



### CHILDCARE AT HOME

- These include Nannies, Babysitters and Au Pairs
- Can register with Ofsted as part of the Voluntary Register.

### CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- Clubs for children and young people of all ages to learn new skills such as sports, arts etc
- Usually run on evenings or weekends
- Not required to be inspected by OFSTED, but have a responsibility to provide a safe environment for your child and can apply for OFSTED voluntary register

### OFSTED VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION

The Childcare Act 2006 introduces a Childcare Register with two parts; a compulsory and a voluntary part. The voluntary part of this register commenced in April 2007.

People may choose to join the voluntary part of the register if they are caring for children:

- In the child's own home, aged up to 17 years
- In a provision that isn't required to be registered, such as a sports coaching club.
- Over 8 years old

## CHILDCARE OPTIONS

There are many types of childcare available, and you will wish to decide which best suits the needs of you and your child. This leaflet explains the different types of childcare available.

If you need help choosing childcare, you might like to read our leaflet on this topic which gives advice and questions you might like to ask.



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# DECIDE WHAT BEST SUITS YOU AND YOUR CHILD



## CHILDMINDERS

- Care for children in the childminder's home
- Must be OFSTED inspected if caring for under 8's for more than 2 hours per day, for reward
- May have flexible hours including evenings and weekends
- May offer a drop off/collection service at schools, playgroups or nurseries.

## DAY NURSERIES

- Care for children aged 0-5 years
- Must be OFSTED inspected
- May offer free early education places for 3 and 4 year olds
- Have fixed opening times, usually open all day, all year round.
- May also offer out of school/holiday care for older children

## LOCAL AUTHORITY NURSERY CLASSES

- Offer free early education places for children 3 and 4 years old
- Must be OFSTED inspected
- Are usually on school sites, term time only
- Usually offers morning or afternoon sessions but some may offer extended hours
- Have a qualified teacher in each class

## NURSERY CLASSES OR PRIVATE/ INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

- Are linked to private/independent schools
- Must be OFSTED inspected
- May offer free early education places for 3 and 4 year olds.

## PRE-SCHOOLS/PLAYGROUPS

- Care for children age 2-5 years
- Must be OFSTED inspected if care is offered for over 2 hours per day.
- May offer free early education places for 3 and 4 year olds.
- Have fixed opening hours, usually term time only
- Usually offer morning or afternoon sessions but some may offer extended hours

## BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- Care for children aged 3 years and over, outside school hours
- Must be inspected by OFSTED if caring for under 8s for more than 2 hours per day
- May run before school, after school
- May take to/collect from school

## HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEMES

- Care for children aged 3 years and over, during school holidays
- Must be OFSTED inspected if caring for under 8's for more than 2 hours per day unless playscheme is activity based
- May be part time or full time during school holidays

## CHILDREN'S CENTRES

- Provide integrated childcare (0-5 years), family support and health care for the local community
- Childcare must be OFSTED inspected
- Offers free early education places for 3 and 4 year olds
- May offer free early school care

## BABY AND TODDLER GROUPS

- Sessions for children aged 0-5 years
- Opportunities for parents and children to have fun and socialise
- Are not inspected by OFSTED as parents stay with children at all times

## CRÈCHES

- Provide occasional childcare on particular premises
- Needs to be OFSTED registered if caring for under 8's, for over 2 hours a day

## EXTENDED SCHOOLS

- By 2010 all schools will be expected to provide access to childcare, either on the school site or through local provision, with supervised transfer arrangements where appropriate to be available 8am to 6pm all year round
- Schools will also be expected to provide access to a wide range of services to support children and families.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Family Information Service can provide information on the range of financial support available, including free early education places for 3 and 4 year olds, tax credits, employer supported childcare vouchers and more.

Please see our separate leaflet on financial information for families

	Childminders	Day Nurseries	Nursery classes	Pre-Schools/Playgroups	Before/After School Clubs	Holiday Schemes	Children's Centre	Baby & Toddler Groups	Crèches
Suitable for children 0-2 years	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Suitable for children 3-4 years	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Suitable for children 5-8 years	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	●	X	X
Suitable for children aged 8-14	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	●	X	X
Open all day	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X
Open all year	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X
Provides Early Education Funding	●	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
Provides overnight/weekend care	●	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

● = some, check with local centres