

Trio Childcare Quality Childminding Network

All childminders on networks at any stage must offer services which at least meet the conditions of the childcare market grant

Stage One

Eligibility:

- Have achieved unit 1 of the diploma in home based childcare or equivalent qualification
- Be committed to complete the self reflection manual at level 1 within 12 months of joining the network
- Be a working registered childminder with a satisfactory or above overall grade at Ofsted inspection
- Complete the Ofsted self evaluation form
- Work as part of the childminder link up scheme - working with local schools, Children's Centres and pre-schools
- Complete EYFS training within six months of joining the network
- Complete Swindon safeguarding children foundation training within twelve months of joining the network

Support:

- Network support meetings/training sessions (termly)
- Individualised advice, guidance and support enabling progression to stage two
- Two visits per year

Stage Two as stage one plus:

Eligibility:

- Hold a level 3 in childcare or equivalent qualification or be registered and prepared to achieve this qualification within two years
- Be committed to complete the self reflection manual at level 2 within 12 months of joining the network
- Be a working registered childminder for at least twelve months with a good or above overall grade at Ofsted inspection
- Attend 15 hours relevant training per year and aim to attend 50% of the support meetings offered
- Complete food hygiene training within 12 months of joining the network

Support:

- Network support meetings/ training sessions (termly)
- Individualised advice, guidance and support
- One Support visit, one annual self review and one short unannounced visit (annually)

Stage Three - Specialist as stages one and two plus:

Eligibility:

- Only childminders who are accredited to offer early education, who offer specialised care for disabled children (the Opportunity Network), or who are GEMS (supporting new childminders) can be on the stage 3 network
- Have achieved a level 3 in childcare or equivalent qualification
- Have completed the self reflection manual at level 3
- Be a working registered childminder for at least two years with a good or above overall grade at Ofsted inspection.
- Attend a minimum 20 hours relevant training per year and aim to attend 75% of the support meetings offered
- Attend up-to-date relevant training in area of specialism as continuous professional development

Support:

- A minimum of three visits per year including one unannounced
- All specialist childminders may receive additional visits if needed in order to maintain quality of service to meet individual criteria of schemes