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CHILDMINDER: CHILD RATIOS

2.2 The maximum numbers of children for whom a childminder may care are as follows:

● 6 children under 8 years of age;

● of these 6, no more than 3 children may be under 5 years of age;

● and of these 3, normally no more than 1 child may be under one year. Exceptions can

be made for siblings;

● any care provided for children aged 8–14 is not allowed to adversely affect the care provided

for children under 8.

2.3 Where a childminder employs an assistant or works with another childminder, the same

adult:child ratios apply for any additional children. The space available for children on

the premises may also affect the numbers for which the provision can be registered.

2.4 Children aged four attending ten early education sessions a week may be classed

as children over five years for the purposes of the adult:child ratio.

2.5 The ratios include the childminder’s own children and any others for whom s/he

is responsible and who are on the premises.

2.6 Students on training placements are not included in the adult:child ratio.