

## **What do you ask when children start with you?**

The MASH team reminds our early years and childcare community to check identification and responsibility information when a child starts with you.

- Proof of child's legal name and date of birth
- Proof of their main address
- Emergency contact information – all those with parental responsibility but we suggest someone who can be contacted [who does not live in the family home](#).
- Details and proof of parental responsibility and details of anyone else who has parental responsibility.

**A mother** automatically has [parental responsibility](#) for her child from birth.

**A father** usually has parental responsibility if he's either:

- married to the child's mother
- listed on the birth certificate (after a certain date, depending on which part of the UK the child was born in)