



Dear Colleague

As you are no doubt aware, there is a significant amount of research that indicates that children who enjoy good quality, consistent care outside school, generally learn and perform better than children who do not have these advantages. The Norfolk Early Years Development & Childcare Partnership (EYDCP) is responsible for developing over 10,000 high quality childcare places for children up to 14 years old* throughout Norfolk by March 2004. The Partnership is working with parents, children and local communities, as well as the organisations involved in professional childcare provision, to encourage new services to set up. At the same time it is promoting the use of registered childcare to parents as the safe, secure choice for children who need somewhere to go outside school while their parents are working or training.

As part of National Childcare Month this June, the partnership is working with one of our partner organisations, the Norfolk County Childminding Association (NCCMA) to promote registered childminding as a career opportunity. It is constantly seeking to recruit people into childcare and hopes to encourage them to contact the Childcare Information Service to find out more about the opportunities that are open to registered childminders throughout Norfolk. To help the Partnership, we would be grateful if you could distribute the enclosed flyers to every family on your school register through the children's book bags. If you have a notice board for parents, I would ask you to display a copy there too.

I would be pleased to arrange for one of my staff to visit your school to answer questions, if you, your staff or the parents of your pupils, would like to know more about childminding or childcare in general.

Your school is a key part of the community and we hope that by working with you we can complement the work you are already doing by improving the quality of service for children outside the school day.

If you would like any further information on our activities, please contact Marcelle Curtis, Head of Early Years and Childcare Strategy.

Yours sincerely

Director of Education

*for children with special needs, the age ceiling is 16 years

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thinking

about training to gain more qualifications
so that you can progress your existing
childcare career ?

thinking

about childcare as a career, becoming a
childminder or playworker, or setting up in
business as a nursery or out of school
playscheme ?

thinking

about providing childcare for your employees ?

whatever you're thinking about childcare
or early years education please call the
Norfolk Childcare Information Service
on **01603 62 22 92** for details
or visit our website at **www.norfolkchildcare.info**

**ALL FACT SHEETS
ARE AVAILABLE ON
OUR WEBSITE.**



thought about
how much you
could earn looking
after children?

if you enjoy being with children, childminding could be the job for you

There are lots of advantages,
including

- grants to help you get started
- free training and support
- working from home
- choosing the hours you work and the age group of the children you care for



you can even earn extra cash without losing all your benefits!

If you're interested and would like to know more, phone the Childcare Information Service and ask for a 'Childminding Information Pack'. Our number is on the back of this leaflet.

Come to a Childminding Information Session (details will be in your pack) and find out about registering and what it is like to earn money by looking after other people's children in your home.



If you already look after children under 8 years old in your home for more than 2 hours a day and earn money (or receive any reward) for this, the law says you must register as a childminder, unless the children are related to you. So give us a call and find out more.

Ofsted registers childminders to protect children, promote high quality childcare and provide reassurance for parents.

