

## 4. Childcare for school aged children

### 4.1 The Extended Services Agenda

Reliable, sustainable childcare is a key element in the delivery of government policies aimed at reducing child poverty in the UK and contributes to meeting the Every Child Matters outcomes. The provision of out of school childcare services for school aged children is one component of the extended services agenda in and around schools, whether provided by a school or in partnership with the private and voluntary sector. Breakfast, after school and holiday schemes contribute to out of school childcare enabling parents to access work or training around the school day.

In Swindon the extended services areas correlate to the existing school cluster areas. These areas have been used for this assessment. In many cluster areas an extended services cluster co ordinator has been appointed who has taken on some responsibility for consultation with parents about childcare (and other extended services). This means there has been some variation in the way in which parents have been consulted.

### 4.2 Supply of out of school childcare services

Out of School childcare provision in Swindon has been through a period of high growth from 2001 supported by grants from the New Opportunities Fund (now Big Lottery) and subsequently the DfES then DCSF. Services offering breakfast, after school and / or holiday care are delivered by a wide variety of partners with each cluster area having a highly localised pattern of provision based on facilities at:

**Out of school clubs** which offer breakfast, after school and / or holiday care on or near a school site. They are delivered either by a school governing body or private or voluntary sector provider in partnership with a school.

**Leisure centres**, most of which offer holiday provision, and some after school provision to specific schools.

**Daycare Nurseries** which may offer care to a limited market eg after school for children who used to attend their nursery or care up to the age of eight. Some daycare nurseries offer dedicated out of school provision.

**Childminders** who offer out of school services often where care is needed earlier than 8am or after 6pm.

There are some geographic gaps in group based services for either breakfast, after school or holiday care, and as with under fives, a level of spare capacity in most areas with childminders.

### 4.3 The role of out of school hours activities

Many schools offer out of school hours activities as part of the extended services agenda. These make a valuable contribution towards the local out of school market and the opportunities available to children. At present they offer limited reliability, in the majority of cases, for working parents. There is,

however, great potential in factoring these activities into future development around the delivery of services to meet the childcare needs of both parents and children as service users.

#### **4.4 Demand for out of school childcare services**

In most extended services areas cluster co-ordinators have carried out consultation with parents on the whole extended services agenda, including childcare, by distributing a local questionnaire. Where this has happened, the results of this consultation have been used and reported on by area.

In the four clusters where there is no co-ordinator in post, a specific childcare questionnaire was circulated to parents through schools. Seven hundred and twenty nine parents responded. The returns from this sample show that:

23% of parents already use formal childcare services

45% of parents said additional childcare would enable them to work or work more

23% of parents said additional childcare would enable them to take up training

13% of parents said additional childcare would enable them to volunteer.

26% of parents would like additional breakfast provision

48% of parents would like additional after school provision for 5 – 11 year olds

10% of parents would like additional after school provision for 11-14 year olds

41% of parents would like additional holiday childcare provision

66% of parents are aware of the Children's Information Service

59% of parents are aware of the tax credit system

Many parents made comments about the availability and affordability of childcare, for example:

- There aren't enough breakfast clubs for children and this makes childcare costs very expensive.
- Too costly. It's cheaper to be a stay at home mum until children are old enough to look after each other.
- The school offers a breakfast club and after school club each day. Excellent service covering all my childcare needs.
- When there is a TD day at school we don't have anyone to take care of our child.

Many parents made comments about lack of flexibility of services, for example:

- The most difficult care to arrange is if you need to use it occasionally.
- It is very difficult to find a nursery or breakfast club which starts before 07.30am
- They only cover Mon - Fri 9 - 5 type hours. They are not interested in shift work.
- I have three children but only two are over five so childcare has to be split making it more difficult logistically.

Many parents made comments about the quality of care, for example:

- I have an excellent childminder that I couldn't cope without.
- Would prefer after school care to be located in school to enable my child to participate in clubs or to pick up from after school clubs as well as at end of school day.
- I would love there to be some quality care available that uses quality toys and healthy food so I could further my career knowing my children are in safe hands.
- The childcare would need to be of a high standard and my children would have to want to attend them before I considered their usage.

Many parents made comments about their preference to make arrangements to fit around school so as not to need childcare services, for example:

- My mother takes care of my daughter so I have no need for formal childcare or any other services.
- I am self employed and work around my childcare requirements.
- I like to have my children at home with me.
- This is a wonderful service for those who need it. My wife and I are able to look after our children by fitting in our work around their needs and do not need this help.

