for both 2-year entitlements and once the Early Learning Place for a 2-year-old has been accessed it remains in place for the 12-month period regardless of any change to a parent's work situation. Work is underway to try to identify families eligible for both and encourage the entitlement is split equally.

Despite some of the issues highlighted above, there were no reported issues with families having difficulties accessing places during summer 2025 which is the busiest term and based on data collected during this time, there still appears to be adequate choice and opportunity for parents to take up the offer.

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

4.6 **Working Parent Entitlement**

The new expanded entitlements enable working parents with a child aged 9 months up to school age to claim 30 hours per week over 38 weeks from 1st September 2025.

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/>

This is additional to the existing extended entitlement, where eligible working parents with a 3–4-year-old can extend their universal entitlement of 15 weekly hours to 30 hours.

There is no detailed statistical data available on qualifying numbers of families for the working parent entitlement, so data will be collected on an ongoing basis to see where and how families are taking up their place.

It is difficult to monitor how far parents are travelling from home to an early years provider for the working parent entitlement as they may source childcare near work or extended family.

Number of Families taking all or part of the Working Parent Entitlement				
2024-2025				
Term	9 Months to 2 Year Olds	2 Year Olds	3- & 4-Year Olds	Total
Autumn 2024	1154	1060	1345	3559
Spring 2025	1170	1083	1783	4036
Summer 2025	1147	1106	2093	4346

The levels of take up the new expanded entitlement for working parents is higher than expected based on preliminary data supplied by the DfE. The take up of the existing expanded entitlement for 3- and 4-year-olds has increased slightly for all 3 terms when compared to 2024.

Most of all group providers and childminders on the directory are registered to deliver the working parent offer, and 58 of the 65 primary schools with a nursery, are also delivering the offer or registered to deliver the offer.

Summary Assessment of the Childcare Market

During summer 2025 we conducted the usual annual data assessment from all early years providers to help inform the sufficiency of the childcare market.

In addition, during 2025 we also commissioned a data science company to undertake a gap analysis of the childcare market for all age ranges and pinpoint and forecast where there maybe any gaps in provision across future years. The findings of this analysis will be included in the 2026 annual report, and the outputs will inform future place creation.

Free entitlements are now available for children for all age ranges due to the Working Parent Entitlement, with this in mind the assessment of the market and the findings have been collated by each age group.

Under 2

This a new entitlement for Working Parents, launched in September 2024 for 15 hours with the entitlement increasing to 30 hours from Autumn 2025, so we have little historical data.

The data indicates that more families accepted a place outside of their home ward (approx. 50.57%) with only 38.43% taking up provision in their home wards and 11% of families living outside Tameside but taking up their provision here, which is a positive indicator.

Take up has exceeded the initial estimated numbers provided by the Department for Education but the data shows there were full and part time vacancies within Tameside for this age range. It also highlighted some areas where there was little, or no vacancies and work is still ongoing to support the expansion of places with the offer of an Early Years Capital Expansion Grant.

Two Year Olds

Two-year provision was established in April 2024 for Working Parents which was additional to the current 2-year entitlement, 'Early Learning for Twos'.

As with the under 2 age range, this entitlement was expanded to offer 30 hours free childcare from Autumn 2025.

The data indicates that slightly more families took up a place outside of their home ward (approx. 46.08%) with 44.99% taking up provision in their home ward and 8.93% of families living outside Tameside but taking up their provision here.

The number of families who are eligible for Early Learning for Two' has decreased significantly again, but the number of families taking up their place for Working Parents has also exceeded the initial estimated numbers provided by the Department for Education. As a result, we have seen a decrease in take up for Early Learning for Two's, which was anticipated, but this is monitored and we are looking at all options to increase take up,

The data indicated that there were both full and part time vacancies within Tameside for this age range. It also highlighted a small number of wards with little, or no vacancies and work is still ongoing to support the expansion of places with the offer of a Capital Expansion Grant.

Three and Four Year Olds

The Universal entitlement for all 3 and 4 year olds and extended entitlement for Working Parents has been available for many years and we can see from the DfE data that approximately 96% of children were accessing their universal entitlement (taken from spring 2025 census) and take up of the extended entitlement in 2024/25 increased for all 3 terms compared to the previous year.

Again, the data highlights that many families take up provision outside of their home ward or travel into Tameside from other boroughs.

The data indicates that there were both full and part time vacancies within Tameside for this age range at the busiest time of year and only a small number of wards offering no vacancies.

Summary of Provision

Overall, there were vacancies for all age ranges in Tameside, but a number of areas had little or no vacancies which are the focus for any future place creation, which include:

Under 2's	Two Year Olds	3- and 4-Year Olds
Denton South	Droylsden West	Droylsden West
Denton West	Hyde Newton	Hyde Newton
Droylsden West	Longdendale	Longdendale
Hyde Newton	Stalybridge North	Mossley
Stalybridge North	Stalybridge South	Stalybridge South
Stalybridge South		

Since the collection of the data for this report, provision has been created in a number of wards, the 2026 report when completed will highlight the work to expand place creation via an Early Years Capital Expansion Grant, in the following areas:

- Dukinfield/Stalybridge
- Stalybridge North

Further work is ongoing for a number of other projects which if completed successfully should offer additional places in the following areas:

- Denton South
- Denton West
- Longdendale

In addition, we are waiting to hear back if a number of schemes submitted as part of the School Based Nursery Capital Grant are successful, which again if approved and once completed will add new places in other parts of Tameside.

The childcare market is continually evolving and since last year's report was collated, we have seen the opening of 2 new private day nurseries which again add choice and additional places across all age ranges.

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

Further Action – Early Years Place Creation

With the availability of the Early Years Capital Expansion Grant to create new places for the Working Parent Entitlements, the council has invited interest from the sector and this work is ongoing. The Department for Education announced the School Based Nursery Capital Grant, which enabled schools to express interest in new early years place creation and Phase 2 applications was launched in 2025, and we await details of any successful applications in Tameside.

