

**Choosing a secondary school**

**Questions for parents/carers to ask or consider.**

* **How does school define ‘inclusion’?**
* **How does the SEND department operate?**
* **When/how are pupils offered additional support?**
* **How are learning support staff assigned to pupils/classes?**
* **How does ‘pastoral care’ operate on the school?**
* **How does the behaviour policy operate with SEND pupils? What sanctions are used?**
* **How many pupils are in each year 7 class?**
* **Who is responsible for educational and health care plan (EHCP) and writing individual education plans (IEPs)? How is progress of the IEP reviewed and who will be involved?**
* **What support is there for homework?**
* **What systems are in place for communicating with parents of SEND pupils?**
* **What additional systems are in place for transition of year 6 pupils with SEND?**
* **Ask for a copy of the schools SEND/ inclusion policy and behaviour policy.**

