Childminders & Child Minding Assistants Framework

Mandatory and Essential Training

Staff Groups	Level of Responsibility	Training Courses	Delivery	Frequency	Source of Training	Legislation	Mandatory	Essential / Bolton Request	Comments	Stage
Childminders & Childminding assistants		**1. Effective Communication and Engagement**				**Common Core Skills and Knowledge No 1**				
		Everyday Communication: The 5 Golden Rules in Action	Bolton Startwell	Once	Bolton Startwell	EYFS 2025 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.97 p35 EYFS 2026, Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.99 p37 The Childcare Act 2006, SEND Code of Practice and Equality Act 2010		Bolton Ask	FREE	Within 6 months
		Effective communication with children and families	Me- Learning **Digital Suite**	Once	ME-Learning	EYFS 2025 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.97 p35 EYFS 2026, Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.99 p37 The Childcare Act 2006, SEND Code of Practice and Equality Act 2010		Bolton Ask	DS - £30 Per licence (pay once)	Within 12 months
		Equality and Diversity	Me- Learning **Digital Suite**	Once	ME-Learning	EYFS 2025 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.32 p22 EYFS 2026, Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.32 p24 EYFS 2026, Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.85 p33 Equality Act 2010, Childcare Act 2006, Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice 2015		Bolton Ask	DS - £30 Per licence	Within 12 months
		Understanding behaviour of children and young people	**Me- Learning** **Digital Suite**	Once	ME-Learning	EYFS 2025 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.73, 3.74 p29 EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.3 p17 , EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.73, 3.74 p31 Mental Capacity Act 2005		Bolton Ask	DS - £30 Per licence	Within 6 months
		2. Child and Young Person Development				**Common Core Skills and Knowledge No 2**				
		Child Development	**Me- Learning** **Digital Suite**	Once	ME-Learning	EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.31 p24		Bolton Ask	DS - £30 Per licence	Within 12 months
		Child Development - Gov.Uk	Online. Gov Website	Once	Gov.uk Website	EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.31 p24		Bolton Ask	FREE	pre registration
		Foundational ACEs & Trauma Awareness Training	Me- Learning **Open access**	Once	Thrive via ME - Learning	EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.37 p31		Bolton Ask	FREE	Withiin 12 months
		3. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children				**Common Core Skills and Knowledge No 3**				
		Keeping Children Safe (Basic): Signs and Symptoms	Me- Learning **Open access**	2 years	ME-Learning Multi Agency Programme	EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.4, 3.5 p17 EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.7, p18 EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.33 - 3.36 p24, Keeping Children Safe is supported by the Children Act 1989, Children Act 2004, Childcare Act 2006	Yes		FREE	Pre registration
		Keeping Children Safe (Advanced)	Face to Face	2 years	Multi Agency Programme	EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.4, 3.5 p17 EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.7, p18 EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.33 - 3.36 p24, Keeping Children Safe is supported by the Children Act 1989, Children Act 2004, Childcare Act 2006		Bolton Ask		within 6 months
		Introduction to Early Help	Me- Learning Open access	Once	Multi Agency Programme	Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage for Childminders (2026), paragraphs 3.33–3.36 and Annex C		Bolton Ask	FREE	within 6 months
		Roles and Responsibilities of the Designated Safeguarding Lead	Me- Learning **Open access** Face to Face	2 years	Multi Agency Programme	EYFS 2025 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.6, 3.7, 3.34 p23 EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.34, 3.36 p24 EYFS 2026, Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.4 p17	Yes		FREE	Pre registration
		Whistleblowing	**Me- Learning** **Digital Suite**	Once	ME-Learning	EYFS 2025 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.8,3.9 p17 EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.8,3.9 p18 Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998, Children Act 1989, Children Act 2004, and the Childcare Act 2006.		Bolton Ask	DS - £30 Per licence	within 30 days
		Food safety and hygiene - Level 2	Me- Learning **Digital Suite**	Once	ME-Learning	**EYFS 2025 , Welfare Requirements**, Paragraph 3.47-3.50 pg 25, 3.71 p29 EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.62 -3.69 pg 29, 3.71 p30 **Food Safety Act 1990** Requires food provided to children to be safe to eat and not harmful to health. **Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013**, **Early Years Foundation Stage Nutrition Guidance** Require food businesses, including many childminders who regularly provide food, to follow food hygiene requirements and maintain safe food practices. **Childcare Act 2006** Underpins the EYFS and requires childminders to safeguard and promote children's welfare.	Yes	Bolton Ask	DS - £30 Per licence	within 30 days
		Safer Food Better Business for Childminders	Online. Gov Website	once	Online. Gov Website	EYFS 2025 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.47-3.50 pg 25, 3.71 p29 EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.62 -3.69 pg 29, 3.71 p30 Food Safety Act 1990 Requires food provided to children to be safe to eat and not harmful to health. Guidance Safer food, better business for childminders - complete pack https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/69c541e04a06660f085442b9/sfbb-childminders-pack_0_1.pdf Published 29 January 2020 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safer-food-better-business-for-childminders/safer-food-better-business-for-childminders Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013, Early Years Foundation Stage Nutrition Guidance Require food businesses, including many childminders who regularly provide food, to follow food hygiene requirements and maintain safe food practices. Childcare Act 2006 Underpins the EYFS and requires childminders to safeguard and promote children's welfare.		Bolton Ask	FREE	within 30 days
