

Step 2 Gather information in relation to schools in your locality that your child might attend.

The National Council for Special Education website provides location and contact information for schools (primary, post-primary and special schools) in your area through the NCSE [Schools Information Map](#). The NCSE also provides a full [list of all special classes in primary and post-primary schools](#).

You may wish to visit some local schools to find out if they can offer a place for your child. You can ask what supports they currently provide and what additional supports they could provide, to meet your child's needs. We advise phoning the school in advance to make an appointment to visit, at a time that suits you and the school.

The National Council for Special Education offers support for parents through its network of [Special Educational Needs Organisers \(SENO\)](#). The SENO ensures that a child with special educational needs receives the supports they are entitled to. A SENO can advise parents and schools on the facilities, services, and resources available to assist children with Special Educational Needs. If your child has complex special educational needs, or you are having difficulty finding a placement for a child with special educational needs, you should contact the local SENO for advice. To find out the name of the SENO and their contact details in your area check the [NCSE Regional Services Contact List](#) at the NCSE website.

[NCSE Starting School - Guidelines for Parents/Guardians of Children with Special Educational Needs](#)

[NCSE Information Booklet for Parents of children and young People with Special Educational Needs 2019](#)