

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Costs of Childcare

1. Regulations attached to the Childcare Act 2006 require that Family Information Services hold data on the costs of childcare. Using this data please can you provide us with the typical (average) costs in your local authority for maintained (local authority, state school and children's centres) and PVI (private, voluntary and independent) nursery places, and an overall average (maintained and PVI combined) for the following:

	25 hours care per week			50 hours care per week		
	Maintained	PVI	Overall Average	Maintained	PVI	Overall Average
A place in a day nursery for children under 2 years	82.50	112.40	112.00	165.00	224.80	224.00
A place in a day nursery for children aged 2+	82.50	111.30	111.00	165.00	229.50	222.00

2. Please provide the cost of the most expensive nursery in your area for 25 hours childcare per week: **£187.50**
3. Please provide the typical (average) weekly cost for a place in an out of school club for 15 hrs per week: **£41.00**
4. Please provide the typical (average) weekly costs for a childminder in your area for:

	25 hours	50 hours
A child under 2	89.00	178.00
A child aged 2 and above		

5. Please give the typical weekly cost for a childminder who picks up child after school and provides childcare until about 6pm (school-run childcare). **£52.00**

Sufficiency of childcare

6. Based on the most recent update of the Childcare Sufficiency exercise for your area, and other data available, please indicate whether there are sufficient childcare facilities for the following categories:

	Yes	In most of the authority	In parts of the authority	No	Don't know/not applicable
Under 2s		X		X	
3-4 year olds	Yes		X		
5-11 year olds	Yes		X		
12 – 14 year olds					X
Disabled children	Yes		X		
Parents working full time (i.e. 9am-5pm)	Yes	X			
Parents working atypical hours (i.e. outside 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday)	Yes	X			

7. Have parents voiced a lack of childcare in your area in the past 12 months?

Yes []

No []

8. Does your local authority have an action plan to increase the amount of childcare for families with school age children?

Yes []

No []

Don't know []

9. In your local authority have there been any cuts in the numbers of breakfast and after-school clubs in the last 12 months?

Yes []

No []

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Wilmslow SK9 5AF

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