New places created or due to be created by the capital programmes will be captured during the 2026 Annual Childcare Sufficiency Assessment and potentially into the 2027 report for School Based Nursery Capital Grant.

Given the Working Parent Entitlement only increased to 30 hours in Autumn 2025 it is difficult to establish trends, however what we are seeing is there is less fluctuation in take up when comparing term to term. This differs from 3- and 4-year-old take up, which sees a noticeable decrease in autumn term as children move onto reception class or move onto school nursery. 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 at least half 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 were available, it would indicate how many more children living in Tameside were accessing a place.

From the data collected directly from providers, we are also aware of the impact of issues cited by providers in recruiting experienced and trained staff, which can prevent some providers from expanding their places to their full Ofsted registered capacity.

The birthrate is one of a number of considerations in the decision making for place creation alongside forecasted demand. The council is now engaged in activities to perform a more detailed assessment of the level of forecasted places that may be required in the years to come.

Overall, there appeared to be sufficient places based on the summer 2025 data, but more work is needed to manage the market for further place creation in areas of need especially with the Working Parent Entitlement expanded to 30 hours in Autumn 2025.

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

In Tameside at the time of analysis, there were 106 Out of School clubs, (includes holiday clubs) but in total 194 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 national programme has been running since Autumn 2024 to encourage more provision for wraparound care for primary school age children. The aim of the new programme is to encourage the expansion of existing provision and 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 15 wards within the borough, but it highlighted there 4 wards with zero vacancies.

The areas that were showing zero vacancies is:

- Ashton Waterloo – No Places
- Audenshaw – No places
- Droylsden East – No places
- Hyde Newton – No places

Whilst the above areas reported no vacancies for Holiday Club, there were vacancies in all other wards in the Ashton and Hyde area. Overall, in Tameside there was a surplus of both full and part time places available for accessing a Holiday Club during summer 2025.

In addition, a number of schools have indicated development of their wraparound provision during the autumn of 2025, these schemes will add extra places and will be reflected in the 2026 report.

The Out of School Club places are reported separately and shown in Appendix 7. These places do not include the Tameside Holiday Activities and Food programme.

Tameside Holiday Activities and Food – (HAF)

In addition, eligible families with children and young people from Reception age to Year 11 can access Holiday Activities that are safe, fun and where children can play, eat and thrive.

There is a varied range of exciting activities funded by the Tameside HAF programme including sport, creative workshops, or wellbeing sessions.

To find out more information on eligibility and how you can book these activities, full details can be found here: [Tameside HAF \(Holiday Activities and Food\) Programme - Tameside MBC](#)

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

Tameside Early Years Providers 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 April 2024 the Special Educational Need team have moved into a district working model, the includes a Special Education Needs Case Officer for those children undergoing an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment (EHCNA) This is overseen by a Senior Case Officer, both working 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.

The following table provides a breakdown of all the key types of providers according to their Ofsted rating (data collated as at summer 2025):

Type	Group Provision & Independent Schools		Out of School Clubs & Holiday Clubs		Childminders and Childminder Agencies		Schools with a Nursery Class	
	Actual No's	Percentage %	Actual No's	Percentage %	Actual No's	Percentage %	Actual No's	Percentage %
Inadequate/ Not Met with Actions	2	3.23	2	1.89	1	0.66	0	0
Requires Improvement	2	3.23	4	3.77	0	0	3	4.62
Good	46	74.19	57	53.77	111	73.51	47	72.30
Outstanding	2	3.23	1	0.95	3	1.99	0	0
Await First Inspection	9	14.52	26	24.53	16	10.60	15	23.08
Met	0	0	16	15.09	20	13.25	-	-
Meets Standards	1	1.61	-	-	-	-	-	-

The above table highlights the following changes:

- An improvement in the number of Group Providers reaching a Good or Outstanding outcome
- A reduction in the number of Out of School/Holiday clubs reaching Good or Outstanding however the number awaiting a first inspection has increased
- Childminders remain at similar levels to 2024 when comparing numbers achieving Good or Outstanding
- Schools with a nursery class also shows an increase in those awaiting a first inspection, which is due to a number of maintained schools converting to Academy status in the last year, this has reduced the number showing as Good or Outstanding

Of the 65 schools, 58 or, 89.23% are currently offering the 30 hours free childcare for 3- and 4-year-olds. In 2025 the new Ofsted Framework was launched, which changes all new inspections from a single Ofsted grading.

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 2025 based on a full-time and term time sessional attendance:

Average cost for group providers offering all year-round childcare up to 50 hours per week:

Under twos per week attending 50 Hours	£283
Under twos per week attending 25 Hours	£206
Aged 2 plus per week attending 50 hours	£283
Aged 2 plus per week attending 25 Hours	£208

- The most expensive rate for under twos for 25 hours was £259
- The cheapest rate for under twos for 25 hours was £125
- The most expensive rate for under twos for 50 hours was £330
- The cheapest rate for under twos for 50 hours was £211
- The most expensive rate for aged 2 plus for 25 hours was £300
- The cheapest rate for aged 2 plus for 25 hours was £125
- The most expensive rate for aged 2 plus for 50 hours was £330
- The cheapest rate for aged 2 plus for 50 hours was £211

Average cost for group providers offering term-time sessional childcare up to 30 hours per week:

Aged 2 plus per week attending 30 hours	£189
Aged 2 plus per week attending 15 Hours	£93

- The most expensive rate for aged 2 plus for 30 hours was £227
- The cheapest rate for aged 2 plus for 30 hours was £166
- The most expensive rate for aged 2 plus for 15 hours was £105
- The cheapest rate for aged 2 plus for 15 hours was £83

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

Under twos per week attending 50 Hours	£229
Under twos per week attending 25 Hours	£124
Aged 2 plus per week attending 50 hours	£228
Aged 2 plus per week attending 25 Hours	£123

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

Out of school club typical average weekly Cost for a Before school place	£33
Out of school club typical average weekly cost for an After-school place	£54
Out of school club typical average weekly cost for a Holiday Club place	£181

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 pay their staff e.g. increased pension and national insurance contributions, plus increases to the national minimum wage.

