

Market Position Statement Update: March 2022

The following tables sets out the priority early years (EY) and childcare developments required across Cambridgeshire. This is not an exhaustive list; other areas may require additional places; particularly where there is new housing development. Table 3 shows a list of tenders for EY provision likely to come forward.

All providers, regardless of their governance (e.g., childminder, private, voluntary, independent, school or academy-run) are invited to expand or develop new early years and childcare to meet the identified pressures.

Providers wishing to develop or expand in response to this market position statement are strongly encouraged to carry out their own market research and analysis of available data to safeguard their interests. Please follow the link below for further support with this:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-business-sustainability-guides-for-providers>. The “Learn Together Cambridgeshire and Peterborough” website also provides a wide range of resources: <https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire-early-years-and-childcare>.

To help the Authority to ensure against over-supply, providers are requested to inform the 0-19 Places Planning & Sufficiency Team (contact details below) if they plan to open or expand a setting in Cambridgeshire.

The Authority undertakes to do the following in its efforts to develop sufficient EY and childcare:

1. Raise awareness of development opportunities by regularly publishing and updating our view of pressures, to allow the market to develop responses as appropriate.
2. Support prospective providers, where possible, in developing their responses to identified pressures.
3. Ensure there are sufficient numbers of 15 hour and 30 hour funded places for eligible 2, 3 and 4 year-olds to meet parental demand across the County.
4. Procure early years and childcare for new developments (e.g. new community developments) or where demand for statutory early years and childcare has not been met by the market over an extended period of time.
5. Adhere to the highest standards of fairness, transparency, and consistency in its procurement activity. For more details please see: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/business-with-the-council/providing-goods-and-services-to-the-council/>
6. Support providers to create a market with a wide range of childcare services; including, but not limited to: full day care, sessional provision and childminders.

Table 1: Early Years and Childcare Places Required in Existing Communities

Location	District	Approx. places needed	Target date
Cambridge City: South of the river	Cambridge	Variable	Immediate
Cheveley	East Cambridgeshire	20	Immediate
Fordham/Isleham	East Cambridgeshire	30	In the next 5 years
Sawston	South Cambridgeshire	30	In the next 5 years

Wrap around care

No particular areas of demand have currently been identified. If you feel there is a need for wrap around care in a community please contact the Place Planning Team using the email address below. If you would like to set up a provision please consult with the local schools, Early Years settings and communities to assess demand and again contact the Place Planning Team.

Table 2: Future opportunities in new housing developments

Pre-school provision for 2, 3 and 4 year-olds will be located in all new primary schools. Full day care and wrap around care will be required for all ages.

Location	District	Approx. places needed	Target date
Darwin Green, North West Cambridge	Cambridge City	30	In the next 5 years
Marleigh, East Cambridge	Cambridge City	30	In the next 5 years
Alconbury Weald	Huntingdonshire	30	In the next 5 years
Loves Farm 2, St Neots Eastern Expansion	Huntingdonshire	30	In the next 5 years
Ramsey	Huntingdonshire	30	In the next 5 years
Wintringham Park, St Neots	Huntingdonshire	30	In the next 5 years
Northstowe	South Cambridgeshire	30	In the next 5 years
Northstowe	South Cambridgeshire	20 0 to 2 year-old places	Immediate
Waterbeach New Town	South Cambridgeshire	30	In the next 5 years

Table 3: Expected Invitation to Tender Opportunities in the Next Year

Location	District	Approx. places
Arbury	Cambridge City	37
Kester, St Neots	Huntingdonshire	24
Round House, St Neots	Huntingdonshire	52
Fulbourn	South Cambridgeshire	35
Oakington	South Cambridgeshire	28

For more information please contact: 0-19 Places Planning & Sufficiency Team:
Placeplanningreferrals0-19@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

For more details on school catchments and districts, please see:
<http://my.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/myCambridgeshire.aspx>