



Woodentots
Nursery

TOP 10 Checklist ✓

to choosing a nursery

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| 1 | Registered with Ofsted and rated as Good or above? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | " Open Door Policy " allowing a show around at mutual convenience? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | Staff qualified above the legal expectation with Early Years teachers qualified to degree level? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | Healthy nutritious food, created with fresh ingredients by own dedicated cook? Five Star Food & Hygiene Certificate? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | Stringent policies on illness exclusion periods and medication, to safeguard the wellbeing of your child? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 | High quality caring staff that engage with the children and always go the extra mile? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 | Daily photos and activity updates for children sent to parents every day? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 | A wide range of spacious indoor and outdoor play facilities , offering the Early Years Foundation Stage framework (EYFS)? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 | Thorough staff training and induction programme to ensure staff are continually doing their best for your child? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 | A range of parent testimonials available to view? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

A few questions to consider

Why choose Woodentots Nursery?

We are a flexible child care provider, valuing the thoughts and needs of the parents as much as the individual needs and comforts of their children. Our staff will love and care for your child as if they were our own. We use a combination of adult led and child led activities to provide a well-rounded, enjoyable experience whilst at the nursery. These activities are tailored to your child's character and individual needs, helping them to grow in confidence and independence during their time at nursery.

Do the children look happy and engaged?

Are the children happy and healthy? Look for signs that they are enjoying their environment with lots of activities going on. Remember the staff are there to facilitate play and a busy child care setting should be full of fun activities. Ask about children's daily routines. Are there lots of child-led activities planned, combined with rest time and story reading?

What are the staff like?

Engage the staff in conversation. Ask them about the nursery and their role in how it operates. This should provide you with a good idea of the quality of care on offer.

Why not pop in for a chat and have a look around

What activities take place within the setting?

Are the activities varied and include: messy play, role play, sensory and most importantly heuristic play? The nursery should be following the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and all members of staff should have a thorough knowledge of this.

Is the setting good at communication?

Of course, a daily update on what your child has been doing is a must for every nursery, but how do they let you know about any events or other updates within the setting.

What is the food like?

Study the menu. How often does it change? Does it look wholesome and nutritious and is it cooked freshly onsite or bought in from an agency? Are children's individual dietary requirements catered for? How are they kept safe if they have a food allergy?

Remember you know best!

Parents' senses are vital when assessing the quality of a nursery. Do you get a good feel of the setting? After all, your child is the most precious gift you have in the world and you need to ensure you feel comfortable and know your child will be safe and loved. Take a good look around the premises, are they clean? Do the children seem happy? Do staff members appear professional in their approach? You'll know when you've got the right one!