#### **4.5 Provision for older children 11 – 14**

The term childcare does not generally represent the type of service that meets the expectations of parents and their children aged 11 - 14. However, many parents have expressed concern that childcare services become much more limited once a child reaches secondary school age, particularly with regard to holiday provision.

Currently lone parents whose youngest child has not yet reached their sixteenth birthday are eligible for income support. From October 2008 when the youngest child of a lone parent reaches their twelfth birthday, the parent will have to undertake job focussed activities and no longer be eligible for income support solely on the grounds of being a lone parent. The impact of this development on the childcare market is not yet known.

Swindon Sure Start Partnership is working with a number of models of provision to test and explore the delivery of this under developed area of the childcare market.

#### **4.6 Out of School Holiday Care**

In response to the consultation with parents for school aged children, parents have reported unmet demand for holiday childcare in many of the extended service areas in Swindon. However, a number of holiday childcare schemes have closed in recent years and remaining providers are consistently reporting vacancies.

Previous attempts to generate an increase in holiday childcare capacity have not been successful; very few of the holiday childcare places created through funding from the New Opportunities Fund between 2001 and 2003 are still in operation.

Sure Start funding guidance to March 2008 for the creation of new holiday childcare places encourages caution and recommends piloting any new development to test the market. Where this has happened, there has been very limited evidence of additional demand for new holiday childcare provision.

With the aim of investigating the discrepancy between supply and demand further, a joint questionnaire with Swindon Borough Council Human Resources was sent to Swindon Borough Council employees to learn more about why this key part of the childcare market may not be working effectively.

Sixty parents responded to the consultation. 31 parents use holiday childcare, 25 of them using settings based in Swindon. The most important factor in the choice of care for their children is the nature of the activities offered. For parents who do not use holiday care the cost is the greatest barrier to accessibility.

Typical comments from parents include:

- At present I use up my annual leave to cover school holidays and support from my family when this is not possible.
- Holiday childcare is aimed at the under 11's. Once post this age the activities aren't keeping older children amused.
- There should be more available which specialise in certain activities like football or dancing for example.
- I have only once used holiday care – both my children were so unhappy I vowed never to use it again.
- I think that there needs to be more flexibility on hours. I only work part time but have to pay for full time childcare.
- I have used holiday childcare in the past for both my children and the club was brilliant, but it was too costly.

#### **4.7 Conclusions**

The out of school market has developed rapidly since 2001 in response to market demand. There are, however, some geographic gaps and gaps in provision for some age groups in breakfast, after school and holiday services. Parents are keen to strike a work life balance that enables them to spend time with their school aged children. Where they do access out of school childcare services parents are keen to ensure that it is of high quality.

#### **4.8 Universal Recommendations**

- Monitor any potential increase in demand for out of school services for 11 – 14 year olds in the light of the changes to lone parent benefits.

- Continue to support the development of breakfast and after school provision in schools where demand is identified prioritising grant provision in conjunction with the extended services agenda.
- Support through the extended services agenda, appropriate activities for 11 – 14 year olds in secondary schools before and after the school day
- Investigate how childcare could be made more accessible for teacher development days.
- Actively promote the Children’s Information Function and the availability of the childcare element of the working tax credit through childcare providers and Extended Services.
- Given the complexity of this issue, to conduct a comprehensive review of out of school holiday provision for all children.

#### **4.9 Local Profiles by Extended Services Area**

This section details childcare supply and demand in each of Swindon’s Extended Services areas. Childcare for children in the Special Schools cluster is considered in 5.1.3.

### 4.9.1 Academy

Schools located in the Academy cluster are The Academy, Gorse Hill Infant, Gorse Hill Junior, Penhill and Seven Fields. Most of this cluster falls within the 30% most disadvantaged areas nationally.

#### **Demand:**

Parents were consulted about their need for childcare by means of a questionnaire distributed through schools. Ninety eight parents took part in the consultation.