5. CONCLUSION

During 2025 the initial indicators highlight the childcare market in Tameside has remained static but with the implementation of the new Working Parent Entitlements it has shown signs of higher demand for formal childcare. This is born out with the take up of the entitlements exceeding initial targets identified by the Department for Education which is positively impacting the childcare market.

There has been an increase in the number of places in Private Day Nurseries, School Nursery classes and Childminders, which is positive and offers parental choice.

Providers reported issues with recruiting experienced staff with the desired levels of qualifications which is preventing some increasing to their maximum capacity for places. Providers are also adapting to meet levels of demand for childcare for relevant age ranges, by moving rooms and staff around to accommodate more children or to meet the demand.

There are also some issues with reported numbers of children with special educational needs limiting some providers ability to work to the usual ratios which also limits the number of places they can offer.

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 and overall, there were vacancies for all age ranges.

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, therefore the assessment of sufficiency has been based on the information available.

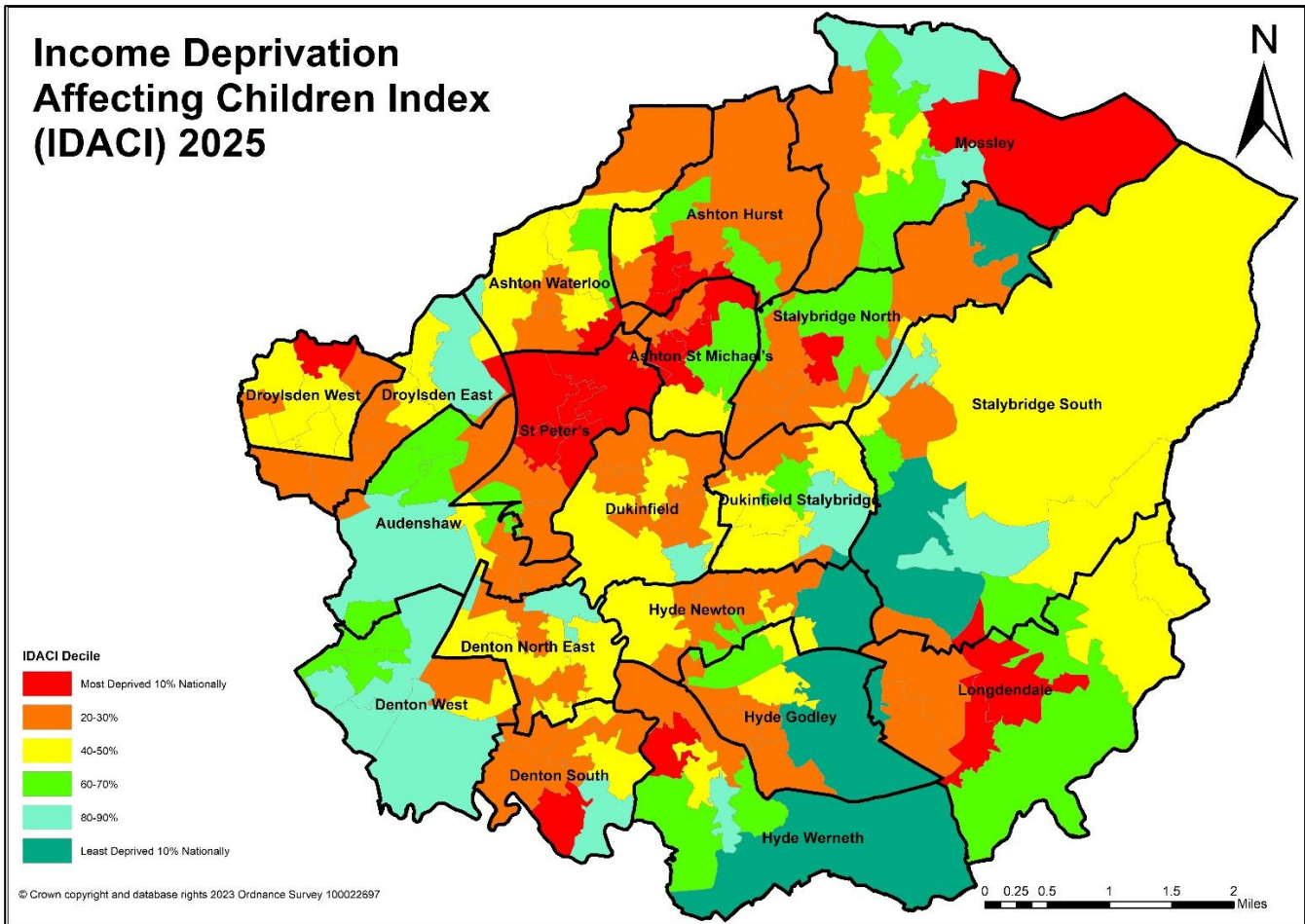
6. RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2025 annual report highlighted stability in the childcare market and a positive impact from the new 30 Hour Working Parent Entitlements. Further analysis of places and the take-up of the expanded entitlements will be needed to assess supply and demand while the new entitlements are embedded.

