

Childminder Start-Up Grant 2016/17

The Childminder Start-Up Grant is an initiative funded by Blaenau Gwent Early Years Development Childcare & Play Partnership (EYDCPP). The grant has been introduced to support all individuals wishing to set up in business as a Registered Childminder, providing a high standard of care and learning, to help children receive the best start in life.

Who can apply?

- Registering Childminders

Amount of Grant

- £750

Approval of the Grant

The Childminder Start-Up Grant will only be approved where:

- It can be demonstrated that there is a need for a Childminding service in the applicant's ward as identified in the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2014-2017, or
- Completion of the Childminder Questionnaire which demonstrates demand for Childminding in the applicants ward through market research.

About the Grant

The Childminder Start-Up Grant has 3 components and applicants should evidence:

1. Completion of :
 - CYPOP5 Course £189.60 (online) or £238.80 (classroom based)
 - Paediatric First Aid Course £20 (provided by EYDCP)
 - Level 2 Basic Food Hygiene Training £20 (provided by EYDCP)
 - CSSIW Registration

2. Membership with The Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years (PACEY) supported with:
 - A comprehensive Quality Start Pack worth £158 that includes annual membership to PACEY, public liability insurance, childminding contracts, child record forms, attendance registers, accounts book, an accident, incident & medication folder & a fire blanket.
 - The remainder of the Grant includes an allowance for equipment.

3. Commitment to undertake the Blaenau Gwent Quality Improvement Scheme

How is the Grant paid?

The Childminder Start-Up Grant is paid in arrears upon receipt of:

- Certificates for the CYPOP5 Course, Paediatric First Aid & Level 2 Basic Food & Hygiene **(along with receipts as proof of payment)**
- Registration with CSSIW
- Membership with PACEY for the Quality Start Pack **(along with receipt as proof of payment)**
- Receipts for purchases of essential equipment.



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When can you apply?

Applications can be returned at any point up to 31st January 2017 to: Kara Kershaw, Child Care Business Development Officer, Early Years Childcare and Play Team, Integrated Services Team, Heart of the Valleys Integrated Centre, High Street, Blaina. NP13 3BN

How to apply

Complete the attached form and return it with all the supporting evidence to Kara Kershaw at the above address. All forms must be typed or printed in **BLACK** ink.

If you require any help in completing your application form or would like any further information, please contact Kara Kershaw on 01495 354772.

What happens next...

An acknowledgement letter will be sent within 10 working days confirming receipt of your application. If your application is successful you will receive an approval letter and the request for invoices/receipts as proof of payment upon completion of registration. A bank transfer will then be issued upon satisfactory receipt of the invoices.

Evaluation

You will also be required to complete and return 6 months after qualifying as a Childminder:

- A Monitoring Form outlining how the grant helped towards the setup of you becoming a childminder.