



## 5 Key Points in Choosing a School

Please remember that few schools can offer everything that you want for your child. However, go with your 'gut' feeling; if you like the school and the school is willing to help your child, then this is a good place to start.

- Individualised support
  - Each child has their own strengths and challenges and therefore needs individualised support.
- Environmental supports
  - A school that will consider your child's sensory issues and will change (within reason) the environment around your child to engage them in the learning process.
- Curriculum modifications
  - A school that will take into account your child's learning style and will modify and change (within reason) the curriculum and the tools to teach the curriculum around your child to engage him/her in the learning process. eg use of technology in the classroom.
- A structured learning environment
  - A teacher that will provide consistency and predictability which is a main component of learning for someone with Autism Spectrum eg same seating position each day, use of visuals, supportive transitions.
- IEP's that are functional and are actually used
  - IEP's are instructions on how to provide learning opportunities for students. They should be simple and only target a few specific areas at any one time.

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