

# How to know if a childcare meets your needs

## CHECK LIST

There are many childcares out there, and it's not always clear what sets them apart. So how do you decide what's the right place for your child?

CompaNanny has listed the most important points for you. This way, you'll know exactly what to look out for during a tour, so you can make a well-informed choice.

### The spaces and environment

- The atmosphere at the branch feels welcoming
- Groups are organised by children in the same age range
- I feel comfortable with the Pedagogical Professionals
- Each child receives enough personal attention
- The branch looks clean and well cared for
- There is a calm area where children can sleep
- There is a quiet space for babies
- There is an outdoor play area



### The location

- The location is easy to reach from my home and workplace
- I can easily park my bike or car



### What do the children eat?

- There are warm and/or healthy meals
- Children are offered healthy snacks
- Allergies are taken into account
- There are set times for eating and drinking



### Pedagogical vision and quality

- The childcare provider has a clear pedagogical vision that I support
- The Pedagogical Professionals actively stimulate children's development: socially, physically and cognitively
- There is attention for each child's individual needs and pace
- The day follows a consistent daily routine
- Children play indoors and outdoors with engaging and/or open-ended materials that encourage creativity
- Occasional outings are organised, with safe transportation for the children



### Practical matters

- There is availability at this childcare location in time
- The opening hours fit my working schedule
- I have the option to swap days if needed
- The registration process is clear



### Parenting support and communication

- The childcare provider sees parenting and the development of my child as a partnership, and I can turn to them with questions
- Parent meetings are held to discuss my child's development
- There is time for handover during drop-off and pick-up
- I receive daily updates via an app, including photos and messages
- I am informed about important developments through newsletters or parent evenings

