

Choosing a School – Key Questions to Ask

Learning Support

- Who is responsible for learning support at the school?
- How does the school support students with dyslexia and other learning differences?
- What support is available if my child needs additional help?

Transitioning to School

- What support is available to help my child settle into school?
- Can my child visit the school before starting so they can become familiar with where things are and what to expect?
- Is there a buddy system or similar support available?

Classroom Practice

- How are students supported in the classroom when reading, writing or spelling are higher-effort areas?
- How are instructions and learning materials made accessible to students?

Assessment and Accommodations

- What assessment accommodations are available?
- What support does the school provide with NZQA Special Assessment Conditions (SACs)?

In School Support

- How will teachers be made aware of my child's learning needs?
- What support is available if my child needs additional help academically, emotionally, or both?
- What assistive technology and learning supports are available?