

14 Essential questions to ask when looking for a childcare centre

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Childcare Centre's Name: _____ Who will I be meeting with? _____

Do I Need to Make an Appointment? NO YES _____

Should I Bring My Child with Me? YES NO

1 What are the **teacher-to-child ratios**? _____
The Ministry of Education requires a ratio of one teacher to five children for children under two years old and one teacher to ten children for over two years old.

2 How many **qualified teachers** are there? _____
The Ministry of Education requires at least 50% of teachers to be qualified.

3 Which **room** will my child be in? _____

4 What if my child **doesn't speak english**? _____

5 How long has your **team** been at the centre? _____

6 What are the **routines** in each room? _____

7 What **learning module** do you follow?

Play base? Teacher-led? Child-led? Parent-led?

8 How many **transitions** will my child go through? _____

9 What does the **transition process** look like? _____

10 Do you provide **food**? YES NO
Can I See a Sample Menu? Do you cater for special dietary requirements?

11 How will I find out about my **child's learning**? _____

12 What platform(s) do you use to **communicate with parents**? _____

13 Do you offer **flexibility** when it comes to changes in enrolled times? YES NO

14 What is the **enrolment process**? _____

Personal Notes

- Does **your parenting style** compliment the childcare **centre's philosophy**? YES NO
- **Trust Your Instincts.** How did you feel about the centre in general?
