

# CHOOSING A PRIMARY SCHOOL



## How do I choose a school?

- Visit at least two schools so that you have something to compare
- Does the school already have all the things your child needs or can they be developed
- Try to keep an open mind until you have looked at all the possibilities and spoken to the professionals



## Before visiting the school

- Make a checklist of all the things that are important to you and your child.
- Look at the school's website for the school SEN policy, governors' annual report on SEN, school prospectus, anti-bullying policy and behaviour policy.
- Gather up to date copies of relevant information about your child, such as their Statement or Education, Health and Care Plan, any educational psychology advice and copies of individual education plans.



## Visiting the schools

- Look around the schools you have chosen, talk to members of staff and meet with the school's SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator).
- Think about question you would like to ask when visiting.



## When you have chosen a new school

Let your child's Nursery staff know. They will arrange transition visits to the new school so your child will feel more confident about the move.



## Reminders!

There are two important things to remember about moving to full-time education:

- Schools are not allowed by law to have more than 30 children in a class per teacher if the children are under 7 years of age, unless there are special circumstances.
- If your child attends a mainstream school nursery this does not guarantee there will be place in the school. The Local Authority has strict rules about allocating school places.