

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2019

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The London Borough of <https://thehub.walthamforest.gov.uk/news-source/waltham-forest> is about to update its Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA). This is an audit of the supply and demand in the local early years and out of school childcare provision.

The outcomes and findings for this year's CSA will particularly help to inform how in <https://thehub.walthamforest.gov.uk/news-source/waltham-forest> the first year of delivery of the 30 hours childcare offer has been progressing and the ongoing sufficiency of funded entitlement for 2 year old places - and how we can best move forward into 2019. Information from this audit will also assist providers to understand the supply and demand of childcare places and help inform business planning for their setting.

As usual, a pivotal part of the CSA is to gather data and information about local childcare from:

- school nurseries/nursery classes and PVI sector daycare and preschool settings
- the childminding sector
- the out of school childcare sector

A company with experience of undertaking CSAs for London Boroughs - Premier Advisory Group (PAG) - has been commissioned by the London Borough of <https://thehub.walthamforest.gov.uk/news-source/waltham-forest> to carry out the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment. In early January a member of their research team will be in touch with you to confirm the name of the registered responsible person or nominated responsible person (i.e. nursery manager, EYFS lead, finance officer or school business manager) or registered responsible organisation, who will respond to the survey on your / setting's behalf, and to arrange a convenient time to undertake a brief 10 to 15 minute telephone interview. Please be assured that - as always - PAG will do their very best to make the interview as brief as possible.

The representative of PAG who initially contacts you, by telephone, will be able to send you details on the issues that they will be seeking to address during the actual interview - which can of course be scheduled for a time most convenient for yourselves. All responses are treated in the strictest confidence and quotes are unattributed. We very much appreciate your help with this. The knowledge that you possess about demand and supply of local childcare (places and provision) is very important with regard to our continued understanding of the local childcare market and the borough's evolving funded childcare offers.

If you require any further information about the 2019 CSA, please contact the Early Years and Childcare team on 0208 496 3566 or email childcare@walthamforest.gov.uk.

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