



Childminder ratios

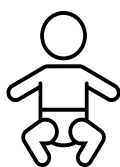
Keeping children safe isn't just about having adults present – it's about having enough of the right people with the right training.

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:

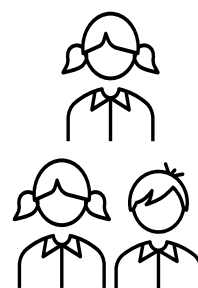
- Maximum of 3 children who are turning aged 5 or under during this school year
- Only 1 child under 1'



Aged under 1



Aged 5 and under



Aged 6 to 8

Exceptionally, and where the quality of care and safety and security of children is maintained, changes to the ratios may be made, but childminders cannot have more than six children under the age of eight per person providing care.

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.