



Meet The Minder

The Meet the Minder session held on Saturday 25th February 2006 was the busiest yet.

The hall was full of childminders and families discussing possible placements. In fact the session was so busy it over ran and groups were still talking when the Early Years staff left at 12-30pm! Parents' needs varied from general enquiries from pregnant mums considering different childcare options, to those looking for part time, fulltime and before and after school care.

The Families were from all parts of the Borough, as were the Childminders, apart from the Beckenham area which was not represented and missed the chance to meet two families requiring fulltime care.

Several appointments were made for home visits and hopefully will result in placements. The feedback from Parents was very positive 'I think it was excellent. I got a lot of information-thanks!' 'Really useful, although not considering childminding for another 5 months, it gives us an idea of what to expect.'

The event was also attended by a development worker from another London Borough who popped in to see how we run a Meet the Minder session. She was very impressed with the organisation and the Childminders portfolios.

It was also a great opportunity for the BCMA to promote their new website to parents, so if you haven't yet registered your details with the BCMA you may be missing out on possible work.