

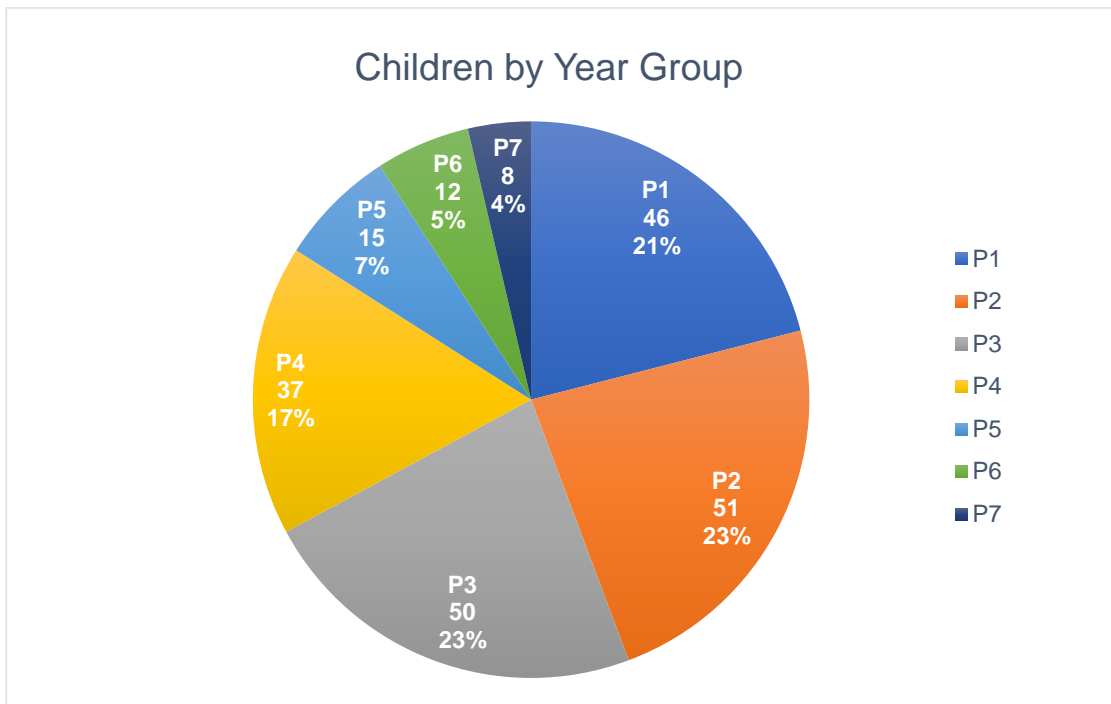
Calderwood Primary School After-School Care Survey

1. SUMMARY

- 165 responses received as at 04 June 2023
- The 165 responses accounted for 219 children

