Questions for your child's school, van and tutor

Asking is ordinary. Start with the first three.

School: _____ Date: _____ Asked: ☐ in person ☐ in writing

Start with these

☐ **1. Could I read the school's child protection policy?**
Listen for: a written policy covering staff behaviour and what happens when someone raises a worry.

☐ **2. Who is on the POCSO committee this year, and how do I reach them?**
Listen for: names and contacts on the notice board, or at least a named person who hears worries.

☐ **3. Is every adult here police-verified, including drivers, guards, ayahs and contract staff?**
Listen for: yes, everyone who meets children, checked before joining and again later.

Then ask

☐ **4. If someone said a staff member had harmed a child, what would the school do?**
Listen for: that person kept away from children, and a report to the police.

☐ **5. When were all staff last trained on child safety?**
Listen for: within the past year or two, teachers and other staff alike.

☐ **6. Who takes the youngest children to the toilet?**
Listen for: a named woman staff member, never whoever is free.

☐ **7. What will my child be taught about body safety this year?**
Listen for: lessons from the primary classes, for every child.

Van or bus

☐ **8. Is there a woman attendant on every trip with the young children?**
Listen for: the same named, police-verified attendant each trip.

☐ **9. Does the school run this van, or is it arranged privately?**
Listen for: a plain yes or no, and who answers for the driver.

Tutor, coach or class

☐ **10. Where will lessons happen, and is it all right if I drop in?**
Listen for: an open room, door open, parents welcome any time.

☐ **11. How will the tutor or coach contact my child between lessons?**
Listen for: through you, or in a group with parents.

Notes:

A worrying answer shows a gap. It is no sign a child was harmed. Ask again, in writing.

If you think a child has been harmed, call **1098**, the Child Helpline. If someone is hurt or threatened now, or you cannot keep the child away, call **112**.

More questions and what the law requires: kaaval.org/questions-for-your-childs-school

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