

Registered childminders with current vacancies

Harrow Families Information Service

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This information has been prepared by Harrow Families Information Service (FIS) to help you choose a suitable childminder for your child.

Our telephone helpline 020 8901 2690 is open Monday to Friday (9am - 5pm excluding bank holidays and weekends) and we aim to respond to your enquiry within two working days.

If you require any further advice or information, please contact our service on:

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All registered childminders are registered and inspected by Ofsted (Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills) under the Childcare Act 2006. Ofsted holds two registers for childcare providers. These are the Early Years Register and the Childcare Register, which has a compulsory and a voluntary part.

Most childminders care for children aged from birth to five years and are registered on the Early Years Register. They have to meet the welfare, learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). The EYFS is a statutory framework that sets standards to enable early years providers to deliver individualised learning, development and care that enhances the development of the children in their care, and gives those children the best possible start in life. The EYFS is divided into four themes: a unique child, positive relationships, enabling environments and learning and development. You can discuss this framework further with your childminder to find out how it works within their provision.

If the childminder cares for children aged five to under eight years they will be registered on the compulsory part of the Childcare Register and have to meet its requirements. Childminders caring for children over eight can choose to be registered on the voluntary part of the Childcare Register and meet its requirements. For further information on the types of Ofsted registrations you can visit the website www.ofsted.gov.uk.

Ofsted reports

Inspections are carried out with little or no notice to evaluate the quality and standards of the provision and to check that the childminder is continuing to meet their registration requirements and any conditions imposed. It is a parent/carers right to ask to see the latest Ofsted inspection report or visit the Ofsted website for a copy of the report. To find the report on the website you will require the childminders' unique reference number, which can be obtained from the childminder.

Newly registered childminders do not have reports available but to get their certificate, they must meet the national standards for childminding.

It is illegal for an unregistered person to look after children under 8 years for reward.

Registered childminders, both male and female, work in all parts of the borough of Harrow. Childminders are self-employed and set their own terms, hours and conditions. These arrangements form the basis of a contract, which is between the childminder and the parent/carer.

Ofsted will inspect a random selection of all those on the Childcare Register and will always inspect if a complaint is received that relates to the requirements of registration.

Quality Assurance

All childminders are required to have completed Unit 1 of the Diploma in Home-based Childcare and maintain a current Paediatric First Aid certificate.

Childminders have the opportunity to undertake quality assurance either as part of a Children Come First Network or on an individual basis with the Quality First scheme. Harrow has a National Childminders Association approved Children Come First Network and a number of childminders who have completed Quality First accreditation.

Choosing a childminder

- ❖ Childminders look after children in the childminder's own home and can offer flexible hours.
- ❖ Always ask to see a childminder's Ofsted registration certificate, as this will show any restrictions to the registration, then check with the Families Information Service that the childminder is still registered.
- ❖ We advise that you check that your childminder has taken out public liability insurance cover.
- ❖ Childminders must plan and organise their day to ensure that every child receives an enjoyable, challenging, learning and development experience that meets their individual needs. Ask the childminder which parks, playgrounds, toy libraries and activity sessions they will be using.
- ❖ It is important that you take time to choose a childminder who will best suit the needs of your child/children.

How do I know my child will be safe and secure?

First of all you know your child best – look for a childminder you feel will be suitable for your child. Regular inspections by Ofsted mean that checks are carried out to ensure that childminders are suitable to care for children and that the home environment is safe and secure. All adults over 16, living or working in the childminder's household should have undergone a criminal records check (CRB).

How many children will there be with a childminder?

Registered childminders can care for up to six children under eight years of age; of these no more than three must be aged under five, at any one time. They are limited to one baby under 12 months old except in specific circumstances.

This number includes the childminder's own children and any others for whom they are responsible and who are on the premises. However the number of children they can care for as stated on their Ofsted certificate does not include their own children. Childminders who work with an assistant may look after larger groups of children depending on space available and subject to planning permission. Childminders may also look after older children before and after school and during the school holidays.

How old does my child need to be?

Children can go to a childminder from a few months old until care is no longer required, although childminders only need to be registered to care for children aged under eight years.

What hours do childminders work?

Childminders are self-employed and decide on their working hours. Most childminders work between the hours of 8am to 6pm. Some childminders will work early mornings, evenings and weekends as well. Childminders can register to care for children overnight, meeting specific requirements to keep children safe and secure. If a childminder has registered to care for children overnight it will say so on their certificate. You will need to negotiate hours, terms and conditions with the childminder.

What about part-time childcare?

Some childminders provide families with part-time childcare. They often take children to school and collect them. Childminders can also take your child to a playgroup or pre-school as part of the routine.

