

As a childminder, you can make a big difference from home



Do something BIG
Work with
small children



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Why choose childminding?

Childminders provide a welcoming, home-away-from-home environment, working closely with parents and carers to provide tailored care for each child. They may also work from settings such as local libraries or community centres, and offer care before and after school, or during the school holidays. As a childminder, you'll find plenty of professional training opportunities and local support.

Benefits of childminding:

- **Flexibility:** balance your own needs with those of the children you have in your setting.
- **Work your way:** childminders have the freedom to be their own boss, hire an assistant, or choose to receive extra support through networks.
- **Variety:** from creative play to cooking, no two days are the same.
- **Rewarding:** enjoy seeing children learn, play and grow within small groups.

Register as a childminder

You can set up your business through Ofsted or a childminder agency.

If you register with Ofsted, you manage your own support, finances, record-keeping and admin for your business. You'll pay an annual fee, with no extra costs.

With an agency, you get extra support with regulation, safeguarding, finance, professional development, marketing and finding clients. You'll either pay a monthly fee or a percentage of your earnings.



“I can make my own decisions, choose my working hours, and my holidays. I’m also very proud of growing my business.”

Lyndsey, Childminder



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