

Mott Poll Questions



Playdates

The following questions were answered by parents of children 4-9 years old.

Q1. Imagine your child is invited for a playdate at the home of a classmate whose family you don't know well.

Would you allow your child to go on the playdate?

1. Yes
2. Yes, but I would stay
3. No
4. Unsure

Q2. How concerned would you be that during the playdate, your child could:

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not concerned
a. Be left unsupervised			
b. Get injured			
c. Be exposed to inappropriate language			
d. Get into medications, drugs, or other harmful substances			
e. Eat foods I don't want him/her to eat			

Q3. Would you do any of the following to learn more about the other parents in advance of the playdate? *Select all that apply*

1. Ask friends/neighbors if they know the other parents
2. Try to meet the other parents before the playdate
3. Look at the other parents' social media
4. Check out the other family's neighborhood/home
5. Ask the teacher or other school staff
6. Do an internet search on the parents
7. Check sex offender registry/criminal records
8. Other

Q4. Before the playdate, would you ask the other parent about the following?

	Definitely would ask	Would consider asking	Would not ask
a. Who will be supervising the children			
b. What activities the children will do			
c. If there are pets in the home			
d. If there is a gun/how is it stored			
e. Where medications are stored			
f. If older siblings or other adults will be present			
g. If there is a pool, trampoline, or other equipment			

Q5. Does your child have any special needs or considerations that would affect your decisions about going on a playdate?

1. Food allergy/special diet
2. Allergies to pets
3. Afraid of certain pets
4. Shy around strangers
5. Health condition
6. Other
7. No special needs

Q6. Have you ever asked another parent about child safety concerns before allowing your child to have a playdate?

1. Yes
2. No

Q7. Have you ever declined a playdate for your child because you did not feel comfortable leaving your child in the other parent's care?

1. Yes
2. No

Q8. Has another parent ever asked you about child safety concerns in your home before a playdate?

1. Yes
2. No

Q9. Would you be offended if another parent asked you about safety concerns before sending their child for a playdate in your home?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Depends on what they ask

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