

Children

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Tip no 1: Safeguard the Children

Start by consulting your venue about any specific restrictions or policies regarding children under 18. Enquiring whether there are age limits for supervision within the venue, will allow you to keep parents informed and prepared. Additionally, ask the venue to clarify any potential safety concerns, such as unsupervised areas, fire pits, or water features. By gathering this information upfront, you can address any additional requirements or fees and ensure that all parents are well- informed about the safety measures in place for the children at your wedding. This proactive approach will help you create a risk-proof environment, allowing everyone to enjoy the celebration with peace of mind.

Tip no 2: Plan Safe Walking Routes for Parents with Pushchairs

A thoughtful way to support families is by asking your venue for recommendations on safe walking routes that are suitable for pushchairs.

Enquire if the venue can provide information on paths or areas that are away from the main proceedings, allowing parents to take their little ones for a stroll without feeling overwhelmed or distracted by the festivities. This not only gives parents a designated space to calm or entertain their children but also ensures they feel comfortable and secure in navigating the venue with a pushchair.

Be sure to communicate these walking routes to parents ahead of time, so they can plan accordingly and make the most of your special day.

Tip no 3: Photo Sessions - Balance Fun & Formality

To ensure that children are included and the photo sessions run smoothly, it's helpful for all involved to have a plan in place. Start by consulting your venue for their advice on managing children during this time. They may have valuable insights or strategies that have worked well in the past.

Ask if the venue can recommend a nearby room or designated area where children can play or be entertained while the adults are busy with photos. This space could also serve as a comfortable retreat through the day, allowing children space to relax and engage in fun activities.

Additionally, enquire whether the venue offers any outdoor toys or games or can recommend a company that can keep children entertained during the formalities. Having these options available can help distract and engage the kids, making it easier for parents to focus on the photography without worrying about their little ones.

By proactively managing the experience for children, you can create a more enjoyable atmosphere for everyone and ensure that your photo sessions are efficient and inclusive.

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Tip no 4: Ensure Children are Well Fed & Hydrated

One of the key factors in keeping children happy and content during your wedding is to make sure they have access to food and drink throughout the day. Start by discussing with your venue about the availability of water stations to keep children hydrated. This simple addition can go a long way in preventing meltdowns.

Enquire whether the venue can provide children's canapés or snacks that are suitable for young palates. Planning a designated time for children to be fed can also help manage expectations and avoid any hangry moments.

Coordinate tactical snacking with the venue to establish meal times that work for both the children and the overall wedding schedule, ensuring that children are not left waiting too long for food.

By proactively addressing their food and drink needs, you will ensure a smoother experience for everyone.

Tip no 5: Designate Safe Areas for Children to Play and Relax

When planning your wedding with children in attendance, it's very helpful to have safe and comfortable spaces to play, relax, or even nap. Ask your venue if they have a designated area specifically for children, where they can engage in activities or unwind away from the main festivities.

These areas can serve as perfect spots for children to sleep later in the evening and as a quiet breastfeeding area.

Tip no 6: Enquire about Childcare Facilities

To assist parents preparing to attend a wedding with their little ones, it's helpful for the couple to ask their venue about the availability of child care equipment to ensure a comfortable experience for families.

For example, check if the venue provides essentials such as high chairs, cots, and baby changing facilities.

Additionally, it is helpful for parents to know in advance whether the venue can assist with heating bottles or baby food. Knowing that these services are available can alleviate some of the stress for parents, allowing them to relax and enjoy the celebration.

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Tip no 7: Discuss Family Seating Arrangements

Consider arranging seating that provides enough space for children to get down from the table and play and gives parents the ability to leave the room easily when needed.

Ask your venue about how high chairs will fit into the main dining room setup and how this might affect your table plan having them included in the seating arrangements.

Based on past experience, it's also wise for the couple to speak with the venue about how to handle any situations where children may become noisy during the ceremony or wedding breakfast. Ask your venue for recommendations on how to politely request that parents take their children outside if needed, ensuring that the atmosphere remains relaxed for all guests.

Tip no 8: Discuss Entertainment and Party Bags with the Venue

It's beneficial to everyone to consider how to keep children entertained throughout the event. Ask your venue if they allow the couple to provide their own garden party games or activities for the children or if the venue can provide.

Additionally, if the couple is considering providing party bags for the children, it's important to discuss with the venue what items they are including. For example, while fun toys and snacks are great, should they avoid including items like wax crayons that could potentially ruin white tablecloths or other surfaces?

Tip no 9: Discuss Children's Dining Arrangements with the Venue & Caterer

Enquire About Child-Specific Meal Options. For example, does the venue offer child-specific meals or if children can have smaller versions of the adult meals.

When planning your wedding and considering the needs of children, it's essential to have a clear conversation with the venue about dining arrangements for the little ones. If you plan to have the children eat in a designated creche room with their nannies instead of at the main wedding breakfast, be sure to ask the venue if they can provide a buffet or a choice of meals specifically for the children.

Additionally, since the children will not be dining in the main dining hall, enquire whether the venue can reduce the cost per child for their meal. This not only helps with budgeting but also ensures that the children receive meals that are appropriate for their age and setting.

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Tip no 10: Coordinate Children's Accommodation with the Venue

When planning your wedding, it's important to consider the accommodation for any children staying at the venue overnight. Be sure to ask the venue if they can arrange for the children's rooms to be located next to each other. This setup will facilitate easier babysitting.

Tip no 11: Enquire About Local Wedding Childcare Services

When planning your wedding, it's crucial to ensure that children are well taken care of during the celebration.

Make sure to enquire about essential minimum level 2 qualifications, highly experienced Nannies, insurance, and enhanced DBS checks.

We hope that these tips will help you to think about your wedding day needs in relation to families and make your day as perfect as possible. Our services are available as a valuable solution to your concerns.

We would love to discuss your plans over a free enquiry call.

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