



Charlotte Potts Childminder

Charlotte lives in Northumberland and has been a childminder for over 15 years. She undertook the EYPDP because she wanted to refresh her knowledge, learn new things and meet other professionals within the sector.

Charlotte completed Cohort 1 of the EYPDP in November 2023 and provided us with her feedback below.

How easy did you find the programme to access?

The programme was incredibly easy to access, the online learning system was easy to navigate and I did most of the training using my Ipad only. For me, the webinars through Zoom worked well too.

What impact has the programme had on your provision?

The programme has had a great impact on my provision, not only did it refresh previous knowledge but also taught me so much more. **It gave me new ideas, and a new found enthusiasm for teaching certain areas of the EYFS.**

I have found the provision audits incredibly helpful, and made changes to my setting accordingly to accommodate the new things I have learned. The children have really benefited from this, and I have found good progress made in mathematics and communication and language.

I have met and made friends with some wonderful people taking the course, and even though the course is now finished we still keep in touch through a WhatsApp group to support one another professionally and personally.

What do you think is the most beneficial aspect of the programme for practitioners?

The knowledge gained and the positive impact that's had on the children I work with. I've also enjoyed making friends with other professionals within the sector.

Would you recommend the EYPDP and why?

Absolutely, no matter how long you have worked within the Early Years CPD is incredibly important to make sure our practice is kept up to date as child development and methods are forever evolving.

The EYPDP is great for refreshing your knowledge and for learning new things, I specifically found the Communication and Language and Early Mathematics modules incredibly interesting and informative.

