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LOCAL SECTOR COLLEGE - VISITS AND ASSESSMENTS

Information Sheet 20

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

- ◆ What does the course offer, ie 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 at 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/carers?
- ◆ What do students do after they finish the course?

Disability Discrimination

NB The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and the Equality Act 2010 apply to further education. There is a duty on providers of Post-16 education to make reasonable adjustments for disabled students, this duty is anticipatory. The Acts make it illegal for such providers to discriminate against disabled students.



Directions is a service providing advice, guidance and support for 13 – 19 year olds, 13 – 25 years for those young people with a disability. Students with special needs will have access to specialist support and there will be particular involvement at the year 9 annual review of a statement. Directions is about helping young people navigate their way through decisions about studying, jobs, careers and life beyond school.

To find out more contact Directions on **01628 685858** or visit the website at www.wamster.org.uk