27% of parents said they need breakfast provision  
53% of parents said they need after school provision for 5 – 11 year olds  
7% of parents said they need after school provision for 11 – 16 year olds  
50% of parents said they need holiday care (see 4.6)

54% of parents said childcare would enable them to work  
32% of parents said childcare would enable them to attend training  
15% of parents said childcare would enable them to volunteer

#### **Availability:**

Group Settings:

	Breakfast	After School
Academy (11 – 16)	✓	
Academy (5 – 11)	✓	
Gorse Hill Infant	✓	✓
Gorse Hill Junior	✓	✓
Penhill	Planned	
Seven Fields	✓	On hold

There are 32 childminders in the Academy cluster registered for a total of 66 places for five to eight year olds. In addition breakfast and after school care is also available through collection services by local daycare nurseries and other out of school childcare settings. At the time of writing known vacancies numbered 27.

#### **Affordability**

Charges for childminders in the area average between £3.00 and £3.75 per hour. Known charges for after school are up to £8.50 per session.

#### **Flexibility**

Twenty one childminders in the area offer care before 8am and 6 after 6pm. Eight childminders finish work earlier than 6pm. There are notably good options for parents needing childcare early in the day in parts of the cluster.

**Conclusions:** Breakfast provision in the cluster is well developed supporting a mix of both social and childcare need. After school services are under developed.

#### **Recommendations:**

- Support schools to identify sustainable models of delivering local childcare
- See the universal recommendations for out of school in section 4.8

## 4.9.2 Churchfields

Schools located in the Churchfields cluster are Churchfields, Drove, Lainesmead, Lawn, Mountford Manor and Oaktree. There are widely differing levels of affluence in this cluster.

### **Demand:**

Parents were consulted about their need for childcare as part of their needs in relation to the whole extended services in schools agenda. Three hundred and eighty one parents took part in the consultation.

26% of parents said they need breakfast provision  
50% of parents said they need after school provision for 5 – 11 year olds  
16% of parents said they need after school provision for 11 – 16 year olds  
55% of parents said they need holiday care (see 4.6)

60% of parents said childcare would enable them to work  
32% of parents said childcare would enable them to attend training  
20% of parents said childcare would enable them to volunteer

### **Availability:**

Group Settings:

	Breakfast	After School
Churchfields	✓	
Drove		✓
Lainesmead		
Lawn	Planned by March 08	✓
Mountford Manor	✓	
Oaktree		

There are 36 childminders in the Churchfields cluster registered for a total of 88 places for five to eight year olds. In addition breakfast and after school care is also available through collection services by local daycare nurseries and other out of school childcare settings. At the time of writing known vacancies numbered 18.

### **Affordability**

Charges for childminders in the area average between £2.50 and £3.60 per hour. Known charges for after school range between £5.50 and £7.00 per session.

### **Flexibility**

Fifteen childminders in the area offer care before 8am and one after 6pm. Six childminders finish work earlier than 6pm.

**Conclusions:** Breakfast and after school services in this area are fragmented. There is a high level of demand expressed by parents.

### **Recommendations:**

- Support schools to identify sustainable models of delivering local childcare
- See the universal recommendations for out of school in 4.8

### 4.9.3 Commonweal

Schools located in the Commonweal cluster are Commonweal, Even Swindon, King William Street, Lethbridge and Robert le Kyng.

#### **Demand:**

Parents were consulted about their need for childcare as part of their needs in relation to the whole extended services in schools agenda. One hundred and thirty five parents took part in the consultation.

27% of parents said they need breakfast provision  
43% of parents said they need after school provision for 5 – 11 year olds  
23% of parents said they need after school provision for 11 – 16 year olds  
52% of parents said they need holiday care (see 4.6)

52% of parents said childcare would enable them to work  
25% of parents said childcare would enable them to attend training  
16% of parents said childcare would enable them to volunteer

#### **Availability:**

Group Settings:

	Breakfast	After School
Commonweal		
Even Swindon	Planned by March 08	
King William Street		
Lethbridge		✓
Robert le Kyng		✓

There are 29 childminders in the Commonweal cluster registered for a total of 70 places for five to eight year olds. In addition breakfast and after school care is also available through collection services by local daycare nurseries and other out of school childcare settings. At the time of writing known vacancies numbered 21.

#### **Affordability**

Charges for childminders in the area average between £3.00 and £3.75 per hour. Known charges for after school range between £6.75 and £9.00 per session.

#### **Flexibility**

Thirteen childminders in the area offer care before 8am and 9 after 6pm. Six childminders finish work earlier than 6pm but many of these start work earlier than 8am.

**Conclusions:** There is limited out of school provision available in the Commonweal cluster. Existing provision is well utilised.

