

Talking childminders



Why choose a **quality assured childminder** to provide care for your children?



Telford & Wrekin
COUNCIL

All Childminders must be registered by Ofsted or with a Childminder Agency and meet the regulatory requirements set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage and the Childcare Registers.

Childminders who are members of the 'Talking Childminders Network' have to work to additional criteria and be able to demonstrate that they are meeting the PACEY Code of Ethics and Professional Standards which include:

- Children First
- Enabling Environments
- Professional Role
- Childcare Service

The Network aims to make sure that the standard of childcare offered is of the highest quality for the children, families and communities it serves.

To do this Childminders who are part of the Network are:

- assessed to make sure that they meet set criteria.
- supported, advised and challenged so that their practice is of the highest quality.
- monitored at least 3 times each year (one visit being unannounced)
- involved in a reflective annual review of what they do, which includes the views of the children. Targets are then set for the next 12 months.
- expected to commit to 18 hours continued professional development each year.

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Network childminders have the opportunity to bring the children to drop-in groups where children can socialise and access a wide range of experiences to support their learning and development. They also receive passes to enter the Ironbridge Gorge museums sites at a much reduced rate.

We have regular network meetings to make sure that they are constantly updated with new legislation and national and local initiatives.

Network Childminders work closely together and where possible arrange cover for holidays and sickness with other Network Childminders or other suitable childminders working within the community.





Approved by the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years (PACEY)

The Talking Childminders Quality Assured Network has been approved by the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years (PACEY), and is assessed regularly to make sure that the quality of the service offered to the childminders is of a high standard.

You can get more information about quality assured childminders

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