

Choose a Childcare Career

Become a childminder

**Have you ever thought about working with young children?
Now is a great time to try.**

There are many fantastic early years opportunities in Reading, so choose a career you can be proud of where you can gain qualifications, continue to train, learn and progress while helping children have the best start in life.

A few things to consider first:

- ☆ Do you enjoy being with children?
- ☆ Do you like to help babies and children play, learn and develop?
- ☆ Can you communicate effectively?
- ☆ Do you have a positive and friendly approach?

If you answered yes, consider becoming a childminder and get your childcare career off to a great start.

What is a childminder?

Childminders are professional child carers who are self-employed and look after children in their own home.

Are the working hours flexible?

As a childminder you can decide on the hours you work and can choose the age range of children you wish to care for.

What support is available?

Childminders in Reading are offered support, advice and training from the Early Years Advisory Team to help meet regulatory requirements and raise the standards of childcare provision.



Further information can be found by visiting our [Careers in Childcare](#) webpage.



Find out more:

- ☆ [Childminder grants scheme](#) available from Autumn 2023 for childminders registered from 15 March 2023 onwards.
- ☆ BfFC dedicated [Becoming a childminder](#) webpage phone 0118 9373168 .
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