**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. This can also be found on the schools website.