

Preparing to Become a Childminder in West Berkshire Autumn Term 2026

Do you want to work as a registered childminder, childminding assistant or nanny?

If so then this course will be for you. Our 'Preparing to Become a Childminder' course covers everything you need to become a home-based childcarer. It aims to provide you with all of the information that you need, to run your business, understand your new role and how to register with Ofsted.



Incorporating a balance of taught sessions, self-study, additional online learning and activities; you will have access to experienced trainers over the period of your course; who will also be on hand to support you during your registration process.

As part of this training, you will be invited to join our 'New Childminder' WhatsApp Group where you will be able to ask questions and receive support until you have completed your registration.

Venue: Zoom Sessions **Time:** 6.30pm-8.30pm

Session 1: 10th September - In this session you will start to explore the Statutory Framework and its different elements. You will also consider how you can keep children safe.

Session 2: 17th September - In this session you will complete West Berkshire Safeguarding training. **(This session will be 3 hours long 6.30pm-9.30pm)**

Session 3: 24th September - In this session you will learn how adult interactions impact on children's learning. You will also consider how to observe, assess and plan for your children.

Session 4: 1st October - In this session you will reflect on positive approaches to children's behaviour and how best you can meet individual children's needs. You will also explore inclusion and how you can include children with Special Education Needs.

Session 5: 8th October - In this session you will review where you are within the process of becoming a childminder. You will also evaluate your practice and provision to ensure that you are prepared for your Ofsted registration visit.

Cost of the course: £150 (West Berkshire residents) £200 (residents in other LAs)

All course materials will be provided accordingly.

To register on this course please contact: earlyyears@westberks.gov.uk 01635 503500

This course does not include the 12 hour Paediatric First Aid which is also a requirement of Ofsted registration.