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## Playgrounds

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### Information Request and Response by Lewes District Council

*How many children's playgrounds were managed by the local authority in each year from 2009-10?*

**32 until 2016 then 31 (Reduced by 1 as a play area was devolved from LDC to a Parish Council) Figures do not include those play areas within the district owned and managed by Town and Parish Councils.**

*How many children's playgrounds (existing or planned) have been closed or cancelled because of cuts to the local authority's budget in each year since 2009-10? **None***

*How much local authority money has been spent on children's playgrounds in each year since 2009-10?*

**Maintenance figures not available as play areas are not budgeted for separately; however estimated at £6000 per annum. New building figures are also approximate as play areas are not budgeted for separately and funding sources vary.**

**2009/10 - £130,000  
2010/11 - £35,000  
2011/12 - £50,000  
2012/13 - £60,000  
2013/14 - £100,000  
2014/15 - £60,000  
2015/16 - £130,000  
2016/17 - £120,000  
2017/18 - £6,000  
2018/19 - £6,000**

*How many children's playgrounds are proposed for closure within the next year? **None***

*Has the local authority charged for the use of any children's playgrounds under its control and, if so, when this charge was introduced, how much was*

*this charge introduced and how many children's play areas the charge has applied to in each year since 2009-10? **No***