

How best to book a Babysitter Debbie Top Tips

Most Babysitters work as a Nanny or in a Day Nursery often until 6.30pm so midweek their availability is usually after 6.45 pm.

1. Text one or several dates to all your chosen Babysitter Team at the same time with a phrase similar to "are you free to do date (s). Always include a start and approximate finish time as a 1am - 3am finish may not suit them to accept
2. Always give the booking to the 1st Babysitter to reply they can do as this will encourage all your Babysitter Team to respond quicker

Also reassure it is ok if they are unable to do a requested date.

3. **Notice** - Babysitters usually need at least 5 days', more for a Saturday

Same week request

Except Saturday usually one in a Babysitter Team can do.

Same day request

Do not ask often as Babysitters rarely can do and feel guilty so may withdraw from being a family's Babysitter.

If Parents can be flexible

Text all your Babysitter Team to tell you the evenings that they are free over the next 7 days, be prepared as unlikely be Saturday.

Or when a babysitter is in your home agree a booking date(s).

The Occasional Unforeseen

A Babysitter on a booking day may be ill or have an personal emergency or may have accepted a date 6 weeks or more in advance and week before something important to them can crop up.

It is essential a booked Babysitter voice telephones a parent and does not text this news as a parent may have planned for months a special occasion or bought tickets so will need to hear a Babysitter is not casually letting down.

We hope Parents will reassure the Babysitter they can voice telephone to ask a parent to try get another Babysitter, relative or friend to step in. If not a serious sickness or emergency, most Babysitters will still do.