

## Stage 1 criteria

- Be an Ofsted Registered Childminder
- Have a 'Satisfactory' Ofsted grade
- Completed CRC or equivalent
- Commit to undertake a recommended 10 hours training per year
- Welcome 2 visits per year
- Complete online introduction documentation before CDW visit
- Implement system of ongoing observation, assessment and planning
- Have made links with local Children's Centre
- Complete 2 sections of online stage 1 network task every 6 months

Fast track possible to specialisms:

**Working with Disabled Children and Children's Centre Partnerships**

## Stage 2 criteria

- Have a 'Good' Ofsted grade (satisfactory considered if childminder provides comprehensive action plan)
- Be working in partnership with local Children's Centre
- Commit to undertake a recommended 16 hours training per year
- Complete 2 sections of online stage 2 network task every 6 months
- Embrace 2 visits + 1 unannounced visit per year.

**If you hold a Level 3 qualification you will be known as a Stage 2 + Network Childminder**

## Specialist criteria

- Have completed Stage 1 and Stage 2 of Network
- Fast-track childminders are required to commit to complete Stage 1 and Stage 2
- Commitment to undertake a recommended 20 hours training per year
- Hold Level 3 qualification *OR* Be registered on and working towards one
- Value a minimum of 2 visits + 1 unannounced per year

### Children's Centre Partnership:

Providing childcare for named Children's Centre

- Commit to Centre ethos
- Undertake recruitment documentation
- Complete application and interview
- Collate portfolio meeting project criteria

### Working with Disabled Children:

Specialists in childcare for Disabled Children

- Attend specific training
- Undertake recruitment documentation
- Commit to sharing information
- Complete application

**GEMS:** Providing Guidance and Experienced Mentoring to newly registering childminders

- Attend specific training
- Supply regular updates
- Successfully complete GEMS application
- Share childminding expertise at CRC
- Link to Children's Centres

**Early Years Entitlement:** Providing funded Early Years Education to 3 and 4 year olds

- Hold a Level 3 qualification
- Undertake recruitment documentation
- Attend specific training
- Gather ongoing evidence of children's learning

**Two-year old Entitlement:** Providing funded childcare for disadvantaged 2 year olds

- Hold a level 3 qualification
- Have a 'Good' Ofsted Grade (satisfactory grade may be considered in certain circumstances)
- Willingness to become Accredited (if required)
- Commit to support holistic needs of family working closely with community services
- Undertake recruitment documentation

**Graduate Leader:** Sector specialists in childminding

- Graduate level childminder
- Undertaking EYPS
- Complete application and interview
- Commit to working in Children Centres
- Gather evidence of leading childminders' practice