

## Over 8s childminding

As an Ofsted registered Childminder I am registered to care for 6 children under the age of 8 years, of which no more than 3 can be under the age of 5, and of these no more than 1 can be under the age of 1. I am permitted to care for children aged 8 years and over, providing the care I provide for them doesn't impact on the care for the children I am registered to care and providing it falls within the total number of children I am insured for.

I am happy to mind children aged 8 years and over and will provide them with age appropriate resources and a quiet area for studying if required, however I do require that they set an excellent role model for the other children in my care, being polite, saying please and thank you etc.

I like the older children to work in partnership with me to write a child/childminder/parent agreement, like those often completed at school: school/parent/child agreements. This will be in addition to the normal childminding contract but will help the child(ren) to be more involved in their care arrangements.

I would never ask an older child to care or look after another minded child. I am fully responsible for all the children whilst they are in my care.

Should your child wish to arrive at my setting independently, I cannot be held responsible for your child's safety until they arrive into my care.

I will need to know in advance details of their anticipated times of arrival, if they are staying at school for a club, sports fixture or detention I will need to be notified. If there are any unexpected changes please let me know or ask your child to let me know by phone or text message.

If your child fails to arrive at the anticipated time, I will try to contact them on their mobile phone to confirm their whereabouts. If I am unable to make contact I will contact you for further guidance. If you are unavailable I will contact the school. In the unlikely event that I have been unable to locate your child I will contact the police for further guidance.

These procedures are not meant to alarm you but to reassure you that I am providing the best care possible for your child.

If you are planning for your child to arrive independently to me please let me know so we can ensure that all parties involved are fully aware of these procedures and any alterations made to them.

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