



New to childminding quick access factsheet

If you are thinking of becoming a childminder, you may be wondering where to start. There are two options to register as a childminder.

Register with Ofsted

You can register with Ofsted who will carry out checks on you and others over 16 years old in your household. Ofsted will come to your home and carry out a registration visit to ensure you are suitable to work as a childminder.

Contact Ofsted on 0300 123 1231

Register with a Childminding Agency

You can also choose to register with a childminding agency who are registered with Ofsted. The agency will ensure you are suitable to work as a childminder for the agency.

For more information about childminder agencies and to find one suitable for your needs visit [Childminder agencies: list of agencies \(GOV.UK\)](#)

Sign up on the Notts Help Yourself website

You can sign up as a childminder on Notts Help Yourself to be visible to potential parents.

You can also find information on the Local Offer regarding children with SEND (special educational needs and disability) needs. This is a great resource of information to signpost parents to if they have a child with additional needs. www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk

Early Years Training

While you are waiting for the children to start with you as a childminder, you may have some free days until your business picks up. This could be a time to ensure you gain as much knowledge as you can regarding Early Years.

Each term new training is added on the Nottinghamshire County Council website. We also offer a sold service to meet your training needs, which you could arrange with other childminders to share the cost.

Search for a list of available childcare training courses each term on [Early years education and childcare training \(Nottinghamshire County Council\)](#)

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is something you need to ensure you are up to date with. To find more information on the local safeguarding policies and issues visit the NSCP website. They publish a newsletter every 6 months on their website with the latest information what's happening in Nottinghamshire.

Visit the [Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership website](#)

Useful sources of information when setting up as a childminder

- [Childcare Choices website \(GOV.UK\)](#) - Find out information about childcare and the choices that parents can make
- [Pacey Information Hub](#) - a collection of ideas and tools to help develop a sustainable business.
- [HMRC Tax advice if you're self-employed](#) - tax advice for childminders, webinars, videos and email updates