

# Picking Your Primary School

Things to look out for and ask about when visiting open days and picking your primary school

## EMOTIONAL WELLBEING & PASTORAL CARE



- Check the settling in process

## INTEGRATION & PROGRESSION



- How are children supported as they move through the school?
- Are there buddy systems with older children to help build confidence and build friendships?

## LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & PLAY



- Classroom set up
- Learning through play - how much play time do children have and what equipment is available



## FUTURE PATHWAYS

- Where do children move on to after primary school? Is the school a feeder to a particular secondary?

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



- Does the school offer Forest School sessions to enrich the learning experience?



## WRAPAROUND CARE & CLUBS

- Check what breakfast and after-school clubs are available - are these onsite, mixed ages, are there different clubs available?

## MEALS AND NUTRITION



- How and where are meals prepared? Onsite or offsite and delivered?
- Do meals align with your preferences for nutrition ?



## TRANSPORT

- Walking and drop offs might not always be an option, are there school buses to help with getting to and from school?



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