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1. Overall Assessment and Summary

1.1. About the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

Barnet council is required by law to 'report annually to elected council members on how they are meeting their duty to secure sufficient childcare, and make this report available and accessible to parents¹'. 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.

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

1.2. Overall Sufficiency in Barnet

In Barnet we have a total of 480 providers delivering Early Education and Childcare. These are broken down as childminders, private, voluntary and independent nurseries, nurseries within schools and 4 maintained nursery schools. These are distributed across the three localities.

Where we previously had sufficiency issues, we have worked closely with partners to develop new child care provisions. This year we do not anticipate having any sufficiency issues for any of the Early Education offers. This includes Free early education for two-year-olds, universal offer for all three and four- year-olds and the newly introduced 30 hour offer for eligible three and four-year-olds.

93% of the early years providers in Barnet were judged as good or better by Ofsted at 31 August 2018.

¹ Statutory guidance on Early Education and Childcare, effective from 1 September 2017.

2. Demand for Childcare

2.1. Population of Early Years Children

In total, there are 26,000 children under the age of five living in Barnet². These children may require early years childcare.

Age	Number of children
Age 0	5,300
Age 1	5,300
Age 2	5,400
Age 3	5,200
Age 4*	5,300

*Some four-year-olds will have started reception

2.2. Population of School Age Children

In total there are 38,600 children aged 5-11, and 14,400 children aged 12-14 living in Barnet³. These children may require childcare before and after school, and/or during the school holidays.

Age	Number of children
Age 5	5,400
Age 6	5,900
Age 7	5,700
Age 8	5,700
Age 9	5,300
Age 10	5,400
Age 11	5,200
Age 12	5,000
Age 13	4,700
Age 14	4,700

^{2&3} <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/gla-population-projections-custom-age-tables>. Central Trend-based projection (using a 10-year migration scenario). These figures are rounded to the nearest 100

2.3. Number of Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities⁴

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, or SEN Support in our local authority is:

Age	Number of children with EHCP	Number of children with SEN Support
Birth to school age	23	222
Primary school (reception to year 6)	816	3,704
Secondary school (year 7 to 13)	843	2,214

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 childcare or school, and it can take some time from needs 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 SEN but do not have an EHC plan.

2.4. Characteristics of children in Barnet⁵

There are more children from all Black and Minority Ethnic groups in the 0 – 9 age group, than there are White children. Children and young people in the 10–19 age groups are predominantly White. This demonstrates a more diverse population shift in terms of ethnicity. Colindale, Burnt Oak, and West Hendon have populations that are more than 50% Black, Asian and Minority ethnic background. Over 50% of all 0-4-year-olds in Barnet are from a Black, Asian and Minority ethnic background and this is forecast to increase.

2.4.1. Deprivation 0-5 years

Whilst Barnet is generally an affluent borough, approximately 16% of children under five live in the 30% most deprived Local Super Output Areas (LSOAs)¹²³. 19% of children under five (5,000 children) live in low income families, defined as those in receipt of Child Tax Credit and

⁴ Taken from January 2018 School Census

⁵ <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/jsna-home/children-and-young-people.html>

either on benefits (Income Support or Jobseekers allowance) or earning less than 60% of median the income.

2.4.2. Lone parents 0-5 years

Whilst there are high concentrations of lone parents in Barnet's deprived LSOAs, it should be noted that there are also high concentrations of lone parents in the Borough's more affluent LSOAs.

LSOA	Locality	Ward	IMD Score	Lone parent households with dependent children
E01000163	East / Central	Coppetts	26%	102
E01000315	East / Central	Woodhouse	23%	116
E01000171	East / Central	East Barnet	49%	121
E01000289	East / Central	Underhill	19%	118
E01000291	East / Central	Underhill	26%	107
E01000189	West	Edgware	12%	169
E01000125	West	Burnt Oak	18%	134
E01000152	West	Colindale	19%	153
E01000245	South	Hendon	23%	80
E01000137	South	Childs Hill	24%	93
E01000141	South	Childs Hill	27%	98
E01000142	South	Childs Hill	42%	87
E01000221	South	Golders Green	17%	81
E01000308	South	West Hendon	17%	96

East / Central Locality: Within the locality, there are five LSOAs that have a relatively high number of lone parent household (over 80 households per LSOA). Four of the LSOAs are deprived with IMD scores ranging between 19%-26%.

West Locality: the locality contains the three LSOAs with the highest number of lone parents in the Borough. These are deprived LSOAs with IMD scores of 12%-19%.

