

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Isn't my child too old to have a childminder?

Your child may not need to attend a childminder but might just need the reassurance that there is a caring adult available to turn to if they need to.

### What can a flexi-care childminder offer me?

A home from home environment that your child or teenager can attend when they need to. You and your child can draw up a suitable arrangement with your flexi-care childminder that suits the individual needs of your child.



### What about fees? I don't want to pay for a service I might not be using.

This will vary with each individual childminder but flexi-care childminders will be flexible with their fees. You need to come to a suitable arrangement with your chosen childminder.

## Who We Are

Trio Childcare Connections is the commissioned service in Southampton to offer a range of support and training to registered Childminders within the city; this includes flexi-care childminder training.



Trio Childcare Connections Ltd. is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

### Who to contact

For information on a flexi-care childminder near you please contact the Children and Young People's Information Service

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## FLEXI-CARE CHILDMINDING



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## What is Flexi-care?

Flexi-care childminding is a new initiative in Southampton for older children and teenagers. It offers flexible childcare that can be used in a way that suits you and your child and be a safe point of contact.

This service is tailored to support a bespoke package of childcare for a wide variety of ages and needs. To see if Flexi-care is a suitable option for your children then use the contact details overleaf



Childminders are a very flexible childcare option, working with other provision in the city, including preschools Nurseries, out of schools clubs, holiday schemes and schools to support your childcare requirements

## Flexi-care Childminders

Flexi-care childminders are registered childminders who have undertaken specific training through Trio Childcare Connections to enable them to offer a flexible childminding service. Flexi-care childminders are available in most Children's Centre localities throughout the city.

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*'Enabling your child to attend activities with their friends.'*



## Your Family

Flexi-care childminding could be suitable for you and your child if:

- Your child wants to be able to hang out with friends or attend afterschool activities
- Your child needs the reassurance of knowing there is an accessible caring adult nearby if needed
- Your child wants some freedom to do their own thing
- You, as the parent/carer, want the reassurance of knowing someone is looking out for your child
- Your child does not like being 'home alone'
- Your child is going to move to secondary school but doesn't feel ready to leave their childminder
- You have recognised you need a more flexible childcare arrangement now your child is getting older

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*"I can still go out with my friends but I don't have to go back to an empty house!" Josh, aged 12*

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