Choosing childcare

- creches
- full day care
- sessional day care
- out of school
- open access play

Finding the right childcare for your child isn't always easy.

Here are some tips from our inspectors:



- Use our website read our reports. Are they registered with us?
- Go along for a visit and take a list of questions, or a copy of our latest report.
- Visit several places if you can, and go at different times of day to observe the levels of activity.

What to look for:

Do the staff make you and your child feel welcome?



Are the premises clean and welcoming with a safe outside play area?

What is the ratio of staff to children? Do they offer a 'settling in' period?



What qualifications and experience do they have?





appear to be busy, happy and at ease?

What is their approach to managing challenging behaviour?

Will the service provide **healthy** food options and ensure your child has good opportunities for exercise and rest?

daily routines?

What are the

Will the service provide meals and snacks for your child? Or will you

need to provide them?

Your local authority's website will also have

information on care services in your area.

