

Benefits of sending your child to

NURSERY



Experts say there are clear benefits to sending your child to nursery or pre-school. Good quality early education gives your child a head start in primary school because it supports better educational, emotional and social development.

Children with experience of good quality nursery care do better in Key Stage 1 National Assessment in English and Maths at age 7.

They are more likely to be independent, better able to concentrate and more sociable at the start of primary school.

And experts say part time attendance can be just as beneficial.

But how can you be sure you are choosing the right nursery for your child?

Here is a checklist of questions you should ask when choosing a nursery.

- Do the children look happy, busy and relaxed?
- Is it right for you?
- Does it have what you need -
- Are the sessions the right time for you, is it in the right location, is there parking etc?
- What is the ratio of carers to children?
- What qualifications do staff have?
- What sort of system is in place for parent/nursery liaison?
- Are the rooms big enough, bright, clean and safe?
- Is the equipment, toys, books and furniture clean and organised?
- Will your child be taken off the premises?
- Do they have an Ofsted report you can look at?
- Is the out door area big enough and well equipped?
- Are there places available for your child?

If your child is 3 or 4 years old they are entitled to free part-time early education from the beginning of the first term after their 3rd birthday.