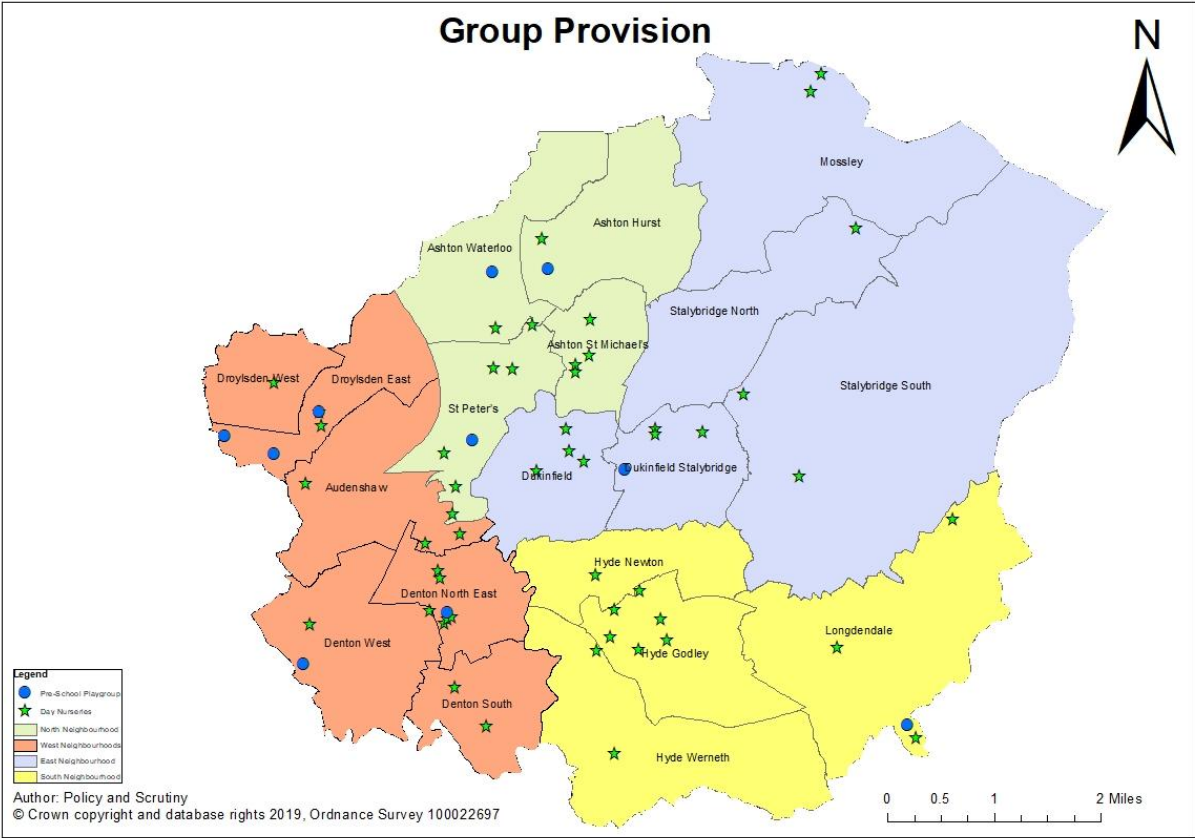
The following recommendations are suggested:

