

School Visit Checklist for Parents

Before the Visit

- Research the school's website and Ofsted reports
- Check school catchment area and admissions policy
- Note down open day times and registration details
- Prepare questions for the headteacher or staff

During the Visit

- Observe classroom environments and student behaviour
- Speak with current pupils and ask about their experience
- Explore the facilities: library, sports hall, canteen, etc.
- Ask about the school's approach to homework and discipline
- Find out about pastoral care and special educational needs support

After the Visit

- Review notes and compare with other schools visited
- Discuss impressions with your child
- Consider distance, travel time, and school-day logistics
- Revisit the school's online reviews or forums
- Trust your instinct and alignment with your values