



Thank you for your interest in the Krunch South West Babysitting Skills Course.

Once again, we are running this fantastic opportunity for local young people to gain some valuable skills that will equip them with the confidence and ability to become a responsible babysitter. \* The course is open to boys and girls aged 14 and above and aims to prepare them to look after children and babies in a safe and responsible way.

The next course will take place on **Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 10.00am-3.30pm**, at the Krunch Youth Centre, Turnberries, Thornbury.

During the course we will cover many aspects of babysitting, such as communicating with parents/carers; play skills; safety; first aid; and advertising our new babysitting skills. Much of the course material will be drawn from the British Red Cross 'Looking After Other People's Children' course. You will also receive a folder full of information and resources.

It will be a fun and interactive course, with lots of practical hands-on experiences, including caring for some interactive babies bought along by the Willow Tree Centre and a 2-hour British Heart Foundation 'Heartstart' course.

For the first time our Babysitting Skills Course is now accredited by Open College Network (West Midlands). It is a Level 1 accreditation that carries 2 OCN credits. In order to achieve the accreditation, there will be some further work to do at home after the training days, and each participant will have to submit a portfolio of work that shows how they have achieved the learning outcomes. Don't worry – this will not be too difficult, and we will give you all the information that you need and explain thoroughly everything that needs to be done to ensure successful completion of the course. We are confident that everyone will be able to pass! The deadline for submitting work for accreditation is March 30<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to have your work submitted for the OCN accreditation there will be an additional charge of £5.

Please note that you do not have to submit work for the accreditation and all participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance for taking an active part in the two training days, as well as the BHF Heartstart certificate.

Here's what some of our previous participants have had to say about the course:

*'Thank you ever so much for the course. I really have learnt a lot, and because I've done the course I put it on Facebook and I've had 3 new families ask me to babysit which is now a regular thing! Thank you again for the experience!'*

*'This course was a great experience and has definitely made me more confident. I have gained some vital life skills.'*

*'Just a quick email to say thank you so much for running this great course. Lauren really enjoyed Saturday and found it very interesting. Lauren has been working as a babysitter for a while, but I think this course is helping her have confidence in herself and what she has been doing.'*

*'Just wanted to let you know that I had lots of fun today and thank you for a great day.'*

The cost for this course is usually £55 per participant, but thanks to funding we have been able to obtain, Krunch South West is able to offer this course at the subsidised rate of only **£25** per person.

Drinks will be provided but please bring your own lunch.

Places are limited and will be offered on a 'first come first served' basis. We have been oversubscribed on previous courses and anticipate high demand this year, so would recommend booking early if you would like to come along!

**Please complete the attached booking form and return it, along with £25 payment (+ £5 for the OCN accreditation), to Liz Ball at Krunch Youth Centre, Turnberries, Bath Road, Thornbury, BS35 2BB, by February 13<sup>th</sup> (or sooner if you want to guarantee a place!). Cheques payable to Krunch.**

For any further information please contact Liz Ball ([liz@krunch.org.uk](mailto:liz@krunch.org.uk)) / 01454 411514 / 07789 490000.

\* Please note that participation in this course does not guarantee any participant work as a babysitter and Krunch are not involved in setting up young people to work as babysitters or finding them work in this area.