Contract

We strongly advise that contracts should be in writing and signed by both parties, prior to the child/children starting. The signed contract should contain terms and conditions on rates of pay, holiday pay, sick pay, who will provide meals, hours of attendance, review date of contract, period of notice to be given.

- ❖ **This arrangement is strictly between the childminder and parent; and it is legally binding.**
- ❖ Later changes to the contract must be signed and dated by both of parties and each must keep a signed copy.
- ❖ If you do not have a signed contract you will have nothing to support you if you feel that the arrangement is not turning out as you expected. Call the National Childminding Association on 0800 169 4486 if you have questions about contracts.

How much does a childminder cost?

Childminders set their own fees and are usually paid on an hourly rate; there is no national rate of pay.

Factors to be considered:

Do they charge hourly, daily or weekly?

Do they charge for overtime, unsociable hours or absences?

What are the arrangements for holiday pay for the childminder and the child's absence due to holidays or sickness?

What to look for when choosing a childminder?

Here are some suggested questions to ask and things to look for when you visit. You may want to add your own as well.

- ❖ How long they have been working with children?
- ❖ How do you settle in new children?
- ❖ Does the hygiene of the home meet with your standards?
- ❖ Do you have a garden, is the fence and gates secure?
- ❖ Is the play equipment safe, suitable, clean and in good condition?
- ❖ Where will my child rest?
- ❖ What activities do you do with the children?
- ❖ What outings do you go on?
- ❖ Do you take the children out in the car and if so do you have suitable insurance cover, seat belts and car seats for this?
- ❖ How do you manage behaviour?
- ❖ Will my children be with a regular group of children, how old are they and how does their timetable fit in with my child?
- ❖ Is the routine of the day flexible to meet individual needs?
- ❖ How will I be informed of my child's progress?
- ❖ Are the children calm, safe and happy?
- ❖ Does the childminder listen to the children and respond to what they are saying?

If there are other things you want to know do not be afraid to ask. Childminders expect you to ask questions and will be happy to answer them.

Always take up references. You could ask for names of other parents/carers to talk to about your chosen childminder.

Listen to your child and find out more if s/he seems unhappy. Always trust your own feelings about your childcare – you know your child best.

Remember to sign an agreed contract prior to your child/children starting.

For information on providers in neighbouring boroughs please contact their Families Information Service on:

Borough	Tel No	Opening Time
Barnet	0800 389 8312	Monday – Friday: 9am - 5pm
Brent	020 8937 3001	Monday – Friday: 9am - 5pm
Camden	020 7974 1679	Monday – Friday: 10am - 4pm
Ealing	020 8825 5588	Monday – Friday: 10am - 4pm
Hammersmith & Fulham	0845 313 3933	Monday – Friday: 10am - 5pm
Hertfordshire	0300 123 4052	Monday – Friday: 8.30am - 4.30pm
Hillingdon	01895 556 489	Monday – Friday: 9am - 5pm
Hounslow	0800 783 1696	Monday – Friday: 9am - 5pm
Kensington & Chelsea	020 7361 3302	Monday – Friday: 9.30am - 4.30pm
Westminster	020 7641 7929	Monday – Friday: 9am - 5pm

Help with your childcare costs

Tax credits

You can claim Working Tax Credit if you and the partner you live with are working at least 16 hours per week. For further information contact the Inland Revenue on **0345 300 3900** for a claim pack or visit their website www.hmrc.gov.uk.

Child Tax Credit

You can claim Child Tax Credit if you are responsible for one child (or young person) or more. You do not have to be working to claim. Child Tax Credit will be paid in addition to Child Benefit and any Working Tax Credit. For further information contact the Child Benefit Office on **0845 302 1444**, email child.benefit@ir.gsi.gov.uk or visit their website www.hmrc.gov.uk.

Nursery Education Grant (NEF)

All 3 and 4 year olds in Harrow have access to a free, good quality, part-time early education place. For 3 year olds this entitlement starts from the term following their third birthday, and all 4 year old children who attend a registered provider located in Harrow will be entitled to a free nursery education place for **three** terms before they reach statutory school age (the term after the child's fifth birthday) regardless of the location of the child's place of residence.

Childminders with current vacancies

Edgware

Rekha Prakash Lalji

07904 706 253

HA8 5TQ

Email: rekhalalji@hotmail.com

Vacancy details: 6 f/t Vacancies for 1-8 year olds.

Teresa Lopez Gonzalez

07903 560 801

020 8732 4435

HA8 6DH

Email: t88lopez@yahoo.com

Vacancy details: 3 Vacancies for 0-8 yr olds.

