

# Becoming a Childminder in Solihull Flowchart

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Is childcare needed in your area? Find out here:  
<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/childcare>

Once you have registered with Ofsted or an agency, please contact us on the form below so we can advise you of ongoing support in Solihull with the Solihull Early Years and childcare team:

[Becoming a childminder contact form](#)

Decide on how you would like to register:

[Click for supporting information](#)

Ofsted

[Click here for more information and to apply](#)

Do you need help to apply?

[Click here to find out if you are eligible for a start-up grant?](#)

Childminder Agency

The Agency will take you through the process. [Click here for agency information](#)

No, I can do this by myself...

Yes, I need help from a Solihull Early Years Team Advisor:  
[Click here to complete contact request form](#)

**When applying will need:** (click underlined words for links to further information)

- An enhanced check with barred lists for home based workers from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).
- **Be able to keep children safe:** We strongly recommend watching our
  - [Free Solihull Safeguarding Awareness presentation here](#) and accessing Solihull Safeguarding Childrens Partnership (SSCP) website and free training [here](#).
  - Health and Safety awareness briefing [click here](#)
- **An understanding of early years childcare and education\*** please access the valuable guidance and support available from the department of the education <https://help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/>
- **First aid training** for the age group you will look after. Click here for First aid training provided by Solihull Council or you may use another provider.
- **A health declaration booklet** (Top Tip: Be aware this declaration is only valid for a certain period of time as outlined on the certificate.)
- Contact details for 2 references.
- A certificate of good character from an embassy - if you've lived abroad in the past 5 years

\*[Early Years Statutory Framework Jan 2024 Summary of changes](#): 'You will no longer be required to complete training on the EYFS prior to registration, however childminders will still need to demonstrate that they have the required knowledge of the EYFS at their pre-registration visit'