

Factors to Keep in Mind for Your School Visit

Inquire about technology's role in teaching; it's important for today's learning

Learn about the tenure of the staff members, as long-standing employees often indicate a contented workplace

Trust your instincts to gauge if the school suits you based on the overall atmosphere and your impressions

Learn about the school's approach to students who aren't meeting academic expectations.

Ask private schools about plans for potential VAT changes: Will parents have to pay it on top of fees?

Ensure there are writing, maths, and gross motor skills activities available for children in reception. These skills are crucial and should be practised extensively.

Inquire about trips and visits in the early years

Chat with prospective parents and consider if you feel comfortable with them

Inquire about how the school ensures children's safety, including preventing them from getting lost and unauthorised entry, as well as keeping them safe from harm or danger. (Safeguarding Policy)

Observe the children playing and consider if your child could be at ease with them

Query how the school addresses the needs of gifted and talented students

Look for a library. It's essential for children as local libraries are not always the easiest option

Enquire about the phonics program used by the school (for potential home support)

Ask about mobile phone policy

Observe the condition of the furniture/equipment to assess if it appears worn out and requires replacement

Ask how the school handles disciplinary issues.

Find/ask for the list of extra-curricular clubs

Inquire about any charity or community service activities organised for the children

Inquire about the food and nutrition provided at the school