

Choosing a School

Topics/Questions to Consider	School A	School B	School C
Child's view <ul style="list-style-type: none"> likes dislikes 			
Personal outcomes or targets			
EHC provision (part F) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how will needs be supported? specific SEN experience of staff 			
Support if long term medical absence			
Size of school – moving around site			
Class sizes			
Homework policy			
School trips			
SEN policy			
Behaviour policy			
Bullying policy			
Assessments			
Monitoring & review			
Parent-school contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> frequency daily book - meetings 			

Communication between staff about needs			
Clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lunch time • - after school 			
Social contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • peer friendship groups • buddy system • common diagnosis groups 			
Travel distance			
Transport			
Managing belongings			
PE			
Uniform			
Transition plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • number of group visits • number of individual visits • SENCo contact between schools • - storyboard/book 			

Useful web sites:

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/schools/school/> - list of Devon schools including special schools

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report> - Ofsted

<http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/learningschools/schools/admissions.htm> - Devon admissions

http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/learningschools/getting_to_school/school_transport.htm - Devon transport