

## Private & Voluntary Definitions

The childcare market in England is a diverse one, with provision delivered by private, voluntary providers (PV), including childminders, on both a full daycare and sessional basis. PV providers currently deliver the majority of childcare in England and play a vital role, in partnership with children centres and extended schools, in providing children and families with the flexible, responsive services that they need.

### Private Sector

Private providers and entities are not part of any governmental structure and are controlled or owned by private individuals either directly or through stock ownership and will run for-profit. They are independent of government however may provide services on behalf of local and national government.

### Voluntary Sector

Voluntary sector organisations are value-driven, in that they exist for the good of the community. Their primary purpose is to promote social, environmental or cultural objectives to benefit society as a whole, or particular groups within it. Voluntary sector organisations vary enormously in size, from small local groups staffed exclusively by volunteers, to large national charities that are household names with complex infrastructures and many hundreds of staff.