		Food allergy awareness	Me- Learning **Digital Suite**	Once	ME- Learning	Requires food provided to children to be safe to eat and not harmful to health. Guidance	Yes		Food allergies in babies and young children - NHS	within 30 days
		Recruitment and selection	Me- Learning **Digital Suite**	Once	ME-Learning	Safer food, better business for childminders - complete pack https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/69c541e04a06660f085442b9/sfbb-childminders-pack_0_1.pdf		Bolton Ask	DS - £30 Per licence	within 12 months
		Safe Sleeping	Online https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/t/ETJH4U/	Once	Multi Agency ICON and Safer Babies "Knowledge Nugget"	Published 29 January 2020 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safer-food-better-business-for-childminders/safer-food-better-business-for-childminders		Bolton Ask	FREE	within 30 days
		Safe Handling and Administration of medication L2 for Children, including Ofsted requirements	Me- Learning **Events Booking**	Annually	Me Learning	Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013, Early Years Foundation Stage Nutrition Guidance	Yes		£30	Pre - registration
		Health and Safety in the Workplace	Me- Learning **Digital Suite**	Once	Me Learning	Require food businesses, including many childminders who regularly provide food, to follow food hygiene requirements and maintain safe food practices.		Bolton Ask	DS - £30 Per licence	Within 30 days
		Prevent Referrals	Online	Annually	HM Government Prevent Training	Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (Prevent Duty), Prevent Duty Guidance: England and Wales (2023), EYFS Statutory Framework for Childminders 2026 (Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements relating to safeguarding, radicalisation and extremism)		Bolton Ask	FREE	within 6 months
		Prevent Awareness	Online	Annually	HM Government Prevent Training	Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (Prevent Duty, s.26), Prevent Duty Guidance: England and Wales (2023), EYFS Statutory Framework for Childminders 2026 (Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements relating to safeguarding, radicalisation and extremism), Childcare Act 2006	Yes		FREE	Within 30 days
		Channel Process	Online	Annually	HM Government Prevent Training	Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (Prevent Duty), Prevent Duty Guidance: England and Wales (2023), EYFS Statutory Framework for Childminders 2026 (Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements relating to safeguarding and radicalisation)		Bolton Ask	FREE	within 6 months
		Human trafficking and modern day slavery	Online	Once	ME- Learning	Modern Slavery Act 2015; EYFS Statutory Framework for Childminders (September 2026); Working Together to Safeguard Children; Children Acts 1989 and 2004.		Bolton Ask	DS - £30 Per licence	within 12 months
		Fire Safety Awareness	**Me- Learning** **Digital Suite**	once	Me Learning	EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.79, 3.80 p32		Bolton Ask	DS - £30 Per licence	Within 30 days
		Paediatric First Aid	Face to Face	3 years	BUFF	EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.42-3.44 p25/26 and 3.63 pg29 RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013)	Yes		£79	Pre - registration
		4. Supporting Transitions				**Common Core Skills and Knowledge No 4**				
		Introduction to the role of a childminder	Me- Learning	Once	ME-Learning	EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.3 p17	Yes	Bolton Ask	FREE	Pre - registration
		5. Multi-agency Working				**Common Core Skills and Knowledge No 5**				
		Children's workforce induction	Me- Learning **Digital Suite**	Once	ME-Learning	EYFS 2025 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.31 p22 EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.39 p25 Childcare Act 2006 – provides the legal basis for the EYFS and requires childcare providers to meet safeguarding and welfare standards. [gov.uk] Children Act 1989 – places the welfare of the child as paramount. Children Act 2004 – strengthens safeguarding responsibilities and workforce competence. Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 – supports suitability checks for those working with children		Bolton Ask	DS - £30 Per licence	Within first 30 days
		6. Sharing Information				**Common Core Skills and Knowledge No 6**				
		Early Years Providers Business Planning and Support	Bolton Start Well https://www.boltonstartwell.org.uk/ho		Startwell	EYFS Statutory Framework for Childminders (September 2026), Childcare Acts 2006 and 2016, Children Acts 1989 and 2004, Equality Act 2010, Children and Families Act 2014, SEND Code of Practice 0-25 Years, Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, RIDDOR 2013, Food Safety Act 1990, Data Protection Act 2018, UK GDPR, Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (Prevent Duty), and Working Together to Safeguard Children.		Bolton Ask	FREE	Within 6 months
		Information sharing and consent	Me- Learning **Digital Suite**	Once	ME-Learning	EYFS 2026 , Welfare Requirements, Paragraph 3.6 p17 3.94-3.96 p 36: DfE Information Sharing - Advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services for children, young people, parents and carers May 2024 **Mental Capacity Act 2005**		Bolton Ask	DS - £30 Per licence	Within 12 months