



PRIMARY SCHOOL- How you can help

There are many ways in which you can help prepare your child for starting school. The guidance and strategies provided in the early years by the QTVI and EYVIPS will have helped develop your child's potential through play and day to day activities.

When it comes to choosing a school, it is important to have an open mind and do your research first. Websites are a wonderful source of information, but you should arrange to visit the schools you are interested in; perhaps attending school fetes; open days; booking an individual visit. All these experiences will provide you with an understanding of where your child seems most 'at home'.

Although your QTVI cannot advise on which school you should choose, they will be able to answer your questions and support you through the process. Once you have been allocated a place at your chosen school, your QTVI will work closely with the staff on planning for a smooth transition. This may include an assessment of the environment and recommendation of suitable adaptations; training of staff in meeting the needs of a learner with a visual impairment; recommendation/provision of specialist equipment.



PRIMARY SCHOOL- What happens next

From this point the EYVIPS input will cease and your QTVI will focus on working with the school, to ensure that your child's needs are met. They will visit your child in school regularly, dependent on need and provide the school with a record of visit, outlining recommendations for curriculum access, independent learning, mobility support and use of technology. Each year, your QTVI will produce a report on your child's progress and will include some suggested outcomes to work towards in the next year. When starting school and in addition to school advice, it would be helpful if you could:

- Ensure name tags are in **block** script (i.e. *not cursive*)
- Teach dressing skills, including identifying fronts and backs of clothes and piling them up, ready for changing during PE lessons.
- Teach good feeding skills including using cutlery
- Teach good hygiene skills; washing /drying hands etc
- Teach personal care skills including toileting