

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?