



## Parents' guide:

### Useful questions to ask when visiting early years settings or primary schools.

- How many children in the setting/ school have special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- What range of needs do they have?
- How many children are these in each class/room?
- How many staff – practitioners or teachers, TA's?
- How is progress measured and how frequently?
- Who tracks this?
- How do children with SEND progress in your setting/ school?

- Do you offer an induction package for children with SEND?
- Who provides extra support for children with SEND?
- How would you ensure that my child has access to the Early Years Foundation Stage/ National Curriculum and is taught in a way that enables them to understand and progress?
- What visual strategies do you use in school? Signing, visual timetables/symbols?
- What support do you get from outside agencies? E.g. Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Early Years Inclusion Team, Educational Psychology, ASD Outreach, Sensory Service, STEPs
- How do you deliver/follow through the advice/programs from these professionals in the school?
- How do you support/monitor children during free play/playtimes?
- Are there adult led activities?
- How do you involve parents in the monitoring and planning for children with SEND?
- How often are targets reviewed with parents?
- What support do you offer to families?

- What experience do you have working with and supporting children with language difficulties?
- Do staff have any SEND training if so what.....
- How much time is spent in the classroom versus removal for group 1:1 sessions?

Where to go for more support and information

## Family Service Directory



[www.greenwichfamiliesinformation](http://www.greenwichfamiliesinformation)

**THE LOCAL OFFER**  
In Royal Greenwich

Find out what's available for children, young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, and their families and how they can access services and activities.

[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/localoffer)

Special Education Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support  
Service (SENDIASS)

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