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LOCAL SECTOR COLLEGE - VISITS & ASSESSMENT

Here are some suggestions of questions you may wish to ask when you visit local colleges to look at discrete special needs courses. Discrete courses are courses that are designed specially for students with special educational needs or learning disabilities

- What does the course offer, i.e. curriculum, work experience, life skills, travel training, independence training?
- Will my son/daughter have an individual learning plan?
- How many students are there in the group?
- Would my son/daughter have an appropriate peer group?
- Can I see round the teaching area and other college facilities?
- How many days a week would my son/daughter be going to college?
- What is the length of the college day?
- Are the therapies such as speech therapy, physiotherapy available? (as appropriate).
- Do students have access to all the college facilities?
- Is there supervision for break times?
- What medical support is available if needed?
- Is there provision for support with personal care?
- Is transport available?
- How do you communicate student's progress with parents and carers?
- What do students do after they finish the course?

NB. The **Equality Act 2010** applies to further education. There will also be a Code of Practice, relating to the Act, dealing with the duties placed on providers of post-16 education. The Act makes it illegal for such providers to discriminate against disabled students.

The duties include:

- It is unlawful to discriminate against disabled students by treating them less favourably than others.
- Providers of post-16 education are required to introduce auxiliary aids and services (hearing aid loops etc.)
- They are required to make changes to buildings which put disabled students at a substantial disadvantage.

The Equality Act and associated documents are available on the Equality and Human Rights Commission website at www.equalityhumanrights.com

Useful Contacts

Your local Surrey Connexions Service can be contacted at:

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