



Choosing a Group Setting – Questions you might want to ask.

This is a guide of what kind of questions you should be asking group settings and what things you should be looking for when visiting.

It is important that you understand how the group setting will care for your child and what facilities will be

available to enable you to decide if you want to take up your childcare there.

We have set this guide out so you can make notes below each question if you wish to.

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Questions

How will my child be settled into the setting?

Is there a recent Ofsted report that you can look at?

How are parents involved in the nursery? Are there parent's evenings?

How will you record my child's observations, assessments and planning and share these with us?

Do you take the children to drop ins, Children's Centres, the library?

What is your policy on discipline and excluding children who are not well?

Please can I see all of your policies and procedures that you have in place?

When will your service not be available e.g. holidays, sickness etc

Do you attend regular training?

Things to look for:

Do the children look happy and engaged in their play or with adults?

Do the staff look happy in what they are doing?

Can you hear the staff talking and interacting with the children?

Are the walls decorated with the children's own work?

The sort of activities you should see children taking part in:

- painting, drawing, cuttings and sticking
- imaginative play with the sand, water play or kitchen/home corner
- listening to stories or looking at books
- construction blocks and cars/trucks
- messy play – play dough, gloop or jelly
- jigsaws, puzzles and table top games
- singing songs and rhymes

