

## The Childcare Picture in Bassingbourn, Melbourn, Comberton and Gamlingay

There are a lower number of registered places per 100 children aged 0-14 years compared to the rest of the county. Parents in this locality are likely to blend childcare and access both formal and informal childcare. The most frequently accessed type of childcare was after school clubs, followed by childminders, and finally followed equally by day nurseries and preschools.

This locality has the second highest percentage of parents in the county stating that they work outside normal working hours i.e. early mornings and late evenings. Hence they access the second highest number of hours for breakfast club provision in the county. A high percentage of parents in this locality access childcare in the holidays, so childcare provision all year round and holiday schemes are particularly important in this locality.

The majority of parents in this locality rated the quality of the childcare that they used as very good or quite good, which is reflected in the number of providers who are rated good or satisfactory by Ofsted.

A large majority of parents in this locality reported they were very satisfied with their existing childcare arrangements. The largest percentage of parents across the localities reported that they felt that there was the right amount of childcare places in the locality. Given the geographical area of the locality a large number of parents accessed some of their childcare from outside the county.

Parents in this locality reported that they mainly found childcare affordable, but a significant percentage said they sometimes found it difficult to afford.

Parents report being not well or poorly informed about childcare options locally. There were a high percentage of parents unaware of the existence of children's centres, except in Cambourne, where the children's centre is more established compared to the others that are more recent.

### Key Actions

- Monitor the availability of early years and out of school places in areas of the locality in line demographic data in particular in Cambourne and Bassingbourn.
- Support the sustainability of childcare provision in areas where demographic change indicates a lower child population especially in those rural settings.
- Develop further early years places and out of school places where needed, especially in Cambourne.
- Improve the availability of out of school childcare for children with disabilities, including a better choice of mainstream or specialist childcare facilities.
- Increase the number of early years accredited childminders in rural locations and areas of demographic pressure to meet parental demand.
- Work with children's centres and information service to improve parents' awareness of childcare in their locality.

## SCC/4 South/City Bassingbourn, Melbourn, Comberton and Gamlingay

### Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Inspection Update

#### Ofsted Outcomes

Outstanding	6
Good	90
Satisfactory	28
Inadequate	2
No information/ Registration Exempt *	33

\*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	9967
Registered places per 100 children aged 0-14 years	25	22.4

### Childcare Places and Vacancies

Provider Type	No of Providers	Reg Places	Vacancies
Day nursery	5	319	27
Nursery Units of Independent Schools	1	15	3
Private Nursery School	8	233	31
Childminder	92	414	89
Crèche	1	16	
Wraparound care, Breakfast Club, Out of School Care	19	351	77
Pre-School Playgroup	19	466	47
Extended Day Playgroup	5	162	17
Holiday Scheme	11	258	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>2234</b>	<b>337</b>