

Somerset Family Information Directory
has free and independent
information on childcare
including:



- Childminders
- Pre-Schools
- Nurseries
- Out of school clubs
- Holiday schemes

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Early Years & Childcare
Sufficiency Team



Types of childcare



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Nursery / Pre-school / Playgroup

All are group provisions delivering the EYFS to children between 0 and 4 years.

Childminders

Childminders are private individuals who use their own homes or other domestic premises to care for children. Childminders must deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) to all children under-5 years.

Crèches

Crèches provide short-term or occasional childcare to enable parents/carers to take part in activities, such as leisure, training or a one-off event.

Foundation Units and Foundation Partnerships

Foundation units and partnerships integrate pre-school children and reception children in a single building on a school site. The nursery may be separately registered with Ofsted.

Nannies / au pairs / baby-sitters / home carers

Nannies / au pairs are employed by parents/carers to look after children in the child's own home.



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Holiday Clubs / Play schemes

Care in the school holidays is usually either a sports-based activity or a play scheme.



Maintained Nursery Classes

These classes are part of the school roll, and are open to children from the term in which the child turns three until the child starts reception class.

Before and After School Clubs

After school clubs may be offered by the school under the auspices of the school governors or by a private or voluntary (charitable) provider either on or off the school site and may include any supervised activity.

Babysitters

A babysitter is someone who looks after your children in your own home for short periods of time, there is no law setting out the minimum age for babysitters. It is worth remembering any person over 16 who assaults or injures a child has broken the law.

Where a parent/carer uses a babysitter under 16 years of age and the child is injured in the babysitters care, the parents/carers could be found negligent.