

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?