

Cost of holiday childcare has risen by over 50 per cent since 2010, Labour analysis shows

- Labour analysis shows that the weekly cost of holiday childcare has risen by over 50 per cent across the UK;
- Greater London, the North East, and the West Midlands are the worst affected areas;
- Over the same period, official figures suggest that wages are lower in real terms than they were in May 2010 when the Conservatives took office.

Labour

analysis shows that, across Britain as a whole, the average weekly cost of childcare has risen by over 50 per cent from 2010 to 2017.

In the

North East, the worst affected area, the average weekly cost of childcare has more than doubled, while the West Midlands has seen an increase of 82 per cent

and Greater London an increase of 73 per cent.

Over the

same period, official figures suggest that average weekly earnings have fallen

in real terms, leaving working families paying a greater proportion of their income to cover the cost of childcare.

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Rayner MP, Labour's Shadow Education Secretary, speaking at a visit to the Wishing Well community project in Crewe, will say:

"The Tories are quite simply failing working parents, who are seeing the cost of their childcare skyrocket, their wages fall, and their Government failing to give them the support they need.

"Childcare costs have shot up since the Conservatives took office in 2010, and both wages and Government support have failed to keep pace with either the cost of childcare or the needs of families."