

Benefits of the Trio Quality Childminding Network

Stage 1

- Professional development opportunities to help you make the most of your childminding
- Evidence of your commitment to share with parents and Ofsted
- Dedicated named Childminding Development worker (CDW) offering support and advice.
- Suggested ways to meet EYFS requirements
- Visits tailored to support you maintaining high quality in childminding
- Support to understand and put into action, in a Childminding setting, government initiatives and recent developments in childcare practice
- Newsletters
- Up to date tailored relevant information
- CDW brokering links with other services and agencies
- Linking like-minded childminders
- Signposting to training opportunities
- Access to schemes not available to non network childminders
- Access to online resources through network dedicated areas of website
- Your Network status may be recognised on your local Family Information Service (FIS) directory for parents
- Materials designed to help you reflect and extend your thinking

Stage 2

- All of the stage 1 benefits plus
- Ongoing professional development opportunities
- Further indepth reflection of childminding practice
- Stepping stone to further childminding opportunities
- Qualifications recognised

A level 3 Qualification will give you an deeper knowledge of childcare and education

In some Local Authorities Level 3 qualified network childminders are Stage 2+ Network Childminders

Specialists

- Opportunities to use your high quality skills and knowledge
- Professional development to enable you to make a difference within the childcare arena
- Enhanced opportunities to make a difference to individual children and families
- Involvement of childminders in emerging initiatives adds a new dimension to projects previously dominated by other childcare providers.
- Some projects include placements
- Dedicated specialist training
- Access to government funded projects
- Some projects include grant payments
- Developing childminding practice through implementing knowledge gained at the highest level

These are the specialisms available through the Trio Quality Childminding Network. See your local Network Criteria plan for details of the specialisms in your area.

Early Years Entitlement: Using your skills to deliver funded education and care to 3 and 4 year olds

Children's Centre Partnership: Working as part of the Children's Centre team providing the childcare placements for a named Centre

Two year old Entitlement: Providing funded placements to support 2 year olds and their families

Working with Disabled Children: Tapping into childminders unique skills and expertise in working with disabled children

GEMS(Peer Support): Using your childminding expertise and knowledge to support newly registering childminders

Graduate leader: A role to lead and support the practice of others that enables graduate childminders to provide evidence for the Early Years Professional Status

**Trio continue to work as advocates for childminders.
Trio promote Quality Childminding within the wide childcare and education arena.**