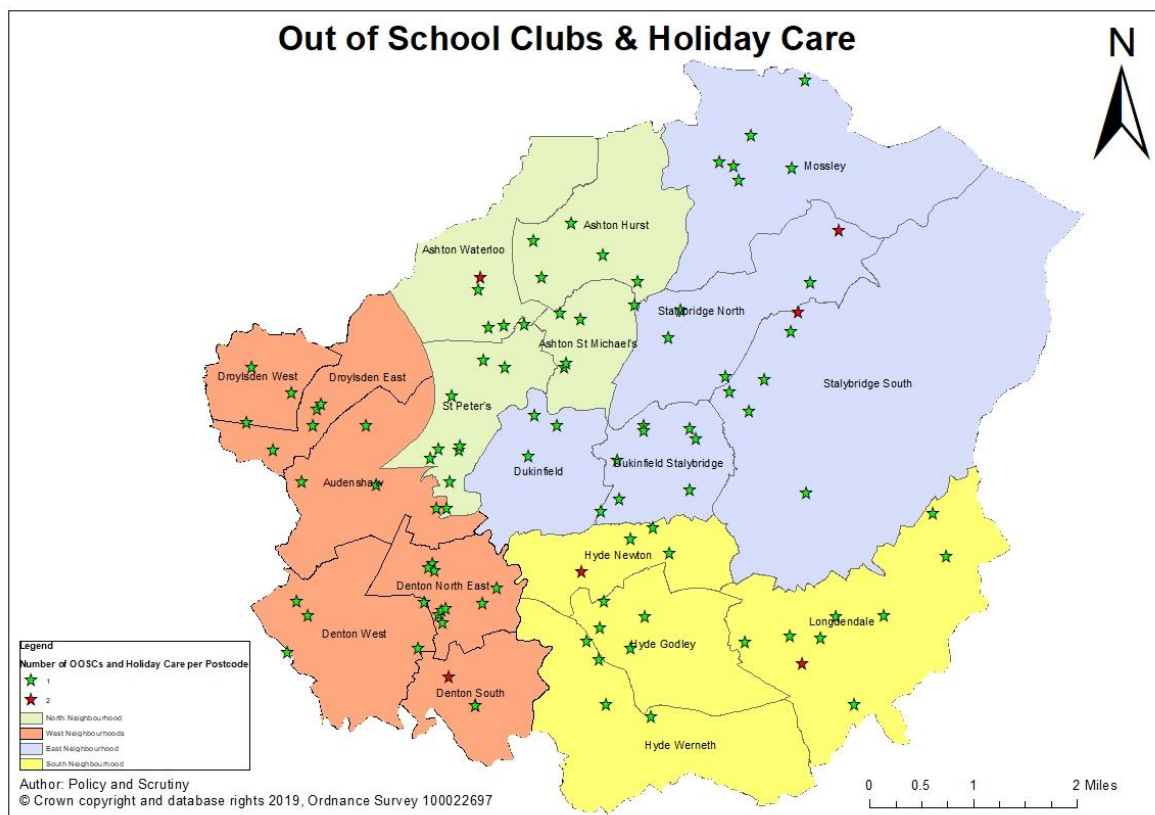
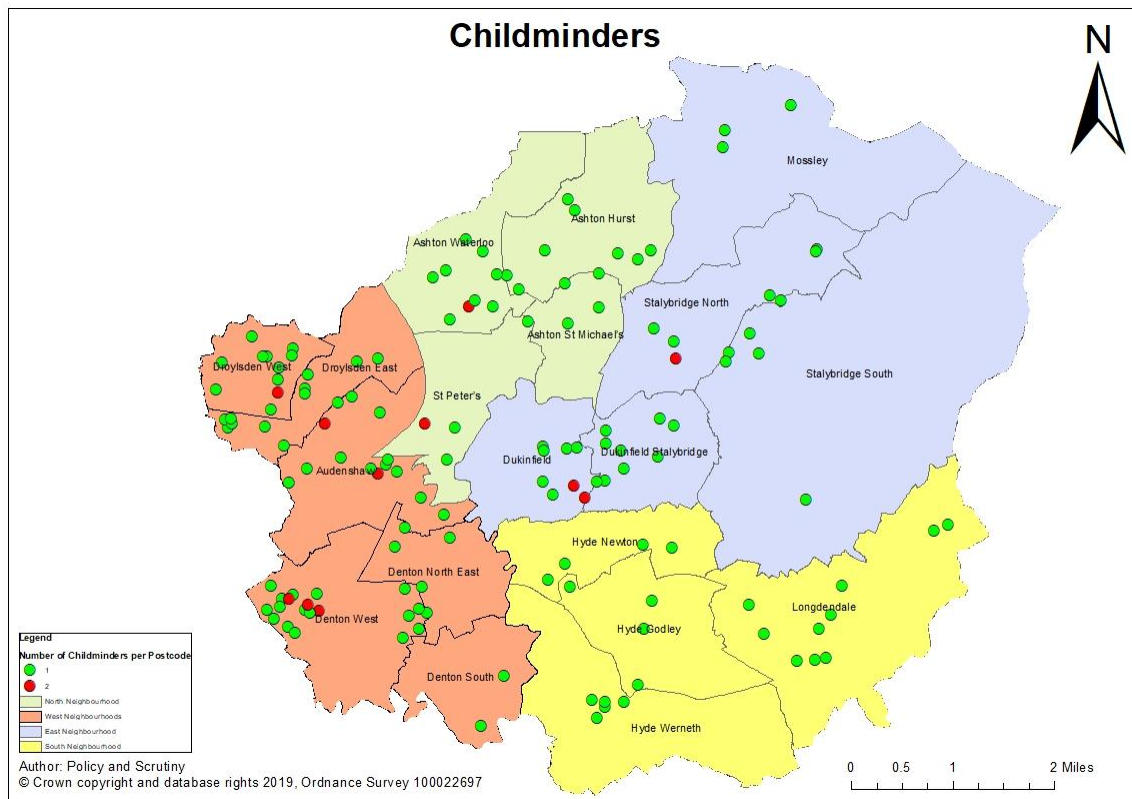
1. To continue to assess all data sources including the detailed assessment and forecasts for early years places to ensure we have sufficient places for all parents that want to take up the offer. Where the data highlights potential gaps to continue to progress and stimulate the market for new place creation using the Early Years Capital Expansion Grant until all funds are exhausted.
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 take account of all school aged provision and ensure all new places created as part of the Wraparound Programme who were not on stream at the time of this report are captured in the 2026 Childcare Sufficiency Annual Report

