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What is a Childminder?



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Wiltshire Early Years Development & Childcare Partnership

What is a childminder

A registered childminder is:

- A suitable person who has undergone police and health checks.
- Someone who looks after one or more children under the age of 8 for more than a total of two hours a day on domestic premises (normally a childminder's own home) for reward.
- Is registered and inspected by Ofsted*
- Is self-employed, runs their own business and provides a service to the families whose children they care for.

**Ofsted registers childminders and inspects them at regular intervals in accordance with the Early Years Foundation Stage and Welfare Requirements.*

Childminding checklist – Is it for me?

- Do you like looking after children?
- Would you enjoy planning activities for children's development?
- Do you want to play a key role as children grow up?
- Do you really enjoy being involved with children and their parents/carers?
- Could you offer children a safe, stimulating environment.
- Would you describe yourself as energetic, enthusiastic and caring?
- Would you enjoy working in your own home?
- Would you enjoy being self-employed and therefore responsible for your own tax and National Insurance contributions?
- Would you enjoy working with others in the childcare field?
- Childminders sometimes offer unsociable hours and/or overnight care, is this something you would consider?
- Childminders can care for children with difficulties and disabilities, is this something you would consider?

How do I set up as a childminder

- Contact Bright Horizons Workforce Development Team. They will give you the necessary information about the two hour Briefing Session and how to book a place on Unit 1 of the Diploma in Home-based Childcare (DHC).
- On week six of the DHC course you will be given your Childminding application pack. Your Families Information Service will have the contact details of your Childminding Development Officer who can provide help if you need it.
- Complete and return your application form to Ofsted. When your application is received they will confirm in writing and tell you how to pay the registration fee.
- Apply for the essential checks explained in the pack, including:
 - Criminal Records Bureau check
 - A health check for yourself.

- An Ofsted Inspector will visit you in your home and ask you some questions based on the Early Years Foundation Stage and Welfare Requirements to make sure you will provide a suitable and safe environment for children.
- Ofsted should complete this process within three months.

Do I have to register as a childminder?

Yes, you have to be registered with Ofsted if you are looking after children under the age of 8 in your own home for two or more hours a day for reward. This is the law.

What if I only look after children who are over the age of seven?

If you only want to look after children aged 8 or over you do not have to become registered. However you may wish to join the Voluntary Childcare Register (VOCR). For more information about the VOCR please contact the Families Information Service.

How many children can I look after?

You may look after up to six children under eight, including your own. No more than three of the six children should be under five and normally no more than one child can be under one.

What about training?

To register, you will need to complete the DHC Unit 1 course and paediatric first-aid training. Bright Horizons Workforce Development Team will provide regular bi-monthly training bulletins advising you what is available. All childminders are expected to show a commitment to their own professional development.

Is there any help or support available?

- The Early Years Team has dedicated Childminding Development Officers who offer advice and guidance to help you develop your business and good practice.
- Financial support may be available to help you start your business and you will be given more information about this at your briefing session.
- The Support Childminder Scheme offers an experienced childminder who will give guidance and mentoring to newly registering childminders.
- National Childminding Association (NCMA) is a professional body who provide advice and resources to its members.

Useful telephone numbers

ask - Families Information Service 08457 585072 • Bright Horizons - 0845 601 2392
Early Years Team - 01225 785660 • HM Revenue & Customs - 0845 300 3900
NCMA - 0800 169 4486 • Ofsted - 08456 404040 • DCSF Publications 0845 602 2260

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