For childminders who participate in partnership working, a **green** rating signifies the following:

- that the provider meets the needs of disabled children and children with special educational needs
- that effective safeguarding and promotion of welfare of the children for whom the early education is provided is in place
- that providers actively promote fundamental British values and help to ensure children are safe from terrorist and extremist ideologies
- that the early years provider takes any measures identified in a report from Ofsted to improve the overall effectiveness of the provision
- an Ofsted outcome of good or outstanding
- a DBS check in place for the childminder, assistants and family members via the update service, or within a 3-year window
- an excellent capacity and ongoing commitment to improve by participating in partnership working, regularly liaising with other professionals and by attending training and Bright Start childminder groups to enhance skills and knowledge
- strong leadership and management including planning and systems to ensure that every child receives an enjoyable and challenging learning and development experience, which is tailored to meet their individual needs. This includes regular self-evaluation to improve the quality of provision.
- participation in continuous professional development including bespoke safeguarding training to advance childcare knowledge
- provision for children to begin to know about their own and other people's cultures and differences, in order to understand and celebrate the diverse society in which they live.
- an effective observation, assessment and planning cycle and the completion of assessment reports for individual children on a regular basis, including the 2-year old progress check.
- a stimulating and interesting learning environment and a range of experiences to support the development of strong characteristics of learning as well as skills and knowledge across the 7 areas of learning and development.

An **Amber** rating signifies:

- an Ofsted judgement of requires improvement, good or outstanding but with some welfare concerns e.g. minor safeguarding concerns, poor practice for children with SEND
- a significant number of the requirements identified in the **Green** rating that are unmet

A **Red** rating signifies:

- an Ofsted outcome of not met, inadequate, requires improvement, good or outstanding but with one or more breaches of the statutory EYFS requirements
- statutory training is out of date for more than 6 months and the childminder has not taken responsibility for updating childcare knowledge
- serious leadership/management concerns; limited knowledge of responsibilities with regards to children’s individual needs.
- a significant number of aspects in the **Green** rating are unmet