

CHOOSING THE RIGHT NURSERY FOR YOU

Things to look for . . .

Friendly and welcoming staff

Happy and engaged children

Safe, clean environment

Evidence of creative play - e.g. paint, sand, water

A stimulating outside play area

Open access to parents or designated carers permitting drop in visits without appointments

Things to ask . . .

Is the staff qualified and CRB checked?

Is there a policy on safe collection of children?

Can staff use mobile phones whilst on duty?

You may ask to see the paper policies but some places are better on paper than with children.

The feel of a nursery is important - a warm, welcoming and caring place where parental wishes are paramount.

How responsive is the nursery to the wishes of the parent on any special needs of your child? Do they allow a favourite toy? What are procedures on bottle feeding, toilet training, day-time sleep, discipline and treats? If it's a worry to you, then ask the questions. Some nurseries have rules that may conflict with your wishes and cause your child to get upset.