

Childcare Provider Checklist

Choosing the right childcare provider is a significant decision. Use this checklist to ensure your chosen provider meets all essential criteria for a safe, reliable, and enriching environment for your child.

Reliability

Please Tick

Consistent Scheduling: Confirm the provider maintains a consistent schedule.

Reliable Communication: Ensure there is a clear and regular communication from the provider

Safety and Insurance

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Safety Measures: Verify that comprehensive safety measures are in place.

Insurance Coverage: Confirm that the provider has adequate insurance, including public liability insurance.

Secure Facility

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Controlled Access: Ensure the facility has controlled entry points.

Well-Maintained Areas: Confirm the premises are safe and regularly inspected

Variety of Activities

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Range of Activities: Check if there are diverse activities available

Age-appropriate: Ensure the activities are suitable for your Childs age

Policies and Procedures

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Health and Safety Policies: Review the provider's health and safety policies []

Emergency Protocols: Understand emergency procedures and protocols []

Behaviour Management: Check policies on managing children behaviour []

Illness and Medication: Review policies on handling illness and medication administration []

Ofsted Registration

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Ofsted-registered: Verify the provider is registered with Ofsted []

Inspection Outcome: Check recent Ofsted inspection results []

Paediatric First Aid

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First Aid Certified Staff: Confirm that all staff are trained in paediatric first aid []

First Aid Kit: Ensure there is a well-stocked first aid kit on-site []

Safeguarding Lead

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Designated Safeguarding Lead: Verify that there is a designated safeguarding lead []

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Staff Training: Confirm staff are trained in safeguarding children

Online Reviews

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Check Reviews: Read reviews on Google, social media, and other platforms []

Recurring Themes: Look for any recurring themes in feedback, positive or negative []

Affordability

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Service Cost: Evaluate the total cost of services

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Payment Plans: Check if payment plans or financial aid are available

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Location and Convenience

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Proximity: Ensure the provider is conveniently located near your home or work

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Accessibility: Check availability of parking or access via public transport

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Cancellation Policy

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Understand Terms: Review the cancellation policy and any associated fees

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Notification Process: Check the process for notifying the provider of cancellations

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Offers and Discounts

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Special Offers: Look for any available discounts or special offers

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Clear Communication: Ensure all offers are transparently communicated and easy to apply

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Company's Values and Ethos

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Mission Statement: Review the provider's mission statement

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Values Implementation: Ensure they prioritise inclusivity, diversity, and holistic child development

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