

## 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. 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

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 contact @ home childcare on 0115 978 3399. A quick guide sheet is available at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-as-a-childminder-quick-guide>

You can sign up as a childminder on Notts Help Yourself to be visible to potential parents. On the website 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](http://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk)

Setting up a new business can be costly in the early stages. There is a small grant available from the government to help towards some of those costs. You can access this through the government website.

[www.gov.uk/business-finance-support/childcare-business-grants-england](http://www.gov.uk/business-finance-support/childcare-business-grants-england)

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 childcare training on the website for a list of available courses each term.

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk)

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 NSCB website. They publish a newsletter every 6 months on their website with the latest information what's happening in Nottinghamshire.

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/nscb](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/nscb)

A great website to find out more information regarding childcare and the choices that parents can make can be found at the web address below.

[www.childcarechoices.co.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.co.uk)

[www.pacey.org.uk/business](http://www.pacey.org.uk/business) - a collection of ideas and tools to help develop a sustainable business.

[http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/courses/syob3/cm/HTML/cm\\_menu.html](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/courses/syob3/cm/HTML/cm_menu.html) - Tax advice for childminders