APPENDIX 1

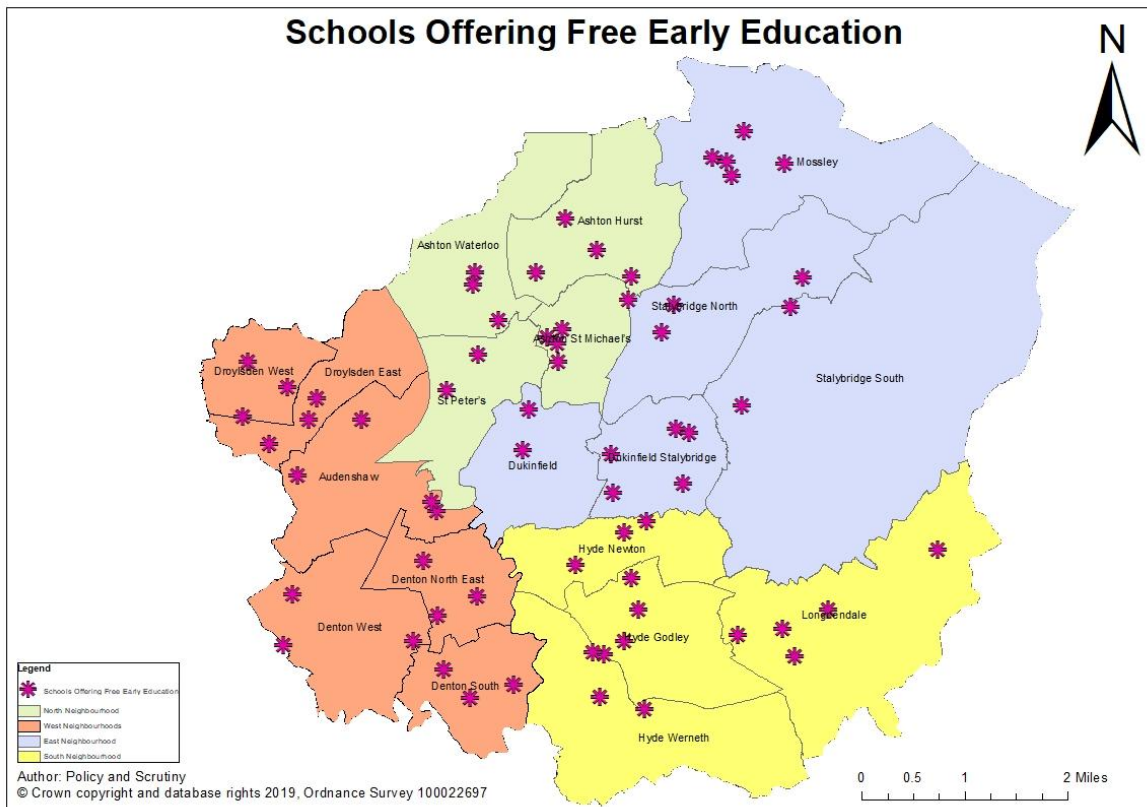
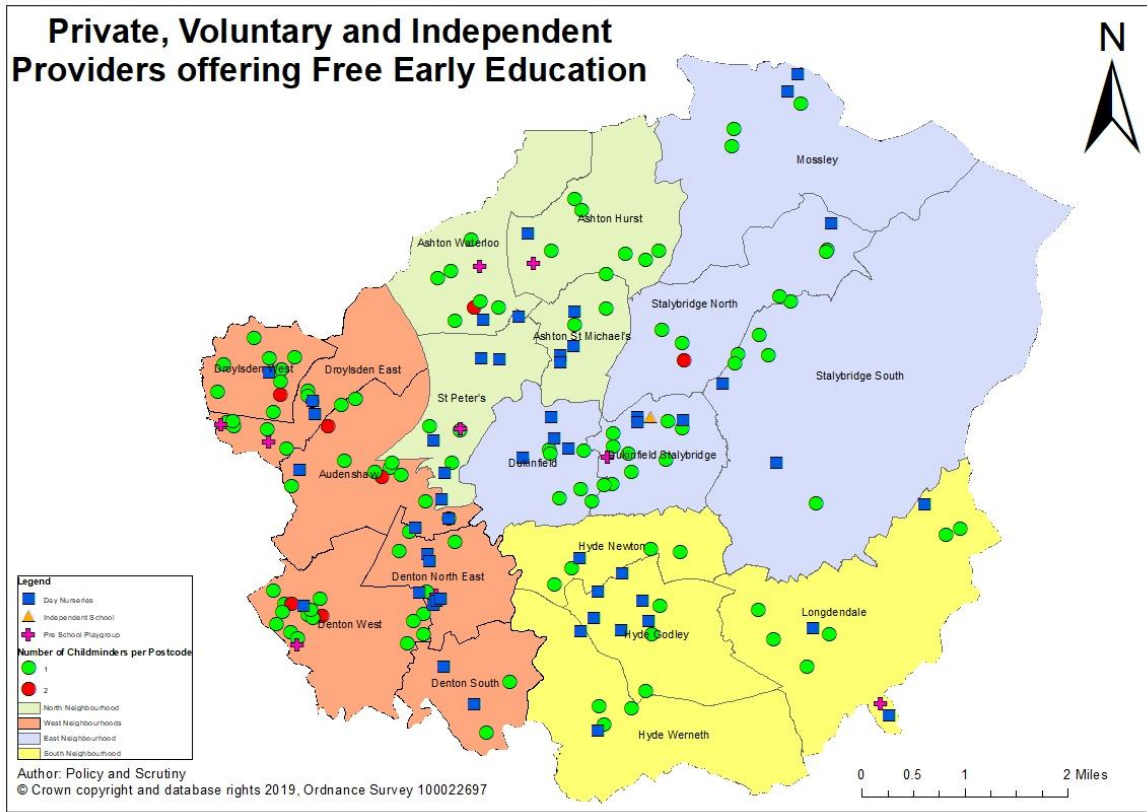


APPENDIX 2 All Maps updated for 2025





APPENDIX 3 - (FEE- Free Early Education)



APPENDIX 4

ANALYSIS OF 9 MONTHS TO 2 YEAR FREE PLACES AND TAKE UP – SUMMER 25

Provider Ward	Children who attend in their home ward	Children who attend from another TMBC ward	Children who attend from outside TMBC	Total 9 Months to 2 Year Olds in a place during Summer 2025	% of Children attending in their home ward	% of Children attending outside their home ward but within TMBC %	% of Inward Migration from outside TMBC	Maximum Number of Full Time Vacancies for 9 Month to 2 Year Olds	Maximum Number of Part Time Vacancies for 9 Month to 2 Year Olds
Ashton Hurst	3	6	1	10	30.00%	60.00%	10.00%	8	0
Ashton St Michaels	39	69	14	122	31.97%	56.56%	11.48%	37	0
Ashton St Peters	23	65	5	93	24.73%	69.89%	5.38%	23	4
Ashton Waterloo	5	13	6	24	20.83%	54.17%	25.00%	2	8
70	153	26	249		28.11%	61.45%	10.44%	70	12
Audenshaw	40	57	15	112	35.71%	50.89%	13.39%	13	0
40	57	15	112		35.71%	50.89%	13.39%	13	0
Denton North East	28	55	9	92	30.43%	59.78%	9.78%	20	19
Denton South	13	6	1	20	65.00%	30.00%	5.00%	4	0
Denton West	19	11	18	48	39.58%	22.92%	37.50%	3	0
60	72	28	160		37.50%	45.00%	17.50%	27	19
Droylsden East	12	15	8	35	34.29%	42.86%	22.86%	9	1
Droylsden West	12	13	3	28	42.86%	46.43%	10.71%	0	3
24	28	11	63		38.10%	44.44%	17.46%	9	4
Dukinfield	31	60	3	94	32.98%	63.83%	3.19%	3	3
Dukinfield / Stalybridge	9	33	1	43	20.93%	76.74%	2.33%	6	2
40	93	4	137		29.20%	67.88%	2.92%	9	5
Hyde Godley	26	64	2	92	28.26%	69.57%	2.17%	8	8
Hyde Newton	34	30	3	67	50.75%	44.78%	4.48%	0	0
Hyde Werneth	31	17	5	53	58.49%	32.08%	9.43%	5	5
91	111	10	212		42.92%	52.36%	4.72%	13	13
Longdendale	16	11	10	37	43.24%	29.73%	27.03%	0	0
16	11	10	37		43.24%	29.73%	27.03%	0	0
Mossley	43	13	21	77	55.84%	16.88%	27.27%	2	5
43	13	21	77		55.84%	16.88%	27.27%	2	5
Stalybridge North	20	17	0	37	54.05%	45.95%	0.00%	1	2
Stalybridge South	36	24	1	61	59.02%	39.34%	1.64%	0	1
56	41	1	98		57.14%	41.84%	1.02%	1	3
440	579	126	1145		38.43%	50.57%	11.00%	144	61

