

The Childcare Picture in St Ives

Overall the sufficiency needs for childcare are being met. Recent research shows that parents are generally pleased with the level of quality of local childcare provision, and reported 98% levels of satisfaction with existing provision. More parents believe that there is sufficient local childcare than there are concerned about availability.

Despite improved awareness of measures such as the childcare element of working tax credit, parents in this locality are still concerned about affordability of childcare. 100% of parents, however, are aware of their free early years entitlement.

Parents resident in the St Ives locality on average accessed the highest number of hours per week with an after school club.

Key Actions

- Develop early years places in the Wheatfields area
- Create opportunities to hold consultation sessions with parents to discuss childcare issues.
- Support children's centre as key resource locally for information, advice and guidance to parents on key issues around childcare

H/4 Huntingdonshire St Ives

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Inspection Update

Ofsted Outcomes

Outstanding	5
Good	32
Satisfactory	10
Inadequate	0
Other*	3

* these could be Childminders (CMs) not yet graded by Ofsted, CMs offering only Out of School childcare (OSC), or schools offering OSC, for example.

	County	Locality
0-14 Population	103762	3726
Registered places per 100 children aged 0-14 years	25	32.9

Provider Type	No of Providers	Reg Places	Vacancies
Day nursery	4	320	47
Maintained Nursery Schools and Classes	1	80	0
Childminder	23	114	34
Crèche	1	80	-
Wraparound care, Breakfast Club, Out of School Care	12	344	48
Pre-School Playgroup	4	122	8
Extended Day Playgroup	2	48	4
Holiday Scheme	6	191	32
Total	53	1227	173