

# School Child Checklist

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- Selecting a School
  - Does the school have a good academic record?
  - What does the curriculum include (a broad and well-balanced curriculum is best)?
  - Do you wish to send your children to a single-sex or a co-educational school?
  - Day or boarding school?
  - How many children attend the school and what is the average class size?
  - What are the qualification requirements for teachers? What nationality are the majority of teachers? What is the teacher turnover?
  - What extras are you required to pay?
  - Which countries do most students come from?
  - Is religion an important consideration in your choice of school? What is the religious bias of the school, if any?
  - Are special English classes provided for children whose English doesn't meet the required standard?
  - If you've decided on a boarding school, what standard and type of accommodation is provided?
  - What languages does the school teach as obligatory or optional subjects? Does the school have a language laboratory?
  - What is the student turnover?
  - What are the school terms and holiday periods?
  - If you're considering a day school, what are the school hours?
  - What are the withdrawal conditions, should you need or wish to remove your child?
  - What examinations are set? In which subjects? How do they fit in with future education plans?
  - What sports instruction and facilities are provided?
  - What are the facilities for art and science subjects, for example arts and crafts, music, computer studies (how many computers?), science, hobbies, drama, cookery and photography?
  - What sort of outings and holidays does the school organise?

- What medical facilities does the school provide - infirmary, resident doctor or nurse? Is health and accident insurance included in the fees?
- What sort of discipline and punishments are imposed and are restrictions relaxed as children get older?
- What reports are provided for parents and how often? How much contact does the school have with parents?
- Last, but not least, unless someone else is paying, what are the fees?