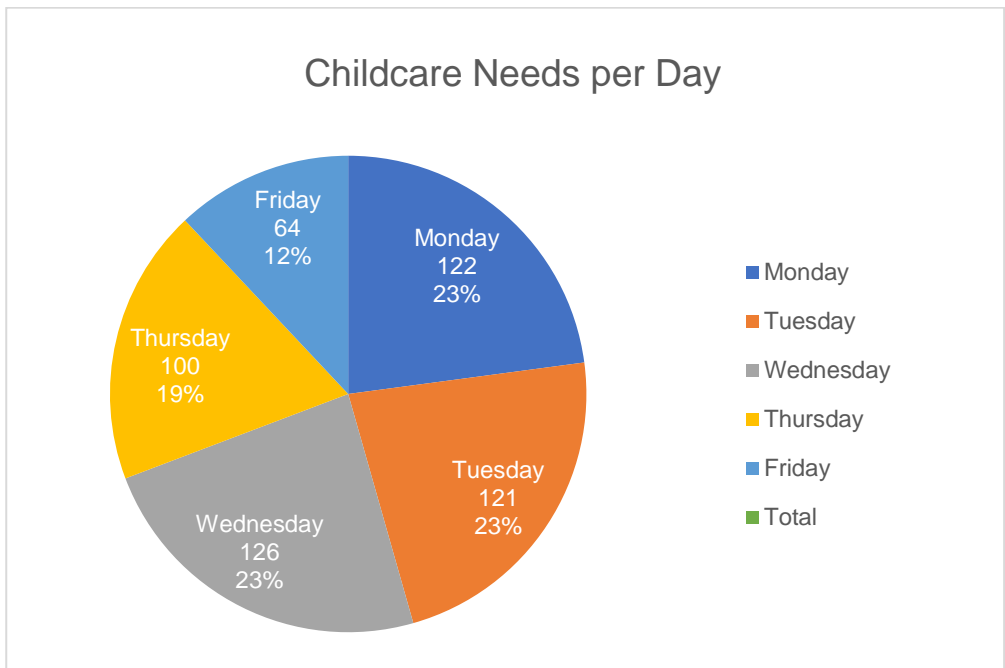
2. CHILDREN BY YEAR GROUP

- Over two thirds of children were in the P1-3 age group



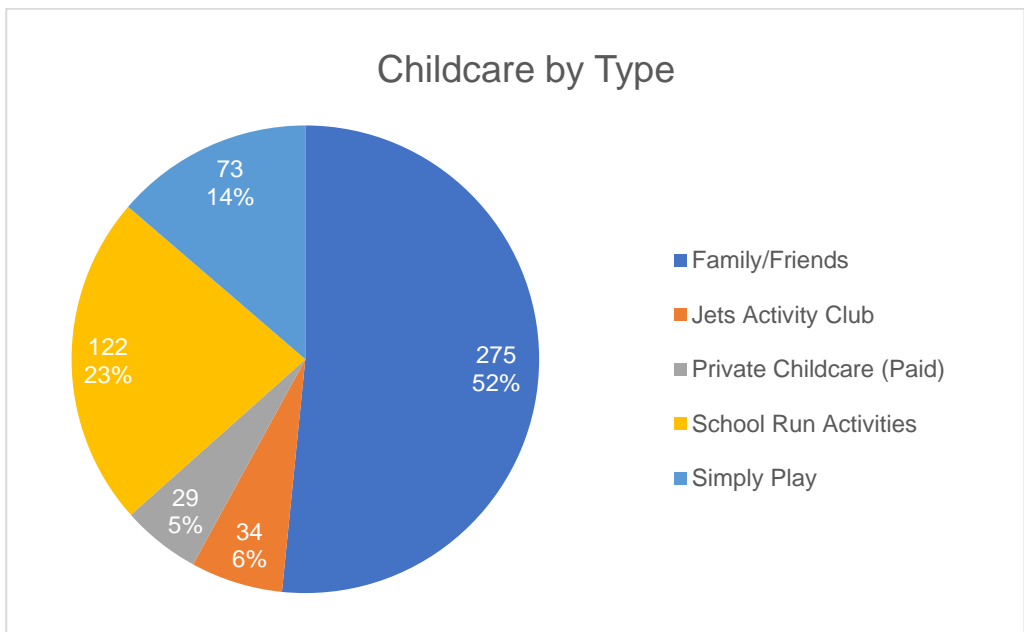
3. CHILDCARE NEEDS BY DAY

- Monday-Wednesdays appear to be the days that most respondents used some form of childcare, with Wednesday having the highest demand (126 instances)



4. CHILDCARE PER TYPE

- Family/friends was the most widely used form of childcare by a significant margin (with over half of respondents saying they currently use it or have used it in the past)
- School run activities was the second most used form of childcare (with Monday being the most popular day (47 instances))



5. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT CLUBS OR SERVICES?

5.1. School Run Activities

	Very Good (%)	Okay (%)	Not so Good (%)
Content/Facilities	63.9%	28.9%	7.2%
Timings	43.3%	28.3%	28.3%
Location	88.2%	9.1%	2.7%
Cost	87.5%	11.3%	1.3%
Availability	10.0%	31.5%	58.5%

- The majority of responses suggested that the content/facilities, location and cost of school run activities were either very good or okay.
- Views on the timings were mixed (43.3% thought they were very good, 28.3% okay and 28.3% not so good)
- The majority of responses (58.5%) thought that the availability of school-run activities was not so good.

5.2. Simply Play

	Very Good (%)	Okay (%)	Not so Good (%)
Content/Facilities	48.9%	31.9%	19.1%
Timings	82.1%	8.9%	8.9%
Location	7.4%	27.3%	65.3%
Cost	13.0%	40.6%	46.4%
Availability	66.7%	14.8%	18.5%

- The majority of responses thought that the content/facilities were either very good or okay.
- A significant majority of responses thought that the timing and availability of Simply Play was very good.
- Most responses suggested that the cost of Simply Play was okay or not so good.
- The majority of responses (65.3%) thought the location of Simply Play was not so good.

