

## Performance data 2020/21

- 246** Early Years Childcare providers in Medway
- 6,150** Early Years Childcare places offered across Medway
- 160** SEN children in a child care place across 80 settings
- 98%** of Medway Childcare providers who have been inspected by Ofsted have received an Ofsted rating of good or outstanding

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## Early Years Sufficiency Service & Family Information Service



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## **Statutory Duties of the Early Years Sufficiency Service (EYSS)**

### **Childcare Act 2006**

**Section 6** which places a duty on English Local Authorities to secure Sufficient Childcare for working parents.

**Section 7** which places a duty on English Local Authorities to secure Early Years provision free of charge.

**Section 12** which places a duty on English Local Authorities to provide information, advice and assistance to parents and Prospective parents.

**Section 13** which places a duty on English Local Authorities to provide Information, advice and training to Childcare Providers.

## **The EYSS is part of the wider education division within the Children and Adult Directorate**

The EYSS support children and families in Medway in receiving an Early Years Childcare place in readiness for school.

Medway have over 248 childcare providers and the EYSS work with the settings, to monitor the quality and sufficiency of childcare places available to Medway families.

An Early Education will support young children in having the best start in life.

The Medway Family Information Service (FIS) works in conjunction with the EYSS and can support Medway families in many aspects of family life, such as childcare choices and Government funded childcare, parenting support, welfare assistance and is a free confidential service.

The Family Information Service directory has a wealth of services for families to access and a telephone service for families and practitioners.

## **Services of the Early Years Sufficiency Service & Family Information Service**

**Secure** childcare for eligible disadvantaged two-year-olds.

**Secure** universal childcare for three- and four-year-olds and the extended childcare entitlements for those who meet eligibility.

**Allocate** the Government's childcare funding of £16.5m to early years providers.

**Provide information** to families through an online directory of services and community outreach.

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