

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in my babysitting service. My name is Nick Mitchell and I am a qualified and experienced children's nanny. I started babysitting in my teenage years and over the years have worked in pre-school playgroups, day nurseries and have helped run Beaver and Cub Scouts.



Nick's Babysitting Service was established in 1989 to provide parents like yourself with reliable evening childcare so that you are able to enjoy an evening out together as a couple, or an evening out on your own if you are single, or your partner is away.

You may have had a babysitter before or like many parents who contact me, you may not have ever left your children with anyone outside of your own family, like Mrs Baldy-Kühnapfel who kindly wrote the following when I asked her for her comments about my babysitting service:

Nick Mitchell has looked after our two children (1 daughter 2 years old, 1 son 11 months old) on a regular basis ever since our son was 4 months old. Indeed, the first time Nick babysat for us was also the first time we had ever left our children with anyone outside the family. He is utterly reliable, always punctual and, most important of all, our children feel totally at ease with him.

Mrs Baldy-Kühnapfel

Many of the families for whom I work started using my babysitting service when their children were toddlers or babies. Finding a reliable babysitter for a young baby is not easy, while older children can be left in the care of a teenager, I find that most parents with young children do not want to leave their children in the care of a teenager, but prefer to leave their children in the care of a qualified and experienced nanny, childminder or maternity nurse.

Children with Special Needs

At present my experience of Special Needs is focused on Autistic Spectrum Disorders. This includes children with diagnosed Autism and Asperger's syndrome.

Some of the children for whom I have cared for are undiagnosed, as with very young children an early diagnosis of an Autistic Spectrum Disorder can be difficult.

Testimonial from families of children with special needs

Nick came to the house and met all three of my children. Within minutes my autistic 4 year old had really taken to him (very unusual for him!) and it became obvious that Iain was happy to be with Nick, so I had no qualms about changing my original plan which was for messy play in the house to outings with Nick (they regularly go swimming, on steam trains and for long walks in woods especially when muddy). We had a family outing to Legoland and Nick came with us to give Iain one-to-one and he is even coming on holiday with us to CenterParcs this Summer! My only reservation in recommending him to everyone is that he will get so many bookings that he won't have much time for us.
Nikki Stimpson

Hello Nick. I'm delighted to write this note of recommendation for you! I have twin 3 year old boys, one of whom is autistic and has a congenital defect relating to his bladder. Neither boy had (when we first met Nick) been looked after by anyone other than their Great Grandmother or half sisters. I was a little worried as to how they would react and respond to him; but before Nick could take his shoes off he had been presented with half of the toy box! I had nothing more to worry about! Nick is always punctual, polite and the children love him. Praising Nick too highly will mean that his schedule will be even more difficult to slot into - but he deserves that! Good childminding, babysitting, call it what you will is very hard to find, and Nick is by far the best. - Mrs O'Neill

Meeting Families First

Many parents are apprehensive when leaving their children for the first time.

Having provided my evening babysitting service for 16 years, along with having worked in pre-schools/playgroups and children's day nurseries I am aware that it can be difficult to leave your children with what is essentially a complete stranger.

To help you and your children I always meet families before agreeing to provide childcare.

Although being apprehensive to leave our 3 month old for the first time Nick proved to be all that his testimonials had said. He was calm, knowledgeable and we felt completely at ease leaving our baby with Nick. He further impressed us with how he handled a very loud, crying baby on his second visit. Better than we could I think! We'd have no hesitation in recommending Nick's services and we hope to see a lot more of him in the near future. Mrs Hartley

This meeting typically lasts around 30 minutes and helps us all as it:

- Allows me to locate your home during daylight hours
- You get to meet me
- You can look at my portfolio of qualification certificates, criminal record checks, OFSTED clearance, Ofsted Registration, First Aid training and any other certificates I have
- You can look at my portfolio of testimonials/references – honestly I do not make any of these up, real parents like you have written them having been delighted by the service I provide
- Your children get to interact with me, get to know me a little bit or just play their favourite game – be it looking at cars through the window, or snakes and ladders
- I get to ask you questions regarding your children's medical history – this is important as I need to know of any allergies, medical conditions and any current medication they may be taking

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 evening and also occasionally during 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 then there is no better recommendation than that. Mrs Harper

Not An Agency

You may have heard of Babysitting Agencies. Over the past few years these have become increasingly popular as parents find it harder to find reliable evening babysitters. Nick's Babysitting Service is different from the Babysitting Agencies you see advertised in parenting magazines and on the internet.

Like Mrs Harper, I feel that it is very important to meet families first, before babysitting. I find that children much prefer knowing who is caring for them, rather than being left in the care of a complete stranger. While some of the babysitting agencies do try to get you the same babysitter every time, they can not give you any guarantees.

I on the other hand can give you this guarantee.

I Nick Mitchell guarantee to you the following:

You will have the same babysitter every time you make a successful booking.

You and your children will meet the babysitter before the babysitter agrees to care for your children.

You will always have a qualified and experienced professional childcare provider babysitting your children.

