

What a difference a year makes: what is the impact of coronavirus on the UK childcare market

When the sixteenth edition of LaingBuisson's Childcare UK market report written by leading education management consultancy, Cairneagle Associates, was launched in late March 2020, we speculated on the likely effects of the pandemic on this market. Now, eleven months later, we have republished the report with an entirely new chapter which looks at the impact of the pandemic and the future potential for the UK childcare market as it emerges from this 'black swan' event.

The full updated sixteenth edition of LaingBuisson's Childcare UK market report, is essential reading for anyone involved in this historically fast-growing sector. This not only includes investors but also advisors to the sector and providers.

Strong historic growth and a socially responsible profile continue this market attractive for investors looking for safe havens for their money. With the market still being highly fragmented, there are still benefits to be gained from consolidation. It also holds the possibility of accretive earnings per share since nurseries are usually worth more in a group than as discreet entities, and there is the chance of outperforming the market by making better commercial decisions. In addition, there is strong support for investment in this market from debt providers.



The updated report also places a focus on the market's potential in the wake of the pandemic. Questions arise over birth rates, how easy or not it will be to recruit staff, and how changes to the planning use class system may influence the future of childcare. Nevertheless, as the authors conclude, nurseries are a sector that have manoeuvred the crisis better than other parts of the economy.

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