

## N: English language skills - Childminders

### What do I need to know?

- Legal Framework
  - [Equality Act 2010](#)
  - [The Health and Safety \(First-Aid\) Regulations 1981](#)
- [Early years foundation stage statutory framework for childminders](#) pages 24-25, paragraph 3.45

English language skills (page 27 of audit)	Things to consider and discuss:
<p>Do you <b>ensure</b> that staff have sufficient understanding and use of English to ensure the well-being of children in your care?</p> <p>Do you ensure you are able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• keep records in English?</li> <li>• liaise with other agencies in English?</li> <li>• summon emergency help?</li> <li>• understand instructions such as those for the safety of medicines or food hygiene?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do you check employees have sufficient understanding and use of English to ensure the well-being of children? What information and, or evidence do you require to check this?</li> <li>• How do you ensure that your assistants have sufficient understanding and use of English for their role and responsibilities?</li> <li>• What other situations require a certain level of comprehension and ability to speak English?</li> </ul>

### Useful links and further help:

[UK Government and Ofsted guidance to registration](#)

[Early years qualifications list](#)

[Derbyshire SchoolsNet - Early Years](#)

[Derbyshire Early Years Service - Eventbrite](#)

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