South Locality: Within the locality, there are six LSOAs that have a relatively high number of lone parent household. With the exception of one LSOA within Childs Hill ward, five LSOAs are

deprived with IMD scores ranging between 17%-27%. The two most deprived LSOAs within the south locality are also LSAOs with high numbers of lone parent households.

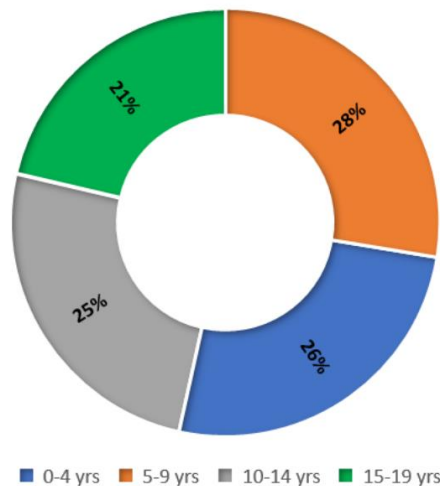
2.4.3. Ethnicity 0-5 years

Barnet has 24 LSOAs with relatively high estimated number of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic children under five (over 90 households per LSOA). The West locality contains 17 of the LSOAs with high concentration of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic households with children under five. It should be noted that there are high numbers of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic children in the wards of Burnt Oak and Colindale, which have pockets of deprivation. The East/Central locality has only two LSOAs with high number of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic households with children under five, however, these are not deprived LSOAs.

2.5. Changes to population of children in Barnet⁶

Between 2018 and 2025, the children and young people (CYP) population (0-19) in Barnet is projected to increase by 3% from roughly 99,000 to 102,000. As you can see from Figure 1 below, the largest proportion of the CYP population within Barnet in 2018, falls within the 5-9 years old age group (28%) and the smallest within the 15-19 years old age quartile (21%). By 2025, it is projected that the 5-9-year-old age group will drop to 25% of the CYP population, whilst the 10-14-year-old group will increase slightly to 26% of children and young people within the borough.

Figure 1: Proportion of children & young people in Barnet by age group 2018⁷



⁶ <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/jsna-home/children-and-young-people.html>

⁷ Source: Greater London Authority (GLA, 2018) Borough Preferred Option data

In 2018, the highest population of children and young people (CYP) is predicted in Golders Green ward (6,900) and this is due to increase by 12% to roughly 7,700 by 2025. In contrast, the CYP population of Colindale is projected to increase by 45% over the same period from about 6,600 to 9,500.

In general, the wards with the greatest increase in their 0-19 population between 2018 and 2025 are found in the west of the borough (Colindale, Mill Hill and Golders Green), whilst the wards with the greatest decrease in their children and young people populations are concentrated in the east of Barnet (Garden Suburb, Coppetts and Woodhouse).

Supply of Childcare

2.6. Number of Early Years Providers and Places

In total, there are 418 childcare providers in Barnet. There is a maximum number of 7,554 early years (0-5) childcare places offered by childminders and private, voluntary and independent (PVI) nurseries:

Type of Provision	Number of Providers	Number of registered places
Childminders	290	1,823
Private, voluntary and independent nurseries*	128	5,731
Nursery classes in schools	58	Place data not held
Maintained nursery schools	4	Place data not held

The data in this table was correct on: 20 February 2019

*Only Ofsted registered settings details have been included. We do not hold details on Independent schools registered with the DfE.

For private, voluntary and independent nurseries and childminders, the number of registered places represents the maximum number of children who can be on the premises at any given time. In practice, many providers choose to operate below their number of registered places.

Children may attend childcare full time or part time. This table records places for children who are attending full time, or for as many hours as the setting is open. In some cases, two or more children attending part time may use one full time equivalent place. For example, one child may attend in the morning and one child may attend in the afternoon.

2.7. Number of school age providers & places

In Barnet we have 126 schools

Type of school	Number of schools
Nursery schools	4
Primary schools	90
Secondary schools	23
All-through schools	3
Special schools	6

2.7.1. Types of schools

Community Schools are schools owned and maintained by Barnet Council. The council has overall responsibility for the community schools' admissions and the council arranges appeals for places at these schools.

Foundation Schools are funded by the council, but the governing bodies of individual schools own the building, are responsible for setting the admission criteria and handling the process including the arrangements of appeals.

Voluntary aided schools are schools funded by the council but 'voluntary bodies' (usually religious) own the buildings, and the governors of the schools are responsible for setting the admission criteria, handling the process and arranging appeals.