#### **Recommendations:**

- See the universal recommendations for out of school in 4.8

#### 4.9.4 Dorcan

Schools located in the Dorcan cluster are Dorcan, Covingham, Eldene, Goddard Park, Liden and Nythe.

##### **Demand:**

Parents were consulted about their need for childcare as part of their needs in relation to the whole extended services in schools agenda. Two hundred and ninety two parents took part in the consultation (160 of which from Dorcan Technology College).

12% parents said they need breakfast provision

25% parents said they need after school provision

18% parents said they need holiday care (see 4.6)

25% parents said childcare would enable them to work

5% parents said childcare would enable them to attend training

4% parents said childcare would enable them to volunteer

##### **Availability:**

Group Settings:

	Breakfast	After School
Dorcan	✓	
Covingham		✓
Eldene	Planned by March 08	
Goddard Park	✓	✓
Liden		✓
Nythe		✓

There are 43 childminders in the Dorcan cluster registered for a total of 113 places for five to eight year olds. In addition breakfast and after school care is also available through collection services by local daycare nurseries and other out of school childcare settings. At the time of writing known vacancies numbered 45.

##### **Affordability**

Charges for childminders in the area average between £2.60 and £3.50 per hour. Known charges for after school range between £7.75 and £8.50 per session.

##### **Flexibility**

Twenty two childminders in the area offer care before 8am and 10 after 6pm. Fourteen childminders finish work earlier than 6pm. There are good opportunities for early morning care but more limited opportunities for parents who need care after 6pm.

**Conclusions:** There is generally good after school provision to 6pm but the overall market is fragmented.

##### **Recommendations:**

- See the universal recommendations for out of school in 4.8

#### 4.9.5 Kingsdown

Schools located in the Kingsdown cluster are Kingsdown, Beechcroft, Colebrook Infant and Junior, Grange Infant and Junior, Ruskin and South Marston.

##### **Demand:**

Parents were consulted about their need for childcare as part of their needs in relation to the whole extended services in schools agenda. Three hundred and ninety three parents took part in the consultation.

17% of parents said they need breakfast provision  
30% of parents said they need after school provision for 5 – 11 year olds  
10% of parents said they need after school provision for 11 – 16 year olds  
37% of parents said they need holiday care (see 4.6)

67% of parents said childcare would enable them to work  
28% of parents said childcare would enable them to attend training  
24% of parents said childcare would enable them to volunteer

##### **Availability:**

Group Settings:

	Breakfast	After School
Kingsdown	✓	
Beechcroft	Planned by March 08	
Colebrook Infant	Planned by March 08	
Colebrook Junior	Planned by March 08	
Grange Infant	✓	✓
Grange Junior	✓	✓
Ruskin		
South Marston	Planned by March 08	Planned by March 08

There are 24 childminders in the Kingsdown cluster registered for a total of 61 places for five to eight year olds. In addition breakfast and after school care is also available through collection services by local daycare nurseries and other out of school childcare settings. At the time of writing known vacancies numbered 23.

##### **Affordability**

Charges for childminders in the area average between £3.00 and £3.50 per hour.

##### **Flexibility**

Fifteen childminders in the area offer care before 8am and 4 after 6pm. 6 childminders finish work earlier than 6pm.

**Conclusions:** There are limited out of school childcare opportunities for parents in the Kingsdown area currently, however, capacity will be increased significantly before school by the opening of the breakfast clubs listed above.

##### **Recommendations:**

- See the universal recommendations for out of school in 4.8

#### 4.9.6 Nova Hreod and Isambard

Nova Hreod and Isambard are two school clusters. As a new cluster Isambard has been considered alongside Nova Hreod. Schools located in these clusters are Nova Hreod, Abbeymeads, Bridlewood, Catherine Wayte, Ferndale Infant and Junior, Greenmeadow, Haydon Wick, Haydonleigh, Moredon, Orchid Vale, Red Oaks, Rodbourne Cheney and St Francis.

##### **Demand:**

Parents were consulted about their need for childcare as part of their needs in relation to the whole extended services in schools agenda. Five hundred and thirteen parents took part in the consultation.

