

How to tell whether a childcare provider meets your needs

Checklist tour

There are many after-school care (BSO) providers to choose from, and it is not always immediately clear what makes each one different. So how do you decide which one is right for your child?

CompaNanny has listed the most important things to consider. That way, you know what to look out for during a tour, so you can make a well-informed choice.

The spaces and atmosphere



- The atmosphere at the location feels warm and welcoming
- I have a good feeling about the Childcare Professionals
- There are children of a similar age to play with
- The space encourages children to play, explore and relax
- The location looks clean and well cared for
- There is an inviting outdoor play area and/or garden to play and move around in

The location



- The location is close to (or within) my child's primary school
- Children are safely guided from school to the BSO
- The location is easy to reach from my home and/or work

What do the children eat?



- Children are offered healthy meals and snacks
- During holidays and on teacher training days, children are offered a healthy lunch
- Allergies are taken into account

Pedagogical vision and quality



- There is a clear pedagogical vision that I support
- Each child's individual needs receive personal attention
- There is plenty of room for relaxation after a busy school day
- Activities are offered for different ages and interests
- Children's development and independence are actively encouraged
- During holidays, extra workshops and trips are organised

Practical matters



- There is a spot available for my child in good time
- The opening hours suit my needs
- The BSO offers childcare during teacher training days and holidays too
- It is possible to swap childcare days

Support and communication



- The childcare provider sees parenting and my child's development as a partnership, and I can turn to them with questions
- Parent meetings are held to talk about my child's development
- There is time for a handover moment during pick-up
- I am actively informed about developments at the childcare provider and their pedagogical vision