How can I guarantee you this, easy... I myself am the babysitter. I am a qualified and experienced nanny, who has cared for a huge number of children since I first started working in childcare in 1989. Having worked in pre-school/playgroup, children's day nurseries and with families like your own, I have over the years cared for children aged from 3-days old, to teenagers.

A Male Babysitter... Are You Sure?

For many years I have been following the Governments attempts at recruiting more men to work in the childcare profession. The percentage of men working in childcare is still very small, but it is increasing and in other European Countries such as Denmark, the number of men working with young children has increased and thus has become more accepted by parents. The UK has a way to go yet but you are seeing more men working in childcare... so it is becoming more accepted.

Some parents contact me as they are very interested in using my childcare service but have concerns about me being male. You needn't be concerned as like other professional childcare providers, my background has been thoroughly checked, I provide numerous testimonials and can put you in contact with current clients if you still have concerns following meeting me.

When I come to meet you and your family, I will show you the results of checks that have been carried out by the Criminal Records Bureau.

Nick has looked after my 2 boys (aged 2 & 4) for nearly 2 years. In this time Nick has always been thoroughly professional: reliable, punctual, trustworthy, courteous. He is great with the boys (very proactive). Nick has a great deal of experience (and qualifications) dealing with children and I would recommend him 100%. I have never had an issue with Nick not being female! Mrs Murphy

What Childcare Services Are Provided

Note: **Registration is FREE**. There is **no Booking Fee**. You only pay an hourly rate.

Evening babysitting – Cost: £10 per hour, 3 hour minimum charge
This is the most popular type of childcare that I provide. Typically I arrive and take over from yourselves so that you are able to get ready to do out. This can mean finishing preparing the evening meal for the children, bathing the children, reading them bedtime stories and putting them to bed. Once in bed, I check on their well being at regular intervals and for babies give them their late evening bottle.

Daytime childcare – Cost: £10 per hour, 3 hour minimum charge
I work as a nanny during school term time, so daytime childcare is provided during school holidays and at weekends. Daytime childcare can be from just a few hours so that you have time to go shopping without the children, all day or even longer periods. I have in the past provided childcare for a two week period, as the parents needed to spend time abroad and felt the children would be better staying at home.

A long weekend, or a full week 24/7 – Cost: Please ask for a quote
Fancy a romantic weekend away? Enjoy your wedding anniversary by spending quality time with your partner, safe in the knowledge that your children are enjoying themselves back at home.

Whatever your particular requirement is for childcare, get in touch and we can discuss the available options.

You Say You Are Qualified, How Does That Benefit Me?

By having a qualified nanny care for your children, you have the reassurance that should anything happen while you are away from home, I will be able to resolve the issue.

When I baby-sit, some children are already in bed... others are not. I do not mind either way, often with young children it is best to stick with their current routine, so I will just take over the routine at whatever point you have got to, should that be bathing them, reading them a bedtime story, or just monitoring them as they sleep.

Children can wake during the night for many reasons. Having a qualified nanny care for your children means that should they wake I can reassure and comfort your child if they are upset, resolve any difficulty there may be (lost dummy, lost teddy, want a feed, dirty nappy etc.) and get the child back to sleep as soon as possible.

Being qualified in First Aid, should an emergency situation occur, I can also provide immediate First Aid treatment. I have to say that so far, this has not been necessary when caring for children at night, though there is always a first time for everything, so it's good to be prepared.

My qualifications and First Aid training are:

- Cache Diploma in Nursery Nursing (NNEB)
- OCN Maternity Practitioner Award
- St Johns Ambulance Early Years First Aid

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How Do I Arrange To Meet You?

Thank you for deciding that I will make the ideal babysitter for your family.

Please contact me to discuss your childcare requirements

E-mail: nick@nicksbabysittingservice.co.uk

I am sometimes available via phone, though often I am working so you are more likely to get the answer phone. Urgent enquiries can be made via text message. Text: 07853 981917

I always meet families before agreeing to provide childcare. So the next stage is to complete a registration form, so I know more about you and your family.

The registration form can be completed online at:
<http://www.nicksbabysittingservice.co.uk/babysitting-family-registration.html>

Or please complete the form below and send by regular post.

I look forward to meeting you and your children shortly,

A handwritten signature of Nick Mitchell in blue ink, written in a cursive style.

Nick Mitchell



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Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Mobile Number(s) _____

Your Child(ren)'s Details

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

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How did you hear about Nicks Babysitting Service?

Medical Needs

Please tell me about any existing medical conditions your child/children may have, for example Asthma, Eczema etc. Please also tell me about any treatment plans you may follow:

I have read the terms & conditions & agree with them

_____ Date: _____

Terms and Conditions

When a babysitting booking is confirmed it is subject to these conditions

- Cancellations: 24 hours notice must be given. If you cancel less than 24 hours before the scheduled start time, or if you cancel when I arrive, 3 hours fee is payable.
- Babysitting costs £10 per hour. The minimum charge is 3 hours, £30.
- Payment should be made in cash or via BACS/Internet Banking.
- It is the client's responsibility to give details/instructions and written authority concerning any medicines to be administered.
- 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.
- All bookings are subject to availability.