18% of parents said they need breakfast provision  
31% of parents said they need after school provision for 5 – 11 year olds  
6% of parents said they need after school provision for 11 – 16 year olds  
30% of parents said they need holiday care (see 4.6)

65% of parents said childcare would enable them to work  
26% of parents said childcare would enable them to attend training  
16% of parents said childcare would enable them to volunteer

##### **Availability:**

Group Settings:

	Breakfast	After School
Nova Hreod	✓	
Isambard		
Abbeymeads	✓	✓
Bridlewood		
Catherine Wayte	✓	
Ferndale Infant	✓	✓
Ferndale Junior	✓	✓
Greenmeadow		
Haydon Wick	✓	✓
Haydonleigh		✓
Moredon	✓	
Orchid Vale	✓	✓
Red Oaks	✓	✓
Rodbourne Cheney	✓	
St Francis	✓	✓

There are 107 childminders in the Nova Hreod cluster registered for a total of 234 places for five to eight year olds. Two childminders promote places specifically for 11 – 14 year olds. In addition breakfast and after school care is also available through collection services by local daycare nurseries and other out of school childcare settings. At the time of writing known vacancies numbered 102.

**Affordability**

Charges for childminders in the area average between £3.00 and £4.00 per hour. Known charges for after school range between £7.00 and £7.75 per session.

**Flexibility**

Forty four childminders in the area offer care before 8am and 29 after 6pm. Seventeen childminders finish work earlier than 6pm.

**Conclusions:** Out of school services are very well developed, with few gaps in provision and choice of care and flexibility for parents. However, there is still a level of unmet demand and vacancies.

**Recommendations:**

- In view of the large number of childminders, start to develop comprehensive childminder and group based services to meet the needs of parents wishing to use a combination of services
- See the universal recommendations for out of school in 4.8.

#### 4.9.7 Ridgeway

Schools located in the Ridgeway cluster are Ridgeway, Bishopstone, Chiseldon, Wanborough, Wroughton Infant and Wroughton Junior.

##### **Demand:**

Parents were consulted about their need for childcare by means of a questionnaire distributed through the schools. One hundred and twenty four parents took part in the consultation.

17% of parents said they need breakfast provision  
35% of parents said they need after school provision for 5 – 11 year olds  
8% of parents said they need after school provision for 11 – 16 year olds  
42% of parents said they need holiday care (see 4.6)

36% of parents said childcare would enable them to work  
18% of parents said childcare would enable them to attend training  
13% of parents said childcare would enable them to volunteer

##### **Availability:**

Group Settings:

	Breakfast	After School
Ridgeway	✓	
Bishopstone	✓	✓
Chiseldon	✓	✓
Wanborough	✓	✓
Wroughton Infant	✓	✓
Wroughton Junior	✓	✓

There are 22 childminders in the Ridgeway cluster registered for a total of 57 places for five to eight year olds. In addition breakfast and after school care is also available through collection services by local daycare nurseries and other out of school childcare settings. At the time of writing known vacancies numbered 17.

##### **Affordability**

Charges for childminders in the area average between £2.60 and £3.50 per hour. Known charges for after school cost from £4.00 per session.

##### **Flexibility**

Eight childminders in the area offer care before 8am and 5 after 6pm. Some childminders advertise additional flexibility according to parental need.

**Conclusions:** Out of school services in the Ridgeway cluster are well developed. Most schools have provision to cover need, though parents may have limited choice due to the rural nature of the cluster. Existing capacity is well used.

##### **Recommendations:**

- Adopt where appropriate learning from rural models of childcare delivery in other local authorities
- See the universal recommendations for out of school in 4.8

#### 4.9.8 St Joseph's

Schools located in the St Joseph's cluster are St Joseph's, Holy Family, Holy Rood Infant and Junior, St Catherine's and St Mary's.

##### **Demand:**

Parents were consulted about their need for childcare means of a questionnaire distributed through the schools. One hundred and eighty parents took part in the consultation.

27% of parents said they need breakfast provision  
56% of parents said they need after school provision for 5 – 11 year olds  
7% of parents said they need after school provision for 11 – 16 year olds  
32% of parents said they need holiday care (see 4.6)

48% of parents said childcare would enable them to work  
19% of parents said childcare would enable them to attend training  
13% of parents said childcare would enable them to volunteer

##### **Availability:**

Group Settings:

	Breakfast	After School
St Joseph's		
Holy Family		
Holy Rood Infant		
Holy Rood Junior		
St Catherine's		
St Mary's	✓	

As St Joseph's does not have a geographic catchment there are no childminders specifically linked to the schools. In addition breakfast and after school care is also available through collection services by local daycare nurseries and other out of school childcare settings.

