

Choosing Out of School Care - A checklist

Visit the club when there's a session in progress - are the children happy, relaxed, safe? Are they playing together?

What's the age range? Is it suitable for your child?

What are the times of the sessions?

What activities are available?

How much does it cost? Any siblings or bulk discounts?

Do they accept childcare vouchers?

What's the maximum number of children in each session?

Are snacks provided? What about special diets?

Is the activity / club registered with eg, Ofsted? If not, make sure all the staff have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check

How many staff are there?

What qualifications do they have?

Are the staff friendly?

Are they talking to the children and joining in the activities?

Is there a outdoor space for children to play outside?

Are the premises clean, safe and well-maintained?

Choosing a club is an important decision: ask as many questions as you need!