

Pre-registration Information Sessions

Spring 2012

These sessions are held to inform you about the processes involved in becoming a childminder. At these meetings you will be told in detail about the application process for becoming registered with OFSTED, and how you will be inspected.

You will also be given information on the following –

- Introduction to Childcare Practice (home-based) – this is the course you will have to complete as part of the registration process.
- The Ofsted Early Years Register and Childcare Register - the standards you have to meet to become a childminder
- Any grants that might be available to support you as you start up your business.
- The support available for new childminders.

The Pre-registration Information Sessions last between one and a half and two hours. You only need to attend one session. Please arrive promptly. The next sessions will be held at the following times and venues:

Friday 24 February 2012, 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

Houghton le Spring Library and Learning Centre, 74 Newbottle Street, Houghton le Spring.

Saturday 25 February, 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

City Library and Arts Centre, Fawcett Street, Sunderland.

Refreshments will be provided.

To book a place on the session, please ring Julie Martin/Emma Swinburne on 0191 561 7119 or Andy McCoy 0191 561 7445.

The Families Information Service aims to make these meetings as accessible as possible. Please contact us if you have any particular requirements for the session.

Please note if you decide that childminding is for you, you will need to book onto the Introduction to Childcare Practice (Home-based). This course will be available 16 – 19 April during the day at the Sandhill Centre, Grindon Lane. You must attend a briefing session before booking on to this training course.

