

Key Skills

- Sensitivity and understanding
- The ability to work well with others
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- To be flexible and open to change
- The ability to work well under pressure
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- The desire to help people
- The ability to understand people's reactions
- To be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

Salary

Self Employed
Varied salary

Working hours

Evenings & Weekend
You choose the days and
times you work

Childminder

- Registering with Ofsted
- Registering with a Childminder Agency

You can attend an introductory childminding briefing that covers everything you need to prepare to register as a childminder. Your Local Council can give you information on where to find a briefing.

The aim is to make sure that you understand what is involved before making a decision about whether it's the right career for you.

- If you want to care for children under 8 for more than 2 hours a day, you have to register with one of the following:
 - Ofsted
 - A Childminder Agency
- For this, you'll usually need to complete:
 - A home-based childcare course that covers the Early Years Foundation Stage framework
 - A paediatric first aid course
 - Child protection training - safeguarding
 - A food safety qualification
- You may have to do a basic skills test to show that you have the minimum standard of English and maths needed to support the educational development of children in your care. You'll also need to pass an assessment of your home and any equipment you will use.

Career path and progression

Once registered, you could take further training (free online course covering child development during early years)

With experience you could expand your business and take on a childcare assistant or become a network co-ordinator, supporting other local childminders.

Daily Tasks

- Plan, prepare and serve meals
- Provide inspirational learning activities
- Change nappies and make up bottles for babies
- Offer safe play activities, both indoors and outside
- Change nappies and make up bottles for babies
- Take older children to and from playgroup or school
- Record accidents and report child safety concerns
- Speak to parents and carers about their child's day

Working conditions

Working from Home
Going out to play groups, days out, park visits, walks

- Pass enhanced background checks
- Pass a medical check

Labour market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.
Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Registered children's nurses

Weekly Pay £720	Annual Pay £37,440
Hours/Week 39h	Hourly Pay £18

Workforce Change (projected)
Growth **9.6%**

The workforce is projected to grow by 9.6% over the period to 2035, creating **3,400** jobs.

You might find this job in
Health
Education
Residential care
Social work
Public admin. & defence

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Nannies and au pairs

Weekly Pay £460	Annual Pay £23,920
Hours/Week 22h	Hourly Pay £21

Workforce Change (projected)
Growth **9.6%**

The workforce is projected to grow by 9.6% over the period to 2035, creating **2,700** jobs.

You might find this job in
Social work
Services to buildings

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Early education and childcare services proprietors

Weekly Pay £1,190	Annual Pay £61,880
Hours/Week 45h	Hourly Pay £26

Workforce Change (projected)
Growth **15.6%**

The workforce is projected to grow by 15.6% over the period to 2035, creating **1,200** jobs.

You might find this job in
Education
Social work

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Labour Market Information

Registered children's nurses

Registered children's nurses provide general or acute nursing care for children and young people with chronic or acute conditions and assist medical doctors with their tasks.

Common tasks in this job:

- assists medical doctors and works with other healthcare professionals to deal with emergencies and pre-planned treatment of patients
- manages own case load
- monitors children's progress, including the interpretation of the behaviour of young children too young to communicate
- administers drugs and medicines, applies surgical dressings and gives other forms of treatment

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Nannies and au pairs

Nannies and au pairs care for and supervise babies and young children in the homes of the children's families.

Common tasks in this job:

- cares for children and babies and participates in their daily activities
- assists children to wash and dress
- changes babies' nappies and clothes as necessary and makes up bottles for feeds
- mends, washes and irons children's clothes and tidies their rooms

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Early education and childcare services proprietors

Early childhood and childcare services proprietors plan, organise, direct and co-ordinate the activities and resources of residential or day nurseries, play groups, and similar establishments.

Common tasks in this job:

- determines staffing, financial, material and other short- and long-term requirements
- plans work schedules, assigns tasks and delegates responsibilities of staff
- oversees the learning of young children and ensures that Early Years Foundation Stage and OFSTED standards are met
- provides leadership and management to staff to ensure services are delivered to a high quality

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Keep looking...

Use these links to learn more about our job of the week. Consider the various pathways leading to the career. What you can be doing now to help yourself and other roles in the industry.

Take a look at these short videos for inspiration...



[The power of childminders](#)



[Childminders – come and see us at home](#)



[Indie's story - Childminders making a difference](#)



[Mike is a childminder - Londoner #260.](#)



Useful Websites

[Childminders - Coram PACEY](#)

[Policy - Foundation Years](#)

[Agency or Ofsted? – OFCMA](#)