

Childminding News from SCMA

Your monthly update from Scottish Childminding Association (SCMA).
The only organisation dedicated to childminding in Scotland.

Our Vision: *"Quality childminding... building confident children within a family childcare experience"*.

Through our support, guidance and range of learning opportunities; we help childminders be the best they can be.

For childminders in Scotland, their journey starts with building Strong Foundations to Becoming a Childminder with SCMA.

Becoming a childminder and taking the first step into a new profession can be daunting. SCMA is here to help potential childminders through the registration process, take positive steps towards their new childminding career and establish strong foundations.

...with support from SCMA

Our childminding experts at SCMA have written a [Guide to Becoming a Childminder](#) to help future childminders get everything they need to get their new childminding service off to the best possible start. Our Helpline team are always happy to answer queries – no question is too small!

At the heart of SCMA, we emphasise on best practice, with a never-ending focus on supporting childminders to support the needs and wellbeing of each individual child, encouraging them to play, learn and participate in all activities and encourage their development.

Childminding Induction Support Programme

SCMA has a proven track record in delivering our Childminding Induction Learning Course (part of the Childminding Induction Support Programme), which can be delivered across three interactive sessions or online via an easy-to-use e-Learning platform.

Over 400 potential childminders have registered on the Childminding Induction Support Programme in 2018 so far...

Our Childminding Induction Learning Course covers:

- the unique role of the childminder
- the role of the Care Inspectorate
- requirements of registration and inspection
- how to help children progress in their learning and development

- encouraging child-led participation
 - an introduction to Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) practice guidance
 - how to adopt a child-centred approach
 - meeting the needs of children and consideration of their rights
 - ...and much more
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Strong Foundations

Our Strong Foundations Pack - which was written in partnership with the Care Inspectorate - is included with the course materials for our 'Childminding Induction Support Programme' to guide future childminders along the road to registration, how to provide a safe and healthy environment and taking a professional approach.

[Read more](#) or give our Helpline a call on **01786 445377** (Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm).

Working Together

SCMA is the only organisation dedicated to childminding across the whole of Scotland, and we have always worked closely with the Care Inspectorate in relation to childminding at various levels including local meetings with inspectors, nationwide liaison meetings with Area Managers and as part of the Early Years Forum and High Level Advisory Group in Care Scrutiny.

Read more in our [Working Together with the Care Inspectorate](#) booklet

In your next issue... Read about the new Complete Childminding Learning Pathway – a Work Based Award.

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