

GLOSSARY DOCUMENT

Childcare Act 2006	The Childcare Act, which became law in July 2006, is concerned with early years and childcare services for children aged 0-14 ¹ or up to the age of 18 years if they have a disability. The act sets out three main duties for local authorities: securing sufficient childcare for parents who wish to work or study which includes the triennial Childcare Sufficiency Assessment: improving outcomes for pre school children and providing parental information.
Children's Centres	Offer a core range of integrated services to children (under 5 years) and their families which may include childcare, family support and access to family health services.
Childcare	Childcare places are defined as those, which enable parents or carers to: i) Take up, or remain in work or ii) Undertake education or training, which could reasonably be expected to assist them to obtain work.
Extended Schools	Offer a core range of services to children in primary and secondary education, including wraparound childcare 8am-6pm and a varied menu of activities such as study support, sports and arts and crafts.
Early Years Register	Unless exempt, the following must register on the Early Years Register: - maintained and independent schools directly responsible for provision for children from birth to the age of three or where no child attending the provision is a pupil of the school - childcarers, such as childminders, day nurseries, pre-schools and private nursery schools, which provide for children in the early years age group.
Early years provision	The provision of learning, development and care for children in the early years age group. (0-5)
Early years settings	Childminders, day nurseries, playgroups, children's centres, maintained schools and those in the independent, private or voluntary sector who are registered and inspected under the Childcare Act 2006 for children from birth to five.
EEF	This funding is paid direct to providers of the Early Years Foundation Stage by Local Authorities to cover the provision of 38 weeks a year of 15 hours free and flexible early education and childcare for all three and four year olds who attend settings in the LA area.

¹ 1st September after their 14th birthday

Early Years Foundation Stage	The statutory framework for the early education and care of children from birth to the 31 August following their fifth birthday. The Early Years Foundation Stage includes requirements for the provision of young children's welfare, learning and development that all group providers must meet, as well as good practice guidance. The Early Years Foundation Stage must be delivered by all schools and early years settings that make provision for children from birth to five.
Early years providers	Those registered on the Early Years Register to provide for children in the early years age group on domestic and non domestic premises; and maintained and independent schools that provide for children of that age
Early years age group	Children aged from birth until the 31 August following their fifth birthdays who attend early years settings.
Unregistered childcare	Childcare which is exempt from registration, because it is offered for less than two hours a day, and/or for less than 6 days in a year. Activities, clubs and provision for children age eight years and over are exempt from compulsory registration.
Informal childcare	Informal childcare covers care provided by families and friends
Ofsted	Ofsted is responsible for the registration and inspection of all childcare providers operating for more than two hours a day and six days in a year on domestic and non domestic premises.
Voluntary Ofsted Childcare Register	A voluntary registration system was introduced in April 2007, which allows provision which is exempt from compulsory registration to register, subject to eligibility. This allows eligible families to access financial support for registered childcare.

Acronyms	
DoE	Department of Education
FIS	Family Information Service
EEF	Early Education Funding
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage
Ofsted	Office for Standards in Education

Ofsted Registered Childcare Information	
After School Club	Group childcare either on or off a school site providing non school based activities after the school day.
Breakfast Club	Group childcare either on or



	off a school site providing non school based activities before the school day.
Childcare providers on domestic premises	People providing care on domestic premises with at least three other people.
Childcare providers on non-domestic premises	Registered providers that care for children on premises that are not someone's home. These premises can range from converted houses to purpose built nurseries and are usually known as day nurseries, private nursery schools, pre-schools, playschemes and before- and after-school clubs for children.
Childminder	Childcare for children aged 0 - 19 in the provider's own home for reward for two hours or more in any one day. Registration is only mandatory for childminders who look after children under eight years of age although childminders may choose to go on Ofsted's Voluntary Register.
Crèche	Providers offering occasional childcare for children under eight, whilst parents or carers stay on-sight to use other facilities or attend training courses.
Day Nurseries	Group childcare for 0 - 5 year olds for a minimum of 45 hours per week over 5 days or more.
Domestic premises	Any premises that are wholly or mainly used as a private dwelling, that is someone's home.
Holiday Club	Group childcare either on or off a school site providing non school based activities during some or all of the school holidays.

Home Childcarer	A person aged 18 or over who cares for children aged birth to 17 years, of no more than two families at any one time at the home of one of the children. This includes nannies. They can register with Ofsted on the voluntary register.
Out of hours childcare	Childcare provided outside the core hours of 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.
Pre School Playgroups	Group childcare for 2-5 year olds often provided in morning and afternoon sessions.
Wrap around sessions	Care which is offered around a nursery session or around a school day to offer a longer period of care e.g. breakfast or after school clubs.