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Crafty Wizards Pre-School



Must-ask questions when choosing childcare

At **Crafty Wizards** we understand that choosing childcare that is suitable for yourself and your child can be challenging and confusing.

We believe it is one of the most important decisions you can make. To help you make that decision, we have put together **18 of the must-ask questions** and grouped them into four areas: **sessions, experience, staffing, energy, and learning**. We think that these questions are crucial to ask yourself when visiting any setting. We hope these help you in deciding which childcare setting is right for you and your child.

If you have any other questions that are not listed here, please contact us as we are here to help. Please do not hesitate to ask us anything! Visit www.craftywizards.com or email us using the contact details for the site that you are interested in.

Sessions

- 1 Are you flexible with the hours you can offer?
Do you offer morning, afternoon, and full-day sessions?
- 2 Can ad hoc sessions be booked?

Experience & staffing

- 3 Are all staff first aid trained?
- 4 Are all staff qualified? What is their experience?
- 5 Is there a clear curriculum for learning?
- 6 What is the staff turnover like? How long have most staff been at the setting?
- 7 Is there a range of ages and a mix of genders in the staff team to reflect the society in which they will grow up?
- 8 Do the staff look happy?

Energy

- 9 Does the nursery feel calm and well organised?
- 10 Do the children look happy, and are they engaged in their learning?
- 11 Do the activities look exciting and interesting?
- 12 Is there a clear routine? Will the day be fun and structured?



Learning

- 13 Is learning and development a primary focus? Do staff focus on the individual children's interests and next steps?
- 14 Do children have the opportunity to explore and learn through play?
- 15 Are there interesting, stimulating, and engaging activities? Can you see what is being taught?
- 16 Are there regular assessments of children's learning?
- 17 Is the environment well resourced?
- 18 Are small group times and targeted learning a focus of the nursery?

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