

Stage 1 criteria

- Be an Ofsted Registered Childminder
- Have a 'Good' Ofsted grade (satisfactory considered if childminder provides comprehensive action plan)
- Completed CRC or equivalent
- Commit to undertake a recommended 10 hours training per year
- Welcome 2 visits per year
- Complete online introduction and stage 1 documentation before CDW visit
- Implement system of ongoing observation, assessment and planning
- Have made links with local Children's Centre

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 stage 2 online documentation
- Embrace 2 visits + 1 unannounced visit per year.

Specialist criteria

- Have completed Stage 1 and Stage 2 of Network
- 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

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