5.3. Jets Activity Club

	Very Good (%)	Okay (%)	Not so Good (%)
Content/Facilities	62.8%	20.9%	16.3%
Timings	50.7%	20.5%	28.8%
Location	89.7%	5.2%	5.2%
Cost	28.8%	28.8%	42.4%
Availability	23.4%	29.7%	46.9%

- The majority of responses suggested that the content/facilities, timings and location of the Jets Activity Club were either very good or okay.
- Responses were mixed in terms of costs (57.6% said either very good or okay and 42.4% said not so good)
- Again, responses were mixed in terms of availability with 53.1% saying availability was either very good or okay and 46.9% saying not so good.

5.4. Private Paid Childcare

	Very Good (%)	Okay (%)	Not so Good (%)
Content/Facilities	58.3%	16.7%	25.0%
Timings	73.3%	0.0%	26.7%
Location	56.3%	6.3%	37.5%
Cost	8.3%	27.8%	63.9%
Availability	32.0%	16.0%	52.0%

- The majority of responses suggested that content/facilities, timings and location were either very good or okay for private childcare
- The majority of responses identified that costs were not so good.
- Responses were again mixed in terms of availability with 52% of responses suggesting it was not so good and 48% saying that availability was either very good or okay.

5.5. Family & Friends

	Very Good (%)	Okay (%)	Not so Good (%)
Content/Facilities	60.0%	26.7%	13.3%
Timings	80.6%	10.4%	9.0%
Location	73.8%	18.0%	8.2%
Cost	91.2%	7.0%	1.8%
Availability	63.6%	16.9%	19.5%

- A significant number of responses said that timings, location and cost of childcare by family and friends were very good.

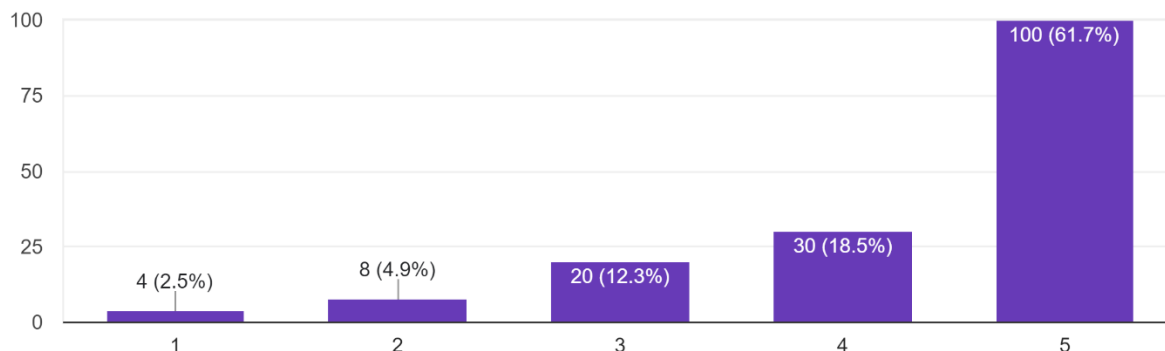
- The majority of responses said that the content/facilities and availability were either very good or okay.

6. AVAILABILITY OF AFTER-SCHOOL CHILDCARE IN CALDERWOOD

Respondents were asked to rate how they felt about the following statement on a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 denoting “Strongly Disagree” and 5 denoting “Strongly Agree”):

Please rate how you feel about the following statement: I would like paid-for after-school childcare or clubs to be available 5 days a week in Calderwood

162 responses



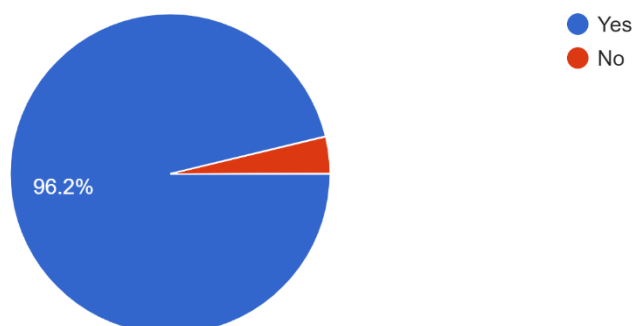
- Responses were significantly skewed towards “Strongly Agree”

7. LOCATION OF CHILDCARE

Respondents were asked the following question:

If you are currently using, or plan to use, paid after-school childcare outside of the Calderwood estate, would you switch to using paid-for clubs or ...ithin the Calderwood estate if they were available?

