

Boarding School Checklist

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- ☐ Education
 - ☐ Check the qualifications the boarding school offers.
 - ☐ Make sure the boarding school qualifications are completely accredited.
 - ☐ Be sure the mentors take good care of newcomers.
 - ☐ Check if the boarding school have intensive courses.
 - ☐ Check how the studies are organised.
 - ☐ Check if homework is done under a tutor's supervision.
 - ☐ Check if the teacher or educator can be reached at any time.
 - ☐ Ask how everyday life is organized.
 - ☐ Ask if there are any weekend lessons.
 - ☐ Make sure the child/teenager is motivated to learn independently.
- ☐ Recreation
 - ☐ Check what kind of recreational activities are offered.
 - ☐ Ask if there is an additional cost for these recreational activities.
 - ☐ Ask if it is possible to include arts and crafts, musical and social activities in leisure time.
 - ☐ Check what the consequences of breaking the rules are.
 - ☐ Check how the weekend schedule is organised.
- ☐ Questions for the Child
 - ☐ Can you imagine living away from home at a boarding school?
 - ☐ Can you imagine seeing your current friends and relatives infrequently?
 - ☐ Are you scared or worried about the idea of going to a boarding school?
 - ☐ Would you like to have regular contact with family during your stay?
 - ☐ Can we do anything to make you feel more comfortable at boarding school?