



Childminder ratios

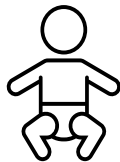
Keeping children safe isn't just about having adults present – it's about having enough of the right people with the right training.

Ratios set the minimum number of adults needed to safely care for children.

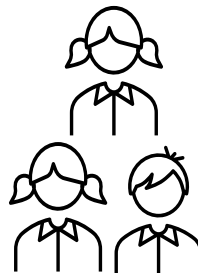
Childminders can have up to 6 children under the age of 8 per adult – this includes their own children and any other children they are responsible for, such as those being fostered.

Of these six children:

- Maximum of 3 children under 5
- Only 1 child under 1



Aged under 1



Aged under 5



Aged 6 to 8

If a childminder employs an assistant, children can be left in the sole care of the assistant for up to 2 hours in a single day.

Childminders must obtain parents or carers permission to leave children with an assistant, including for very short periods of time.