133 responses



- As shown by the graph, 96.2% of responses said they would switch to using paid for childcare in Calderwood if it was available.

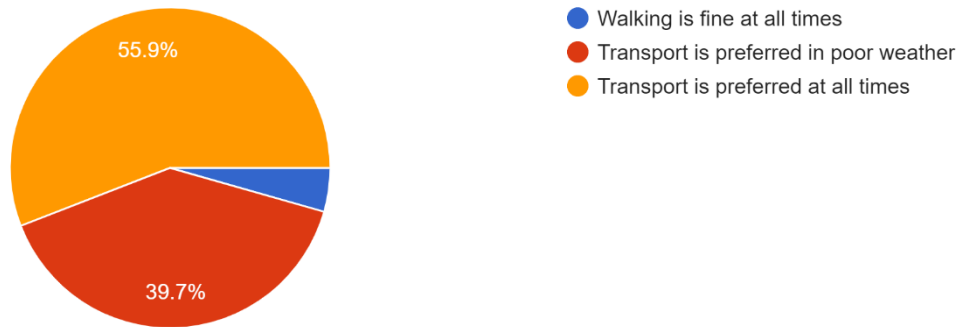
8. TRAVEL TO SIMPLY PLAY

As outlined in Section 5.2, the majority of responses suggested that the location of Simply Play was not so good.

Respondents were asked to answer the following question:

Simply Play does not currently provide transport for children to get to the venue. If you use, or plan to use Simply Play, how do you feel about this?

136 responses



- Over half of responses said that they would prefer that transport was provided at all times and a further 39.7% said that they'd prefer that transport was provided in poor weather.
- Only 6 responses (4.4%) said that they felt walking to Simply Play was fine at all times

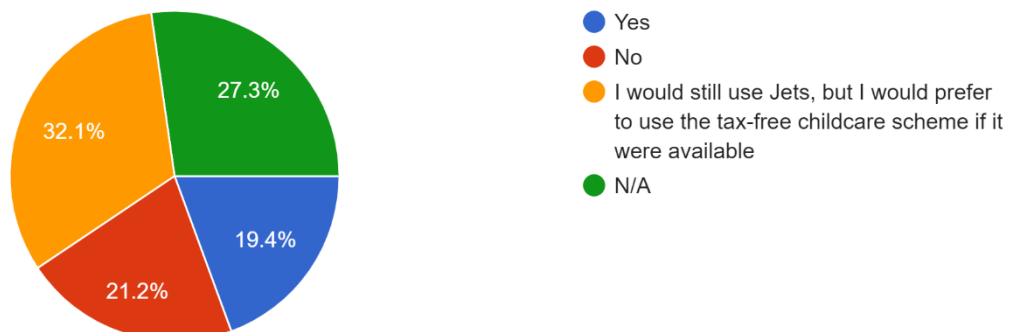
9. TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

Tax-Free Childcare is currently not available to use for Jets Activity Club.

Respondents were asked the following question:

Does the fact that tax-free childcare is not available for Jets put you off using it?

165 responses



- If you discount the N/A responses, 26.7% of responses answered "Yes", 29.2% answered "No" and 44.2% answered "I would still use Jets, but I would prefer to use

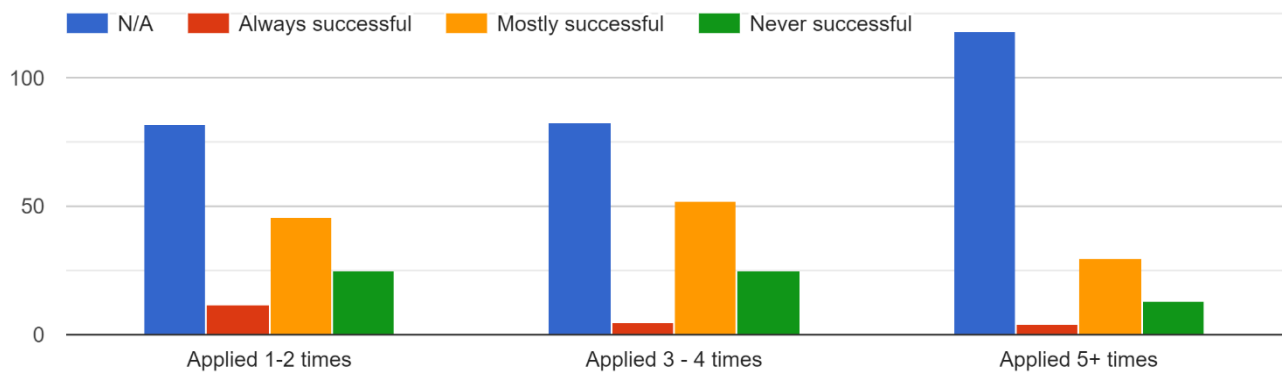
the tax-free childcare scheme if it were available” so the majority of respondents would prefer if tax-free childcare was an option if using Jets (% are rounded to 1dp).

