

Questions to consider when choosing a high school (for parents)

These questions can be useful to consider when visiting a school. If possible, ask for a meeting with one of the senior staff to talk about your child's medical needs. This meeting will help you to decide if this is the right school for your child.

CF and health related

- Are there any other children with CF attending the school?
- Does the school have a school nurse/medical staff?
- How does the school support existing students with medical needs? Do they have healthcare plans?
- What is the school's medication policy? Especially around protocol for storage and administration of medications such as enzymes
- What is the system for sharing medical information about students to staff?

CF awareness/understanding for staff

- Could a Program Support Group (PSG) meeting with staff and parents be held at the start of the year to talk about your child?
- Is the school willing for their staff to be educated about CF? CFSmart e-learning etc
- Could a member of staff attend one of the Hospital CF Education Days at the start of the year?

Wellbeing and pastoral care

- What is the wellbeing and pastoral care system in the school?
- How do they support students?



Option to put alternative school systems into place

- How flexible is the school about absence and lateness? (eg away for regular tune ups or running be late because of daily physiotherapy)
- Could systems be implemented, if needed, around alternative toilet facilities, an easy way to leave class quickly etc?

General school environment

- What are the environmental risks such as wet areas, ponds, water gardens, mud, mulch etc
- Are air conditioning units regularly serviced and cleaned?
Is the school generally clean and hygienic?

General Support if away from school

- What support/follow up would they provide if your child is away in hospital/HITH?



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