**School pick
up/drop off**

Krishna-Avanti
Primary School

St Teresa's RC
Catholic Primary
School and Nursery

Harrow

Anna Steglinska

07747 041 742

020 8864 0535

HA1 4SG

Email: asteglinska@gmail.com

Vacancy details: 2 Vacancies for pick up and drop off from St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

**School pick
up/drop off**

St Anselm's
Catholic Primary
School

Christella Dwyer

07769 186 635

020 8427 3995

HA3 5RX

Email: christella164@yahoo.co.uk

Vacancy details: 2 Vacancies for 0-5 year olds and 2 Vacancies for school aged children.

**School pick
up/drop off**

Marlborough
Primary School

Whitefriars
Community School

Dagmara Krolewicz

07443 858 435

HA2 8AE

Email: dagmarakrolewicz@hotmail.co.uk

Vacancy details: 2 f/t Vacancies for 0-4 year olds.

**School pick
up/drop off**

Roxeth Primary
School

Welldon Park
Primary School (N)

Deborah Williams

07795 243 839

HA2 6NP

Email: debbiwilliams57@hotmail.co.uk

Vacancy details: 1 p/t Vacancy & Pick up and drop off available at Pinner Park School.

**School pick
up/drop off**

Pinner Park Infant
and Nursery School

Pinner Park Junior
School

Esther Kumari Rodrigo

07904 990 330

HA3 6DB

Email: ekrodrigo@aol.com**Vacancy details:** 5 f/t Vacancies for 0-5 yr olds.

Gina Pandya

020 8537 2062

07957 966 857

HA2 7RA

Email: ashgrovechildcare@yahoo.com**Vacancy details:** Full time vacancies for 0-8yr olds, from 8am - 6pm**School pick
up/drop off**Cannon Lane
Primary School

Reddiford School

Maria Segovia

07535 139 766

HA3 6LL

Email: mariaboo1@outlook.com**Vacancy details:** 2 Vacancies for school pick up / drop off at Cedars Manor and St Teresa's Schools.**School pick
up/drop off**Cedars Manor
SchoolSt Teresa's RC
Catholic Primary
School and Nursery

Sally Ann Walker

020 8863 6135

07960 740 930

HA1 1XY

Email: sallywalker774@yahoo.com**Vacancy details:** 2 f/t or p/t Vacancies for 0-10yr olds**School pick
up/drop off**Marlborough
Primary School

Sanaa Malik

07930 114 057

HA2 0LY

Email: sanmal514@yahoo.co.uk**Vacancy details:** 5 f/t or p/t Vacancies.**School pick
up/drop off**Roxeth Primary
SchoolWelldon Park
Primary School (N)

Sanam Malik

07912 352 887

HA1 1XZ

Email:**Vacancy details:** 4 f/t or p/t Vacancies**School pick
up/drop off**Marlborough
Primary SchoolPinner Park Infant
and Nursery School

Shaista Parveen Khan

07533 888 604

HA1 1XP

Email: shaista30@yahoo.co.uk**Vacancy details:** F/t & p/t Vacancies available. School pick up/drop off available.**School pick
up/drop off**Alpha Preparatory
SchoolMarlborough
Primary School

Sina Akilah Ellis

07903 365 504

07903 365 504

HA3 5JP

Email: harts5994@aol.com

Vacancy details: 2 f/t Vacancies for 0-5 year olds.

Stanmore

Clementina Pagano

07956 813 609

HA7 3SD

Email: clemeypagano@hotmail.com

Vacancy details: After school Vacancies available. Pick up from school possible upon request.

**School pick
up/drop off**

St John's Church Of
England School

Kubra Jiwa

020 8424 9112

07719 813 684

HA7 2AG

Email: tk_health@yahoo.co.uk

Vacancy details: 3 Vacancies for 6 months to 4 year olds. Term-time from 9am to 3pm.

Thabonithy Arunachalam

07411 828 863

07380 194304

HA7 4QS

Email: littlelearnersstanmore@outlook.com

Vacancy details: 3 Vacancies available

**School pick
up/drop off**

Aylward Primary
School

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Please contact our service
Tel: 020 8901 2690
Fax: 020 8861 1816
Email: fis@harrow.gov.uk
Website: www.harrow.gov.uk/childrensservices

Tiney Childminder Agency

Nigat Ahmed

07403 434 846

HA3 5RA

Email: learnandplaytineyhomenursery@gmail.com

Vacancy details: 3 vacancies for children aged 3 months to 10 years old.

School pick up/drop off: Elmsgrove Primary School; Whitefriars Community School

Rossana Accardo

07858 306 656

HA1 2BU

Email: lunaerossana@icloud.com

Vacancy details: Full-time vacancies available.

School pick up/drop off: Alpha Preparatory School; Quainton Hall School

Koru Kids Childminder Agency

Ami Soni

07896 412 113

HA2 6FB

Email: amisoni@yahoo.com

Vacancy details: 6 full-time vacancies for 6 months to 8 year olds.