10. APPLYING FOR SCHOOL RUN ACTIVITIES

As outlined in section 5.1, over half of responses felt that the availability of school run activities was not so good.

Respondents were asked the following question:

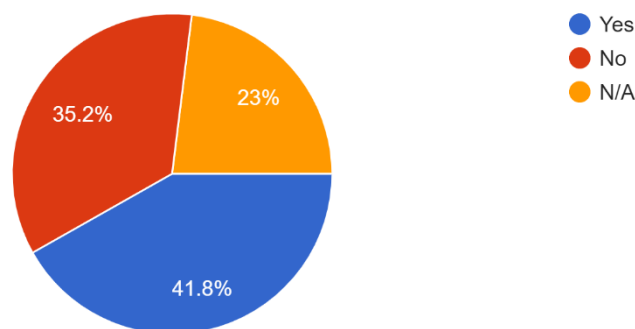
What's your experience been like when applying for places at the free after-school clubs provided by the school?



Respondents were then asked the following question:

If you have used, or tried to use, free after-school clubs, has this been because you have needed to access it specifically for childcare needs?

165 responses



- If you discount the N/A responses, 54.3% of responses answered “Yes” and 46.7% of responses answered “No” which suggests that a slight majority of people have applied to use school run after school clubs to meet childcare needs but there are also a number of people who applied for other reasons.

11. QUALITATIVE FEEDBACK

At the end of the survey respondents were given the opportunity to provide any further comments in a free text box. There were 83 responses to this question.

There were several common themes:

- Whilst several respondents liked Simply Play and how reliable and flexible they were, the location (and lack of transport) was a significant concern, particularly for younger children and in the poor weather.
- Most respondents would prefer to have access to regular, reliable childcare within the Calderwood development.
- There was some feedback on the costs of Simply Play and Jets with some respondents expressing concerns that they were not affordable. There was also some comments that Simply Play did not offer good value for money as by the time children walked there it was time for pick up.
- Although the school clubs were generally well received, a number of respondents said they were difficult to get into and weren't a reliable form of childcare as they vary from term to term.
- There were a number of comments praising the addition of Jets Activity Club but there were also some concerns that as they aren't registered with the Care Inspectorate and aren't registered for tax-free childcare that they aren't as "official" as the likes of Simply Play.
- There were also a number of comments suggesting that if Jets was available on more days, they would use it.
- Some respondents felt that Jets wasn't as reliable as the likes of Simply Play as it's run in blocks so children aren't guaranteed a space and is also limited to 20 places.
- A number of people are currently having to use a mix of different childcare arrangements (sometimes from 2, 3 or 4 different providers) to cover the full week.
- A number of people expressed that they need childcare to be available until 6pm 5 days a week but also would prefer to have the flexibility to pick up any time up until then (similar to nursery).
- Some respondents said that school run activities are really challenging if you have more than one child as there's no guarantees that siblings will be allocated the same days and the clubs are also too short time wise to be able to rely on them as after school care.

12. CONCLUSIONS

- As the responses show there is a significant demand for after school care within Calderwood and a lot of respondents do not currently feel like their needs are being met.
- Location is one of the key issues. Most would prefer to have access to after school care within the Calderwood development, preferably within the school. Several parents expressed concerns or stated that they have not made use of Simply Play due to the current walk from the school to their premises.
- Most respondents suggested that childcare needed to be available until 5.30/6pm 5 days a week but would prefer the flexibility to pick up children any time up until closing.
- Availability/guarantee of childcare places was also a big concern with a number of respondents suggesting they would prefer to have an arrangement similar to Simply Play.

- Affordability is also key, with a number of respondents suggesting that the ability to use tax-free childcare would be really beneficial.