

# tiney

## Why Childminders are uniquely equipped to support families during the pandemic



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**tiney is an early years organisation founded by the team from Teach First. We're supporting a new generation of childminders to create successful home-based businesses and give more children high-quality early years care.**

# Childminders and the Pandemic

Childminders are well-placed to support families during the pandemic because they:

- ★ provide small, bubble-style settings
- ★ are able to focus on the individual needs of the 'unique child'

## Small bubble-style settings

### Parents are seeing the benefits of using a childminder

#### Safety

- ★ Smaller numbers, lower infection risk
- ★ Fewer parents entering settings

#### Hygiene

- ★ High hygiene standards
- ★ Easy to see how things are clean / kept clean

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- ★ Opportunities to use alternative tiney childminder if closed



# The current climate

- ★ Parents are experiencing a range of feelings and emotions - children pick up on these
- ★ The same goes for children, too. Depending on how old they are, they will have different levels of understanding as to what exactly is going on
- ★ Routines are different
- ★ Many parents are at home more often than usual
- ★ Childminders are well placed to teach our children important lessons about self-awareness and the normality of experiencing a range of feelings

# The EYFS - The Unique Child

Every child is a unique child who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.

## Practitioners...

- ★ understand and observe each child's development and learning, assess progress, plan for next steps
- ★ support babies and children to develop a positive sense of their own identity and culture
- ★ identify any need for additional support
- ★ keep children safe
- ★ value and respect all children and families equally

# Childminders and the Unique Child

- ★ Strong relationships
- ★ Responsive interactions
- ★ Safety and security
- ★ Promoting independence and resilience
- ★ A welcoming environment where children can thrive

# Day to day principles for interactions

- ★ Have real conversations
- ★ Let the children lead
- ★ Problem solve with, not for, children
- ★ Give space to struggle
- ★ Role model how to face challenges
- ★ Let them teach you!



**Resilience and Independence:**  
are essential for all future  
learning - and for navigating  
the challenges of life



## Setting boundaries

### A few simple rules

Say what we say, not what we do

E.g. We are kind to each other

We sit at the table to eat

We look after our books and toys

We keep our feet on the ground in  
the living room



## Childminders

Accept every child as they are

Develop great connections with the children they work with

Work to gain trust with the children and families that they work with



## **What's important to tiney childminders:**

tailoring provision to the unique  
child

Blending free play with some  
adult led activities.

Planned purposeful play

Positive relationships between  
childminders and the families that  
they work with



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