

Welcome to Nick's Babysitting Service

In June 1989, I established myself as a babysitter, caring primarily for children of parents living in Fleet, Hampshire. I now provide my childcare service to parents in Berkshire, North East Hampshire and Surrey.

I provide this service by myself, which means that you are guaranteed consistency of carer, which is good for you and your children. The children get to know just me... not lots of sitters as is the case with many childcare agencies.

Through my work in childcare services, I have attended the following childcare related courses:

- ◆ NNEB Diploma In Nursery Nursing – This is the qualification which Ofsted recognises as being suitable for a Nursery manager.
- ◆ Maternity Practitioner Award - a formally accredited qualification in Maternity Nursing... care of newborn and post-natal mother.
- ◆ Pre-school Playgroups Association (now called Pre-school Learning Alliance): Several Courses on Learning through Play For Under 5's.
- ◆ First Aid courses, Emergency Paediatric First Aid / Early Years First Aid.

Over the years I have gained vital experience in caring for children, from birth to 10 years and due to being older than the average babysitter, parents with newborn babies and toddlers can be reassured that I can cope with anything that might happen during an evening with a young child.

Our first son was six months old when we started with Nick, and he is now also looking after our second son, who is only two months old. We have always found Nick to be punctual and reliable. He is clearly comfortable and experienced with young children. We are particularly impressed with Nick's ability to handle the responsibilities of dealing with our older son's Asthma condition. Our oldest son is very happy with Nick, and we are pleased to have a regular babysitter caring for our children.

- Mr & Mrs Dennis



Safety is a prime concern of parents. Many initially think it odd for a man to have a career in childcare but once they have experienced the quality childcare that I provide, they have no doubts about leaving their children in my care. You will find that I have enclosed references from clients and playgroups I have helped at. Perhaps you too, will write a reference for inclusion in this brochure once you have experienced the service I provide.

Nick Mitchell NNEB



Testimonials from Parents

I can thoroughly recommend Nick as a babysitter to any parent. Shortly after the birth of our son I spent a lot of time looking around for a suitable babysitting service. Having been in contact with a number of them, what struck me about Nick was his approach of meeting the family and child first so that all concerned can take time to get to know each other and on the basis of that decide whether both parties are going to be happy before any arrangements for babysitting are actually made. This is so important and many of the other ones we considered overlooked this.

Nick has babysat for our young son both in the evenings and also occasionally during the weekend days. We have always been very happy with the level of childcare that he provides and in fact he is coming around tonight! If a child is happy with the babysitter there is no better recommendation than that.

Mrs D. Harper – boy (4 months)



We have been using Nick Mitchell's services on a very regular basis since September 2000. Our first son was six months old when we started with Nick, and he is now also looking after our second son, who is only two months old.

We have always found Nick to be punctual and reliable. He is clearly comfortable and experienced with young children. We are particularly impressed with Nick's ability to handle the responsibilities of dealing with our older son's asthma condition.

Our oldest son is very happy with Nick, and we are pleased to have a regular, responsible, baby-sitter caring for our children.

Mr & Mrs Dennis – boys (3 yrs, 2 months)



Nick has looked after my 2 children, aged 8 months and 2 years, during the day and overnight - without much sleep. I have found him to be very reliable and conscientious. He always arrives early and my two year old boy thoroughly enjoys playing with him.

I would recommend him as a babysitter for both baby's and older children.

Mrs M.Hoare, 2 boys (8 mths, 2 yrs)



Nick has looked after our two young sons on a regular basis for the past year. He has been both reliable and beyond reproach during this period. Our sons are most amicable towards him indicating trust without caution.

We have personally found him to be of excellent disposition in the field of childcare, and would have no vacillation in recommendation of his services to other families.

Mr A.W.Frame MBE - 2 boys (4 yrs, 20 mths)



Nick has cared for my children ages 6yrs and 5yrs on several occasions over the past few months. He is wonderful with the children, always showing kindness and patience in his dealings with them. They in turn have great affection for him and look forward to Nick "babysitting". He is extremely polite, conscientious, responsible and reliable, a real credit to the younger generation.

Mrs J.Moore - 2 girls (6 yrs, 5 yrs)



Nick has babysat for me for almost a year and we have always found him reliable, trustworthy and punctual. My boys (aged 10 and 8) enjoy his company immensely and look forward to him babysitting. I have no hesitation to recommend him as a babysitter.

Mrs P. John



Dear Nick,

Over the past two years you have looked after my children, as and when needed. You cared for Garry, aged 4, at playschool as well as in my home. When I was pregnant with Jack, you took Garry on playschool trips as I was unable to do it. When I gave birth to Jack, now aged one, you came not only to help me, but to get to know the baby.

Jack has know you since he was seven-days-old. When I was at my wits end with his colic, you were able to help. You have coped with the numerous feeds and nappy changes and have taken an interest in learning more about children with Dairy Intolerance and Eczema. You are always very careful in making sure you provide my children with the best care possible in our absence.

Not only are you a friend to us but the children love you. If they fall and hurt themselves, you're there to pick them up and hug them. When Garry went to hospital, you came with us to care for Jack and provide moral support. In my eyes Nick, you're a godsend. We don't see you as just the nanny, you have become part of our family. I have asked you to move with us, but I know you can't.

You may have all the qualifications in the world but what makes a good nanny is the love, understanding and patience you show to my children, that most mums haven't got. You've helped at Mother & Toddler, despite the initial reactions of some mothers, but I know I can trust you with my very precious children. Just because you're a man, doesn't mean anything. You can do the job in hand without any problems.

