

What are reasonable adjustments in education?

They are the positive steps that school should make to ensure that disabled pupils can:

- take part fully in education**
- enjoy the other benefits, facilities and services that the school provides for pupils, including school trips**

Can I ask the school to make adjustments in readiness for my child starting school September?

The duty to make reasonable adjustments is 'anticipatory', within reason. This means that education settings should anticipate, think about and try to predict what adjustments could be needed by pupils with different types of disability, support and access requirements.

Where can I find out more about reasonable adjustments and disability discrimination

The Equality Act 2010 sets out the legal obligations that schools, early years providers, colleges and local authorities and others have towards disabled children and young people.

What are some examples of reasonable adjustments?

- **a healthy snacks policy is adjusted for a pupil with diabetes who needs a high-calorie snack at breaktime.**
- **school uniform is adapted for a pupil who has an allergy to synthetic material or severe eczema.**

How can I work with my child's school to make reasonable adjustments?

Schools are legally obliged to work with the pupil, their family and any other professionals involved, to agree to the necessary support.

Can I ask for adjustments to be made for a child who isn't disabled?

Schools aren't legally obliged to provide reasonable adjustments for children who aren't disabled, but many will work to provide similar support where needed. This can increase attendance and improve behaviour.