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

APPENDIX 5

ANALYSIS OF 2 YEAR FREE PLACES AND TAKE UP – SUMMER 25

Provider Ward	Total Early Learning for 2 Year Olds in a place during Summer 2025 attending provision in this ward	Total Working Parent 2 Year Olds in a place during Summer 2025 attending provision in this ward	Total 2 Year Olds in a place during Summer 2025 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 Full time Vacancies for 2 Year Olds in this ward	Total Number of Part Time Vacancies for 2 Year Olds in this ward
Ashton Hurst	14	19	33	17	14	2	51.52%	42.42%	6.06%	10	5
Ashton St Michaels	73	105	178	64	103	11	35.96%	57.87%	6.18%	43	5
Ashton St Peters	73	76	149	60	81	8	40.27%	54.36%	5.37%	38	25
Ashton Waterloo	21	20	41	22	17	2	53.66%	41.46%	4.88%	1	7
	181	220	401	163	215	23	40.65%	53.62%	5.74%	92	42
Audenshaw	25	103	128	55	55	18	42.97%	42.97%	14.06%	24	2
	25	103	128	55	55	18	42.97%	42.97%	14.06%	24	2
Denton North East	43	96	139	46	84	9	33.09%	60.43%	6.47%	12	17
Denton South	23	18	41	29	11	1	70.73%	26.83%	2.44%	7	7
Denton West	13	59	72	30	22	20	41.67%	30.56%	27.78%	8	0
	79	173	252	105	117	30	41.67%	46.43%	11.90%	27	24
Droylsden East	38	57	95	42	40	13	44.21%	42.11%	13.68%	6	8
Droylsden West	9	35	44	26	13	5	59.09%	29.55%	11.36%	0	0
	47	92	139	68	53	18	48.92%	38.13%	12.95%	6	8
Dukinfield	50	82	132	66	65	1	50.00%	49.24%	0.76%	5	6
Dukinfield / Stalybridge	23	48	71	22	49	0	30.99%	69.01%	0.00%	9	4
	73	130	203	88	114	1	43.35%	56.16%	0.49%	14	10
Hyde Godley	44	89	133	44	84	5	33.08%	63.16%	3.76%	12	20
Hyde Newton	18	77	95	46	47	2	48.42%	49.47%	2.11%	0	0
Hyde Werneth	22	39	61	31	22	8	50.82%	36.07%	13.11%	10	7
	84	205	289	121	153	15	41.87%	52.94%	5.19%	22	27
Longdendale	23	41	64	40	8	16	62.50%	12.50%	25.00%	2	1
	23	41	64	40	8	16	62.50%	12.50%	25.00%	2	1
Mossley	16	75	91	51	14	26	56.04%	15.38%	28.57%	3	7
	16	75	91	51	14	26	56.04%	15.38%	28.57%	3	7
Stalybridge North	13	28	41	27	14	0	65.85%	34.15%	0.00%	2	2
Stalybridge South	1	38	39	23	16	0	58.97%	41.03%	0.00%	1	4
	14	66	80	50	30	0	62.50%	37.50%	0.00%	3	6
Totals	542	1105	1647	741	759	147	44.99%	46.08%	8.93%	193	127

