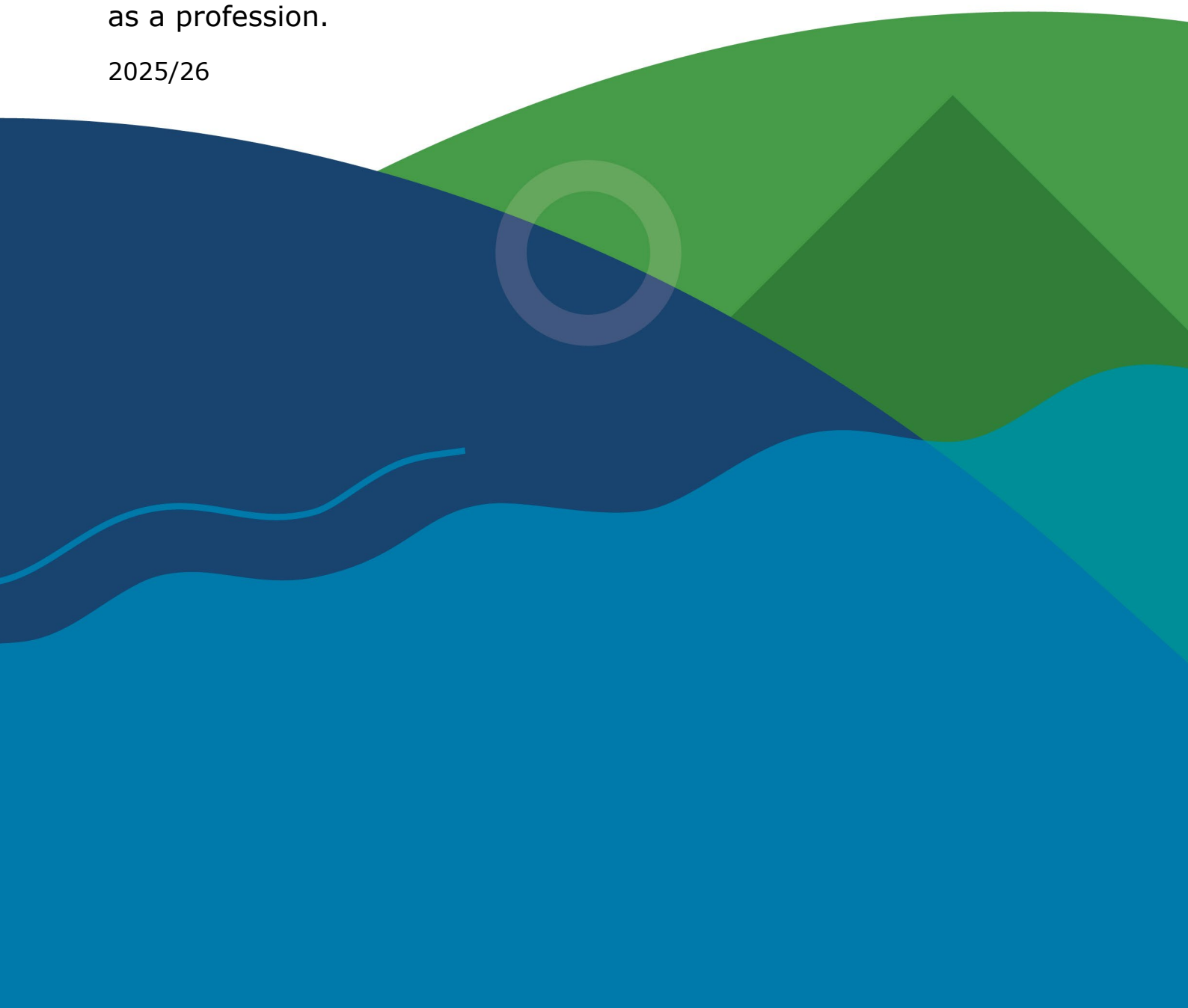


Considering childminding: Your first steps

For people living within West Sussex and considering childminding as a profession.

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Working as a childminder can be a rewarding career, supporting children to get the best start in life. West Sussex County Council is offering a selection of events to help you to find out more.

For queries about these courses, as well as other training opportunities such as Paediatric First Aid, Safeguarding and Early Years Foundation Stage, please see the **[Early Years Education and Childcare Training Brochure](#)** or alternatively email **early.years.training@westsussex.gov.uk**

Thinking of becoming a childminder

This online event is for West Sussex residents only, who would like to find out more about a career in childminding. Childminding offers the opportunity to work with children from birth up. As a childminder, you will create opportunities for children to learn and develop. Practically, childminding offers you a flexible timetable, working in your own home or a local venue with other childminders, perhaps whilst also looking after your own children, as well as the challenge of running your own business. Join us to explore key considerations and next steps.

By attending this webinar, you will;

- explore what being a registered childminder involves, including the impact this can have on family life, costs involved in setting up and other considerations
- know the requirements for registering with Ofsted/Childminder Agency
- know the process for registering on the Early Years and/or Childcare register
- know the key legislative requirements for starting a home childcare business, including registration with His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), insurance requirements, and establishing if consent is required from other parties
- be able to explain the pre-registration visit process
- have knowledge of any next steps or support processes that WSCC offers for new childminders.

Date	Time	Cost
Saturday 24 January 2026 – Book here	10:00 – 12:00	Free



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We offer a two, two part courses for childminders who are pre-registration or those who are post-registration or returning to childminding and would like to ensure their business is reaching its highest potential.

Building your childminding business: Part 1 Business development

This two part course is intended to provide those who are in the process of registering or have recently registered with the core knowledge, understanding and skills needed to build a successful childminding business. You will consider aspects such as essential business tools, policies and procedures, fees, working successfully with parents and carers.

Date	Time	Cost	To book
Thursday 26/02/2026 and Thursday 05/03/2026	19:30 - 21:30	£10	Please email early.years.training@westsussex.gov.uk

Building your childminding business: Part 2 Provision

This two part course will explore building your Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum, planning play based learning activities with your children and developing learning environments in a home based setting, indoors and out. You will look at monitoring children's progress and record keeping following the EYFS requirements. You will explore the principles and practice of equality, diversity, and inclusion. You will learn strategies for responding to challenging/unwanted behaviours.

Date	Time	Cost	To book
Wednesday 18/03/2026 and Wednesday 25/03/2026	19:30 - 21:30	£10	Please email early.years.training@westsussex.gov.uk