

Choosing a childminder

Finding the **right childcare** for **your child** isn't always easy.

Here are some **tips** from our inspectors:



- 1** Use our website – is the childminder registered with us? Request our latest report by emailing us.
- 2** Go along for a visit and take a list of questions, or a copy of our latest report.
- 3** Visit several places if you can.

What to look for:

Does the childminder make **you** and **your child** feel **welcome**?



Is the house safe and clean?
If there's a garden, is it safe and secure?



Do they offer a **'settling in'** period to assess whether the service is right for your child?



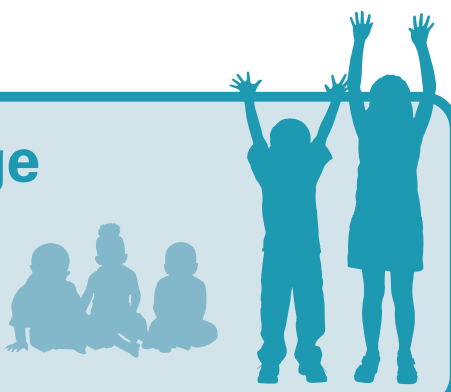
What provision is made for your child to **sleep, rest** or **relax**? Is there an **opportunity for quiet time**?

What are the **daily routines**?

What **qualifications and experience** do they have? Do they employ other staff?



Do they plan a **good range of activities** for all the age groups they care for?



What do **other parents** say about the service?



What is their approach to managing challenging behaviour?



Will the childminder provide **healthy food options** and ensure your child has good opportunities for **exercise**?



Will the childminder **provide meals** or **snacks**?



Or will **you** need to provide them?



Your local authority's website will also have information on care services in your area.

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