**Sign-up to the virtual DfE Early Years and Childcare Childminder Roadshow**

 This event for Childminders is the first early years event since the publication of government’s [Giving Every Child The Best Start In Life](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/zEkzCY7vYIog78LiZuztxYL_F?domain=gov.uk) strategy, and is a great opportunity for you to engage with DfE and be part of shaping government’s next steps on its delivery.

The event will include an overview and update from the Department for Education, and opportunity for you to ask questions, and share experiences and views in virtual breakout sessions.

**Attendees will be invited to choose two sessions from the list below** and will be provided the link to these rooms during the event.

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| **EY Entitlement & Funding** | The Childcare Entitlements team and the Funding team will be present to hear about your challenges and barriers and opportunities on the working parent entitlements, it is also an opportunity to share your thoughts to the funding team ahead of the funding consultation planned launch in the Spring and how we can design and deliver a simpler system to access early education and childcare. |
| **EY Qualifications & Workforce** | A room to discuss issues relating to the recruitment and retention of childminders, as well as qualification requirements. The team will be particularly interested to hear your views on the workforce initiatives announced in the Best Start in Life strategy. |
| **EY Quality & SEND** | We are keen for childminders to share their perspectives on the free training and support provided by the department to help deliver quality education and hear your experiences of looking after and supporting children with SEND and developmental differences and delays. |
| **School Based Nurseries** | This session will include information about the recently announced phases of the School-Based Nurseries capital grant programme, and the opportunities for childminders to get involved. |
| **Best Start Family Services** | This session is an opportunity to hear more about the Best Start Family Service and the role of Childminders in helping to provide support for families. We will be seeking your input to the next phase of developing the strategy published in July. |

**The event will be held online on Thursday 25th September 18:30-20:00, please use this** [**link**](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/XrIOCZ8VGcnx6G5FXCvtBa_X4?domain=orcula.com) **to sign up.**

This event and room sessions will not be recorded due to event restrictions.