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Questions you may want to ask when visiting a school

Choosing a school for your child can be a difficult process for parents, especially if your child has special educational needs. Here are a few examples of questions you may want to ask when visiting a school:

- How would you get to know my child before they start school?
- Does the school have experience of supporting children who have similar difficulties to my child?
- How does the school arrange extra support for children who need it?
- What equipment and resources are available?
- What health and other professionals work with the school and how will they work with parents?
- How many non-teaching staff do you have for supporting children with special needs?
- What training have staff had about special educational needs?
- **How will you make sure my child's opinion is heard?**
- How do you make sure he/she is learning to the best of their advantage?
- How do you encourage children to be independent?
- How would my child be supported to make friends?
- How do you make sure all children are able to take part in school trips and other activities?
- **How would I be involved in planning for my child's needs?**
- **How will my child's progress be monitored and recorded and how regularly will it be reviewed?**
- What will happen if you do not feel my child is making sufficient progress?
- What support and guidance does the school offer parents?