I know we will miss you very much.

Mrs D. Nottingham - 2 boys (1 yr, 4 yrs)



I would like to say that Nick has babysat for us on quite a few occasions and hopefully will babysit quite a few more. The children really like him, he is reliable and punctual (usually early). I know when Nick is babysitting that I never need worry. I would recommend him time and again.

Mrs Karen Hughes - boy 9, girl 6



Nick has been looking after my 2 year old son both during the day and some evenings. I find him very reliable and conscientious. More importantly my son likes Nick and gets on well with him. Mrs M Purcell

To whom it may concern,

Nick Mitchell worked at Tavistock Playgroup for eight sessions, on a voluntary basis, before returning to college after the summer break. Whilst at the playgroup Nick displayed a very mature attitude to work - always arriving well before a session started, to set up, ascertain the aims and objectives of the day. He also stayed late at the end of the sessions to clear up.

He has a confident, natural manner with the children and often brought out the best in the children, especially in the development of their creativity with large construction toys. Nick was prepared to do any task assigned to him from the most menial, to the most interesting and demanding and completed all tasks to the same high standard and enthusiasm. I was very impressed with Nicks attitude to assigned tasks, but was equally impressed with his ability to use his initiative and set up learning/play situations for the children without being asked.

Although Nick Mitchell was unable to work for an extended period at playgroup - thus his time with me was limited (due to his college commitments) I would not hesitate to recommend him as a hard working, conscientious individual.

S.K.D'souza
Playgroup Leader, Tavistock Playgroup



To whom it may concern,

I have known Nick Mitchell since October 1992 when he first started helping voluntary at Quetta Park Playschool, and Crèche. I have found him to be very understanding and helpful both with the children and members of staff. The children who are aged between 2 years and 4 1/2 years enjoy his company.

He is able to communicate very well with both the children and other staff, and has given us great support in organised trips and events for the children.

Mrs L.M.Bloomfield
Deputy Supervisor,
Quetta Park Playschool.



Nick has babysat for my twin daughters for a couple of years now. He has coped with double nappies and midnight feeds and always gives my children as much care and kindness as I would myself.

He takes time to 'play' and read stories and they thoroughly enjoy his company. While I am out it is very reassuring to know that the girls are in Nick's capable hands. I have no hesitation in recommending him as a babysitter.

Mrs S. Hosking, twin girls (2 yrs old)



Nick Mitchell is a thoroughly reliable, trustworthy young man. He has sat for us for over 18 months on many occasions and we have always returned to a peaceful, contented household. He is strongly recommended as a babysitter.

Mr T. Morris - (boys 2yrs, 6mths)

We have used Nick's services over the last four months and have found him to be most punctual and reliable. Initially we heard about him through his very impressive portfolio. Because he was unknown to us he recommended he came to meet the children and spend some time with them.

The children took to him immediately and consequently we have no problems leaving them in his care. Our oldest aged 6, looks forward to seeing him before she goes to sleep and our youngest 14 mths has been up with various problems: nappy changing, teething - all he has dealt with no upset to the child.

Although Nick is very quiet his biggest recommendation is that he is trustworthy, capable and reliable. We have no hesitations in writing this reference for him and wish him luck in the future.

Mrs A. Sinclair - (boy 14 mths, girl 6 yrs)



No Agency Fee - No Booking Fee

Unlike a Babysitting Agency, Nick's Babysitting Service does not charge any enrolment fee or any surcharge for each babysitting booking taken. Instead, Nick's Babysitting Service charges for babysitting by the hour.

Minimum Evening Babysitting Fee:

£ 8 per hour with a 3 Hour (£ 24) Minimum Charge
Evening hours considered to be 7pm to 2am

Minimum Daytime Nannyng Fee:

£ 10 per hour with a 3 Hour (£ 30) Minimum Charge
Daytime hours considered to be 2am to 7pm

How To Contact Nick

The best methods of contacting me are:

Text Message: 07853 981917

Email: nick@nicksbabysittingservice.co.uk

or you can call and leave a message on

Mobile: 07853 981917



Please do try to use e-mail if at all possible as I can respond to your enquiry much easier that way.

It is very hard to answer a phone when children are around, as I expect you know yourself.

Postal Mail: Nick Mitchell
34 Bluebell Rise, Lightwater
Surrey, GU18 5YN

The amount of notice needed depends greatly on the time of year; the best approach is to book as soon as you know when you will be going out. Saying that, it is often possible to arrange a booking for a night, on that morning or afternoon. This however, is not recommended but is always worth a try if you are invited out at short notice, or you just need to get away from your children for a while!

BEFORE YOUR FIRST BOOKING

Before you are able to ask me to babysit, I need to meet you and your children. Please contact me to arrange a date and time when I can visit you at your home. I will bring written references with me should you wish to see them.

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Terms and Conditions

- When a babysitting booking is confirmed it is subject to these conditions.
- If you decide to cancel when I arrive 3 hours fee is payable.
- The minimum charge is 3 hours.
- Payment should be made to in cash, or BACs by prior arrangement.
- It is the client's responsibility to give details/instructions and written authority concerning any medicines to be administered. I have attended a First Aid course and I have had training in using a Nebuliser and Spacers for those children with Asthma.
- Clients may not require domestic chores to be done, other than those directly associated with the care of the children - such as preparing meals, changing nappies and tidying away toys which have been played with during the course of the sitting.
- Daytime hours for nannying are 2am to 7pm for charging purposes.
- Evening hours for babysitting are 7pm to 2am for charging purposes.
- All bookings are subject to availability.