



Parent Info Sheet

Information to collect when you visit a school

This fact sheet is useful for choosing a new school for your child who is deaf or hard of hearing. Use a new fact sheet for each school you visit and compare notes.

School Name: _____

General Information	
Number of children at the school	
Number of children in the class your child will join	
Number of children identified as having special educational needs	
Are there other HI children in the school?	
Number of support staff and the qualifications they have	
How often do parents receive written reports?	
How does the school communicate with parents on a day- to - day matters?	
What after-school care is available?	
What sports are on offer?	
What support is offers at sports events and at after-school care?	
How will my child be included in all school activities, including any after-school activities?	

Facilities and environment	
Have any of the classrooms been adapted for deaf and hearing impaired children?	
Are there any carpets and curtains in classrooms?	
Are any of the ceilings very high?	
Is there treatment to the surfaces of walls and ceilings to reduce echoing- such as fabric pinboards?	
Is there good lighting?	
How are deaf/ HI children included in assemblies and how are classes arranged for assesmblies?	
Is there are loop system or sound field system for assemblies and are speakers advised on how to use FM systems?	
How many computers are there and how many pupils share each computer?	

Are the following available?

	Tick if 'Yes'	In which areas of the school?
Teletext or digital television		
DVD player		
Interactive whiteboard		
Soundfield System		

Social and emotional support

Will other students have any deaf awareness training?	
How is bullying monitored on a day-to-day basis?	
What arrangements can be made for my child to meet confidentially with a mentor or counsellor?	

Full integration in a mainstream school

What level of support will my child receive when they are in mainstream classes and who will provide this support?	
Are there other deaf or hearing impaired students in the school?	

Notes

Advantages of school

Disadvantages of school

What we liked and didn't like about the school and staff