**Conclusions:** Parents expressed the highest level of demand for additional out of school services, with a strong caveat on the nature of the provision. There are currently very limited opportunities for parents to access group provision and the impact of childminders on this market is unquantifiable at present.

##### **Recommendations:**

- Extended services staff to continue to work with cluster schools to try and identify opportunities to meet the childcare needs of parents and children.
- See the universal recommendations for out of school in 4.8.

#### 4.9.9 Warneford

Schools located in the Warneford cluster are Warneford, Eastrop Infant, Northview, Southfield Junior, St Andrews and Westrop.

##### **Demand:**

Parents were consulted about their need for childcare as part of their needs in relation to the whole extended services in schools agenda. Thirty seven parents took part in the consultation which is not statistically significant.

27% of parents said they need breakfast provision

59% of parents said they need after school provision for 5 – 11 year olds

13% of parents said they need after school provision for 11 – 16 year olds

48% of parents said they need holiday care (see 4.6)

62% of parents said childcare would enable them to work

16% of parents said childcare would enable them to attend training

16% of parents said childcare would enable them to volunteer

##### **Availability:**

Group Settings:

	Breakfast	After School
Warneford	✓	
Eastrop		✓
Northview		
Southfield		✓
St Andrews		
Westrop	✓	✓

There are 26 childminders in the Warneford cluster registered for a total of 64 places for five to eight year olds. In addition breakfast and after school care is also available through collection services by local daycare nurseries and other out of school childcare settings. At the time of writing known vacancies numbered 23. Following an identified shortfall in out of school care work is being carried out to develop out of school services delivered by childminders.

##### **Affordability**

Charges for childminders in the area average between £3.00 and £4.00 per hour. Known charges for after school cost from £2.50 per hour.

##### **Flexibility**

Eighteen childminders in the area offer care before 8am and 10 after 6pm.

Three childminders finish work earlier than 6pm. There are notably good opportunities for flexible care, particularly early mornings.

**Conclusions:** Provision is fragmented and existing services are well utilised.

##### **Recommendations:**

- See the universal recommendations for out of school in 4.8.

#### 4.9.10 West Swindon

Schools located in the West Swindon cluster are Greendown, Brookfield, Millbrook, Oliver Tomkins Infant and Junior, Peatmoor, Shaw Ridge, Toothill, Tregoze and Westlea.

##### **Demand:**

Parents were consulted about their need for childcare by means of a questionnaire distributed through the schools. Three hundred and twenty seven parents took part in the consultation.

30% of parents said they need breakfast provision  
48% of parents said they need after school provision for 5 – 11 year olds  
14% of parents said they need after school provision for 11 – 16 year olds  
43% of parents said they need holiday care (see 4.6)

46% of parents said childcare would enable them to work  
25% of parents said childcare would enable them to attend training  
14% of parents said childcare would enable them to volunteer

##### **Availability:**

Group Settings:

	Breakfast	After School
Greendown	✓	
Brookfield	✓	✓
Millbrook	Collection service	Collection service
Oliver Tomkins Infant	Collection service	Collection service
Oliver Tomkins Junior	Collection service	Collection service
Peatmoor	✓	Collection service
Shaw Ridge		✓
Toothill		
Tregoze	Collection service	Collection service
Westlea	✓	✓

There are 76 childminders in the West Swindon cluster registered for a total of 176 places for five to eight year olds. Breakfast and after school care is also available at the Big A Club at located at Greendown School serving a number of West Swindon schools. In addition breakfast and after school care is also available through collection services by local daycare nurseries and other out of school childcare settings. At the time of writing known vacancies numbered 65.

##### **Affordability**

Charges for childminders in the area average between £3.00 and £3.50 per hour. Known charges for after school range between £6.00 and £7.00 per session.

**Flexibility**

Thirty six childminders in the area offer care before 8am and 11 after 6pm. Sixteen childminders finish work earlier than 6pm. There are notably good opportunities for early morning care but more limitations for parents needing care up to or beyond 6pm.

**Conclusions:** Out of School services in West Swindon are well developed with a variety of provision available to parents. There is concurrent high demand from parents for additional after school services.

**Recommendations:**

- Start to develop comprehensive childminder and group based services to meet the needs of parents wishing to use a combination of services
- See the universal recommendations for out of school in 4.8.