

County Durham

Families Information Service

Are you looking for a registered childminder?



Supporting Parents...Supporting Families

Registered childminders look after your child along with other children, usually in their own home. They are allowed to care for up to six children under the age of eight, including their own – but only three of them can be aged under five.

Childminders are self-employed, and they decide on their own working hours. Most are willing to work early mornings, evenings and weekends, as well as part-time, and you may be able to negotiate any special requirements.

All registered childminders are required to undertake a basic training course, including first aid.

All childminders who care for children under the age of eight must be registered and inspected by the OFSTED who carry out regular checks on the home and childminder.

All adults (16+) living and working in the homes of childminders caring for children under eight will be police checked.

Childminders who care for children aged eight and over can be registered on the voluntary part of the Ofsted Childcare Register. Once you've met and interviewed a childminder, you will get a feel for whether they are suitable for your children. You will be able to negotiate hours, terms and conditions with your childminder. Rates vary from childminder to childminder.

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