

# Do something incredible, become a childminder.



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## Childminders are professional, compassionate and tenacious.

They do what they do because they are passionate about children's education and want to give them the best start in life. They are brave enough to run their own business, build their own curriculum and tackle any challenges.

## Why become a childminder?



- 1 It's chance to earn money from doing something you're good at – run your own **BUSINESS** and care for your own family all at the same time.
- 2 Looking after small groups of children of different ages and from different families, you'll find **VARIETY** in your role as when you're working with small children, no two days will be the same.
- 3 Childminding is a **DYNAMIC** and evolving career. Registered childminders are usually self-employed and their own boss. Many go on to expand their business and employ childminding assistants, growing their business.

## How do I become a childminder?

Childminding is a professional career where you will be responsible for the care and education of children.

To become a childminder you will need to:

- Have a passion for childcare and early education.
- Carry out essential pre-registration training including first aid, safeguarding and food safety training.
- Have knowledge and understanding of the EYFS learning framework.
- Register with Ofsted who will carry out a pre-registration visit.
- Promote yourself and your business and take on children!

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## What do other childminders say?



“I absolutely love what I do and I truly believe caring for children is my vocation. I just wish I had realised this earlier in my life and not wasted many years in unfulfilling roles. Being trusted to care for the children and watching them develop and grow is an absolute privilege.”

**Amanda Calloway,**  
Winner of Childminder of the Year, 2024