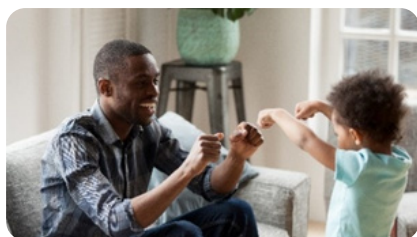




## Elklan Communication Friendly Home-Based Setting Award

Elklan is excited to make available our Communication Friendly Home-Based Setting (CFHBS) Award which is ideal for childminders and foster carers of young children.

Elklan's Communication Friendly Home-Based Setting (CFHBS) award examines all aspects of the Home-Based Setting, including the physical environment (inside and out), interaction styles, how language is modelled and the opportunities and resources that are provided to support the development of language, communication and learning.



The process aims to enable those caring for children in their own home to consider the opportunities, resources and personal interactions provided and to reflect on areas for development, with guidance from an Elklan tutor. The childminder is given a manual full of ideas and strategies to promote language, communication and learning in the home and help to gain the award.

Elklan has created this opportunity in recognition of the very valuable contribution childminders and foster carers can make but with significant challenges in accessing training and support to increase their knowledge and skills in promoting the speech, language, communication and learning of the children in their care.

'The quality of this Home-Based Setting and the interactions that take place within it are a key predictor of a child's speech, language and communication development, both in the early years and beyond, with language attainment in the early years being a key indicator of later life outcomes' (Taggart et al, 2015).

'With the quality of the communication environment being a more dominant predictor of early language outcomes than the child's social background, it is vital that time is taken to reflect on what is offered and how it meets a child's individual needs.' (Roulstone et al, 2010)

CFHBS has been tried and tested in one Opportunity Area and one Local Authority. It is currently being externally evaluated by The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF). Feedback from those completing CFHBS has been positive, with learners valuing the encouragement and advice they received. 'Having the feedback and support of my tutor helped me to see ways of tweaking what I already offered to improve the experience and learning of the children within my care.' Carla (Childminder).

For more details and prices, please see the website.

