Thinking about childminding...

What does a career as a Childminder involve?

- Providing a service for children of different ages and their parents
- Working flexible hours
- Running your own business

What is a childminder?

- A self-employed person who looks after other people’s children
- A provider of care, learning and play

Would it suit me?

- Are you energetic, enthusiastic and caring?
- Would you enjoy planning activities for children
- Would you enjoy working with children from a variety of cultures and backgrounds
- Would you enjoy working with parents to ensure you deliver a good quality service

If yes, then it probably would!
A **childminder** looks after children on domestic property, which is not the home of any of the children cared for, for more than two hours in any one day, for reward.

Childminders are registered with Ofsted on either or both of the two registers. These are the Early Years Register for Childminders caring for children from birth to the 31st August following their fifth birthday and the Compulsory Register which is comprised of the compulsory and voluntary registers, for Childminders caring for older children.

**What requirements do Childminders have to meet?**

- You must provide proof of either UK citizenship or the right to work in the country
- Complete a basic skills assessment to demonstrate a minimum entry level three standard of literacy and numeracy
- To meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage

**What training/qualifications do Childminders need?**

- Understanding how to set up a home based Childcare Service (Unit One of a level 3 course) before registration
- A current Paediatric first Aid certificate before registration
- Current Child Protection training
- Current Food Safety in catering training

**Is there a cost in becoming a Childminder?**

Ofsted charge a registration fee to process your application, there will also be a charge from your GP for completing a health declaration on your behalf. A childminding business will have ongoing costs such as public liability insurance, business use car insurance and continuing registration fees etc.

**Why consider Childminding as a career?**

Childminding is rewarding and can fit well with family commitments. You will be self-employed and running a small business from your own home. You can be flexible with the hours you operate and the ages of children that you care for. Childminders in Leicester city are valued members of the childcare workforce are offered a range of professional development opportunities. Support will be offered throughout your childminding career.

**What do I do now if I want to become a Childminder in Leicester City?**

Return your slip requesting more information to the: 
Childcare Registration and Advice Officers
Early Years Quality Improvement Team. 
Forest Lodge Education Centre, Charnor Road. Leicester LE3 6LH
Or email: eyqipt@leicester.gov.uk

If you require information regarding family services please ring the Family Information Service on 0116 2254890/0800 9525678
Or email: family@leicester.gov.uk