



6 tips to find the right school for your child

1 Visit!

Public or private - it doesn't matter - visit the school! You'd be surprised how many parents miss out on a great school because they 'heard' something and didn't visit.

2 Meet the Principal

This will tell you a lot about a school. If you can't meet the leader that tells you even more! Are they passionate and enthusiastic? Ask what they want for the school in the next five years.

3 Engagement

Pay attention to the children in class - are they interested in their learning or yawning and distracted? Are there smiles? Busy, happy noise of collaboration? Do teachers look happy or stressed?

4 Evidence

Does the school have high expectations of *all* students? Look at the work displayed. Attend Sports Days or Drama nights. Ask how the school *measures the gain* (rather than results) of students.

5 Cleanliness

Don't be fooled by flashy buildings. Little things speak to culture: Are the toilets clean? Is rubbish in the playground? Is there a garden area and is it 'loved'? Are staff and students neatly/professionally attired?

6 Community

All schools will talk about community. What opportunities or activities exist for parents and volunteers? Can you speak to a current parent? Does the school communicate with past students?