

# Moray Childcare Partnership



## Parent's Checklist

Before you make a final decision about the best childcare to suit you and your child's needs, read through the lists below to make sure you haven't forgotten anything important.

### Options

- ◆ Have you looked at several local options to get a good idea of what is available?
- ◆ Have you worked out exactly how much it will cost you each week?
- ◆ If you can't afford your preferred option, have you found out what Government help may be available?

### Your Child's Main Carer

- ◆ Is the carer trained and/or experienced?
- ◆ Have you spoken in person to at least one (preferably two) parents who have used the carer and heard good things about him/her?
- ◆ Does the carer respond to your child as an individual and communicate well with you?
- ◆ Are you and your child made to feel welcome?
- ◆ Is he/she willing to help you continue your child's routine with things such as sleep, food or any special needs?
- ◆ Is he/she willing to fit in with your ideas on discipline, toilet training, sweets and other issues?

### Your Child's Environment

- ◆ If outside your own home, is the place safe, clean and well equipped?
- ◆ Will your child have contact with other children?
- ◆ Is there a safe outside space where he/she can play?
- ◆ Are there plenty of appropriate toys, and will your children have lots of opportunities to play with them?
- ◆ Is it an environment in which your child will feel happy and confident whatever his/her ability, race, culture, language or gender?

### Your instincts

- ◆ Do you like the person who'll have responsibility for your child?
- ◆ Do you find them easy to talk to and willing to listen?
- ◆ Do you feel relieved to have found someone you can trust?

Once you are satisfied on most, if not all, of the above you are in a great position to go ahead and book your child's place with the carer of your choice.

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