

Nursery Questions Checklist

Before

- What age do you take children from?
- What are your opening hours?
- Do you have places available?
- Do you offer funded childcare hours, and do you take tax-free vouchers?

Staff

- What are the staff-to-child ratios?
- How long have the staff worked here?
- What qualifications do they have?
- How do you handle accidents and safeguarding?
- Is there a named key person for my child?

Routine

- What does a typical day look like?
- Can we see a sample menu?
- How do you handle naps and sleep?
- How do you support settling in and emotional well-being?

Learning

- How do you balance free play and structured activities?
- How do you follow the EYFS?
- What's your teaching approach?
- How do you support different learning styles?

Outdoors

- How much time do children spend outdoors?
- Can we see the outdoor space?
- Do you follow the forest school ethos?
- Do you use local parks or nature spaces?

Communication

- How will you keep me updated during the day?
- Do you use a parent app or a learning journal?
- How often do we discuss progress?
- How do you handle concerns?

Fees

- What are your fees, and what's included?
- How do the funded hours work.
- Do you accept tax-free childcare vouchers?
- What are the payment terms?