



PPL LICENSING GUIDE FOR CHILDMINDERS

PPL is the recorded music licensing company which, on behalf of 50,000 performers and 6,000 record companies, licenses the use of recorded music in the UK. This enables TV and radio stations, online streaming services and hundreds of thousands of shops, pubs and others to use recorded music in their business.

Many childminders play music as part of their childcare activities. Music might be played for background ambience or for dance or singing activities. Copyright laws apply to the types of music you play and the circumstances in which you play it.

PPL acknowledges that a childminder's home is also a place for their family, and all that entails. PPL would not make any charge for the use of music by yourself, your husband or partner or your own children which may overlap with your childminding responsibilities.

Only **direct use** of recorded music for the children in your temporary care would warrant a PPL licence.

The following guidelines have been prepared to help you assess whether you require a PPL licence:

- A PPL licence would be applicable if you are using music to entertain or soothe children whom you are paid to care for in your home. This may also apply if you use the television to entertain them. In this instance, PPL would consider your property to be a place of business.
- A PPL licence would normally also be applicable if your sole use of music is to educate children as instructed by a recognised curriculum. However, although licensable under the terms of the CDPA (1988), PPL chooses not to license the use of its repertoire in a childminder's home for this purpose.
- Childminding drop-in centres, nurseries and similar premises should have their own PPL licence for their use of music but you should verify this with the premises if you are concerned.

Only recordings registered with PPL can be covered by a licence.

To find out more or discuss your requirements, please contact PPL: Publicandeducation@ppluk.com