Free Schools are all-ability state-funded schools set up in response of what local people say they want and need, to improve education for children in their community.

Academies are independent schools, but no fees are charged to parents and they are required to participate in coordinated admission arrangements. The governing body is responsible for setting the admission criteria and for arranging appeals.

All-through schools comprise both primary and secondary education phases, where children are educated from age 3 or 4 to age 18.

An **independent or private school** is a school that is independent in its finances and governance. It is not dependent upon national or local government for financing its operation, nor reliant on taxpayer contributions. Information about independent schools can be found from the Independent Schools Council.

Further information about Barnet education, can be found at:

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges>

3. Funded early education

3.1. Introduction to funded early education

All children who meet the eligibility criteria are able to take up a free place if their parent wants to.

Two year olds:

A child will be entitled to the free hours from the term after their second birthday and the child or parents meet the eligibility Eligible two year olds are entitled to 570 hours per year of free early education, this is the equivalent of 15 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year.

Three and four year olds (Universal hours)

All children are entitled to 570 hours of free early education beginning the term after their third birthday until the child reaches compulsory school age. This is the equivalent of 15 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year.

Three and four year olds (extended entitlement)

A child will be entitled to additional free hours beginning the term after their third birthday and the child's parent has a valid 30 hours code free childcare eligibility code.

The 30 hours free childcare is made of 15 universal hours and 15 hours of extended entitlement.

Children who attend a reception class will not be eligible to claim the free entitlement.

Funded early education eligibility criteria can be found at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

3.2. Proportion of 2-year-old children entitled to funded early education

In Barnet, 28% of 2-year-olds are entitled to funded early education. This equates to around 1,498 children per year in 2018.

3.3. 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 is:

Funding		Number of children
2-year-olds		1,030
3 & 4-year-olds universal hours	3-year-olds	4,290
	4-year-olds	4,470
	3 & 4-year-olds	8,770
3 & 4-year-olds extended hours	3-year-olds	1,210
	4-year-olds	500
	3 & 4-year-olds	1,710

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

3.4. 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.

Codes issued	Codes validated	Codes used
2,117	1,888	89%

The data in this table is based on Department for Education data in Spring 2019.

3.5. Providers offering funded early education places

Providers are paid directly by government for delivering funded early education. They are not required to offer them to parents, but of course parents may choose to use a different provider if they do not. Some providers offer a restricted number of funded places.

Provider type	Number of providers	Age 2 targeted	Age 3 and 4 universal 15 hours	Age 3 and 4 – extended 30 hours
Childminders	290	43%	51%	50%
Nursery classes in schools	58	29%	100%	92%
Maintained nursery schools	4	100%	100%	100%
Private, voluntary and independent nurseries	128	78%	92%	87%

4. Prices

4.1. Cost of early years childcare

For early years childcare outside the funded entitlements, this report records the average prices per hour, reported to us by settings.⁸ 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.

Age	Private, voluntary and independent nurseries	Childminders
2-year-olds	£10	£7.20
3 & 4-year-olds	£10	£7.25

⁸ Details of how we collect this data are in the methodology section below

5. Quality of childcare in Barnet

5.1. Ofsted inspection grades

All childcare providers must register with and be inspected by Ofsted, Childcare providers who care for children aged from birth to five years must register on the Early Years Register. Childcare providers are inspected by Ofsted who evaluate the overall quality and standards of the early years provision in line with the principles and requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Childcare provider who have been inspected will receive a grade these are ‘Outstanding’, ‘Good’, ‘Requires Improvement’ or ‘Inadequate’.

⁹ Providers are still awaiting their first full inspection. have been excluded from our calculation.

Nursery classes in independent schools do not generally have an Ofsted grade.

Provider type	Total number of providers	% achieving good or outstanding
Childminders*	290	62%
Nursery classes in schools	58	98%
Maintained nursery schools	4	100%
Private, voluntary and independent nurseries	128	72%

*12% are yet to be inspected

⁹ For more information see <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/about-our-inspection-reports>

6. Data Sources

- Number of children: based on GLA population projections from the London Data Store
- Children with EHC plans: based on January 2018 School Census data held by London Borough of Barnet
- Supply of childcare: based on data provided to us by Ofsted, who regulate early years provision in schools and childcare provision (In some cases, we have supplemented this with local intelligence where providers are not registered with Ofsted).
- 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.
- Price of childcare: Collected from Free Early Education providers in Barnet
- Quality of childcare: data on childcare quality is provided by Ofsted.