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

APPENDIX 6

ANALYSIS OF 3/4 YEAR FREE PLACES AND TAKE UP OF UNIVERSAL AND EXTENDED ENTITLEMENT – SUMMER 2025

Provider Ward	3/4 Year Children who attend in their home ward	3/4 Year Children who attend from another TMBC ward	3/4 Year Children who attend from outside TMBC	Total Universal places during Summer 2025	% of Children attending in their home ward	% of Children attending outside their home ward but within TMBC %	% of Inward Migration from outside TMBC	Children who attend extended hours in their home ward	Children who attend extended hours from another TMBC ward	Children who attend extended hours from outside TMBC	Total 3/4 Year Olds accessing extended hours during Summer 2025	% of Children attending in their home ward	% of Children attending outside their home ward but within TMBC %	% of Inward Migration from outside TMBC	Total 3/4 Year Olds accessing a place in this in this ward	3/4 Year Olds accessing Universal hours only in this ward	3/4 Year Olds accessing Extended hours only in this ward	3/4 Year Olds in a Uni + Ext place (with same provider) during Summer 2025	Total Number of Full time Vacancies for 3/4 Year Olds in this ward	Total Number of Part Time Vacancies for 3/4 Year Olds in this ward
Ashton Hurst	96	51	3	150	64.00%	34.00%	2.00%	22	25	1	48	45.83%	52.08%	2.08%	157	109	7	41	14	2
Ashton St Michaels	160	164	14	338	47.34%	48.52%	4.14%	51	83	10	144	35.42%	57.64%	6.94%	339	195	1	143	27	10
Ashton St Peters	174	159	9	342	50.88%	46.49%	2.63%	36	99	6	141	25.53%	70.21%	4.26%	343	202	1	140	45	4
Ashton Waterloo	105	18	12	135	77.78%	13.33%	8.89%	29	9	4	42	69.05%	21.43%	9.52%	137	95	2	40	3	10
	535	392	38	965	55.44%	40.62%	3.94%	138	216	21	375	36.80%	57.60%	5.60%	976	601	11	364	89	26
Audenshaw	125	101	25	251	49.80%	40.24%	9.96%	68	73	17	158	43.04%	46.20%	10.76%	253	95	2	156	19	20
	125	101	25	251	49.80%	40.24%	9.96%	68	73	17	158	43.04%	46.20%	10.76%	253	95	2	156	19	20
Denton North East	123	116	13	252	48.81%	46.03%	5.16%	64	66	10	140	45.71%	47.14%	7.14%	258	118	6	134	29	33
Denton South	84	29	3	116	72.41%	25.00%	2.59%	35	15	1	51	68.63%	29.41%	1.96%	116	65	0	51	19	10
Denton West	87	54	45	186	46.77%	29.03%	24.19%	65	33	34	132	49.24%	25.00%	25.76%	189	57	3	129	8	0
	294	199	61	554	53.07%	35.92%	11.01%	164	114	45	323	50.77%	35.29%	13.93%	563	240	9	314	56	43
Droylsden East	102	101	19	222	45.95%	45.50%	8.56%	53	61	12	126	42.06%	48.41%	9.52%	226	100	4	122	19	0
Droylsden West	74	49	3	126	58.73%	38.89%	2.38%	40	23	2	65	61.54%	35.38%	3.08%	126	61	0	65	0	0
	176	150	22	348	50.57%	43.10%	6.32%	93	84	14	191	48.69%	43.98%	7.33%	352	161	4	187	19	0
Dukinfield	151	138	7	296	51.01%	46.62%	2.36%	75	81	3	159	47.17%	50.94%	1.89%	296	137	0	159	1	11
Dukinfield / Stalybridge	70	125	3	198	35.35%	63.13%	1.52%	46	79	1	126	36.51%	62.70%	0.79%	200	74	2	124	7	13
	221	263	10	494	44.74%	53.24%	2.02%	121	160	4	285	42.46%	56.14%	1.40%	496	211	2	283	8	24
Hyde Godley	81	192	3	276	29.35%	69.57%	1.09%	52	85	3	140	37.14%	60.71%	2.14%	276	136	0	140	22	12
Hyde Newton	137	100	7	244	56.15%	40.98%	2.87%	89	73	6	168	52.98%	43.45%	3.57%	247	79	3	165	0	0
Hyde Werneth	114	52	6	172	66.28%	30.23%	3.49%	60	36	6	102	58.82%	35.29%	5.88%	175	73	3	99	4	4
	332	344	16	692	47.98%	49.71%	2.31%	201	194	15	410	49.02%	47.32%	3.66%	698	288	6	404	26	16
Longdendale	95	12	18	125	76.00%	9.60%	14.40%	44	7	15	66	66.67%	10.61%	22.73%	127	61	2	64	2	2
	95	12	18	125	76.00%	9.60%	14.40%	44	7	15	66	66.67%	10.61%	22.73%	127	61	2	64	2	2
Mossley	132	24	34	190	69.47%	12.63%	17.89%	95	19	31	145	65.52%	13.10%	21.38%	191	46	1	144	2	2
	132	24	34	190	69.47%	12.63%	17.89%	95	19	31	145	65.52%	13.10%	21.38%	191	46	1	144	2	2
Stalybridge North	94	43	0	137	68.61%	31.39%	0.00%	46	25	0	71	64.79%	35.21%	0.00%	137	66	0	71	4	4
Stalybridge South	74	38	1	113	65.49%	33.63%	0.88%	43	21	1	65	66.15%	32.31%	1.54%	113	48	0	65	0	0
	168	81	1	250	67.20%	32.40%	0.40%	89	46	1	136	65.44%	33.82%	0.74%	250	114	0	136	4	4
	2078	1566	225	3869	53.71%	40.48%	5.82%	1013	913	163	2089	48.49%	43.71%	7.80%	3906	1817	37	2052	225	137

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APPENDIX 7

ANALYSIS OF OUT OF SCHOOL PROVISION – SUMMER 2025

2025		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	246	166	33	24	5	33	13	10	0
	Ashton St Michaels	7	187	167	41	50	3	44	6	17	2
	Ashton St Peters	11	238	134	45	35	7	244	0	16	3
	Ashton Waterloo	11	107	86	31	43	6	19	3	0	0
Sub totals		40	778	553	150	152	21	340	22	43	5
Audenshaw		17	183	185	11	9	10	39	16	0	0
Sub totals		17	183	185	11	9	10	39	16	0	0
Denton	Denton North East	9	190	193	60	67	7	75	0	35	4
	Denton South	7	188	98	104	33	4	72	60	18	20
	Denton West	20	254	284	17	10	17	142	50	26	1
	Sub totals	36	632	575	181	110	28	289	110	79	25
Droylsden	Droylsden East	8	206	169	20	10	6	47	8	0	0
	Droylsden West	13	140	131	47	50	6	20	0	1	4
	Sub totals	21	346	300	67	60	12	67	8	1	4
Dukinfield	Dukinfield	7	93	85	7	7	3	11	3	2	8
	Dukinfield / Stalybridge	14	266	253	54	43	8	66	2	12	10
Sub totals		21	359	338	61	50	11	77	5	14	18
Hyde	Hyde Godley	9	273	173	107	83	7	64	0	14	0
	Hyde Newton	7	174	174	21	12	5	111	20	0	0
	Hyde Werneth	7	133	113	7	5	6	101	56	2	0
Sub totals		23	580	460	135	100	18	276	76	16	0
Longdendale/Hattersley		8	156	78	83	25	5	28	7	4	0
Sub totals		8	156	78	83	25	5	28	7	4	0
Mossley		8	220	205	46	68	3	34	0	4	2
Sub totals		8	220	205	46	68	3	34	0	4	2
Stalybridge	Stalybridge North	12	12	200	208	60	51	7	52	7	20
	Stalybridge South	8	6	207	177	35	38	6	182	80	15
Sub totals		20	18	407	385	95	89	13	234	87	35
Grand Totals 2025		194	3272	3101	1119	669	197	1163	478	248	89

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