

How to tell whether a kindergarten meets your needs

Checklist
tour

There are many childcare 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 toddler?

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
- The space encourages toddlers to play and explore
- The location looks clean and well cared for
- There is an inviting outdoor play area and/or garden



What do the children eat?

- Children are offered healthy meals and snacks
- Allergies are taken into account



Practical matters

- There is a spot available for my child in good time
- The opening hours and days suit my needs
- It is possible to swap childcare days



The location

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



Pedagogical vision and quality

- There is a clear pedagogical vision that I support
- Children's development is actively encouraged
- Children are playfully prepared for the structure of primary school
- Activities are offered that match the world and interests of toddlers
- Each child's individual needs and own pace receive personal attention
- Indoors and outdoors, children play with play materials that stimulate their creativity



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 room for a handover moment when I drop off and pick up my child
- I receive daily updates through an app, including photos and messages
- I am actively informed about developments at the childcare provider and their pedagogical vision

