



What to look for in a Pre-School?

The following list is designed to help families know the questions to ask when looking for a pre-school for their child. To find the best preschool for your child you may need to look at several in your area. Remember you know your child and his/her needs best.

School's Reputation

1. Is the school registered with the Education Bureau?
2. Is the Pre-School accredited?
3. Does the school have a proven track record of getting children in to the best primary schools in the area?
4. How long is the school's lease?

Curriculum

4. What curriculum is used within the school? Is it well-known and trusted?
5. Does the curriculum take into account the various learning abilities and cultural diversity of the children and their families?
6. Does the school cater for children whose first language isn't English?
7. How does the school support children to learn Mandarin?

Classroom

8. What are the class sizes?
9. What staff to child ratios are employed throughout the school?
10. How are the classrooms set up? What resources are available for the children?
11. How are the classes structured?
12. What times do classes start and finish?



13. How many days a week would my child need to attend?
14. Does the school looks fresh and clean?
15. Are there any Extra-Curricular activities on offer?
16. Do the classes go on field trips?
17. Does the school celebrate cultural diversity?
18. Does the children have the opportunity to take part in a Sports Day?

Teachers' Qualifications

19. What is the educational background and experience of the teachers and staff?
20. Do the teachers have certification in early childhood education?
21. How long have the teachers been teaching at the school?
22. Are there workshops for professional development for teachers?
23. Are the teachers First Aid qualified?

School's Policies

24. How do teachers prepare children for Primary School?
25. Does the school offer school buses to and from school?
26. How does the school communicate with parents?
27. Are there opportunities for me to come into the school and discover more about what my child is learning and help out in class?
28. Does the school provide school reports?
29. Are snacks provided?
30. Is toilet training required?