



National Disability Insurance Scheme: information for parents and carers of students with disability

Parents FAQ

Will the support my child receives at school change after my child's transition to the NDIS?

Schools are required to make 'reasonable adjustments' to support the learning and participation of children with disability. Reasonable adjustments are developed in consultation with the student, their parents or carers, and relevant school staff. Reasonable adjustments apply to all types of learning, including learning at school, and on excursions and camps.

Schools remain responsible for reasonable adjustments relating to your child's education and participation, regardless of your child's eligibility to receive NDIS support.

Can I get information from the school to help with eligibility and access to the NDIS?

If you need additional information to support your child's NDIS access request, your school can provide copies of any current and relevant plans and reports that have been prepared to support your child's learning and participation.

This may include Education Adjustment Program (EAP) verification reports, therapy reports, your child's personalised learning plan, individual curriculum plan or health management plan.

Schools will release information in line with the Access to Records Held in Schools procedure available at www.ppr.det.qld.gov.au.

Schools are not expected to undertake new assessments or create new reports to support an NDIS access request.

A Disability Support Summary, which provides a snapshot of the disability supports that your child accesses at school, is also available. This may be useful when you talk to an NDIS planner about the supports your child receives at school.

Contact your school in writing to request this information in the six months before the NDIS transition begins in your area.

Will the school give information about my child to the NDIS or to NDIS providers?

School staff will not disclose personal information about a student without written consent from a parent or carer.

If you would like the school to share information with the NDIS or an NDIS provider you must provide written consent and specific details about what information is to be shared.

Should I let my child's school know about my child's NDIS plan?

If your child receives an NDIS plan, you may wish to contact the school to share information about your child's plan so that strategies to support your child can be used consistently across learning environments, including home and school.

Does the NDIS fund therapy for educational purposes?

The NDIS will not fund therapy for educational purposes. The Department of Education and Training employs therapists to assist schools in meeting the educational needs of students with disability.

In general it will be the preference that NDIS-funded therapy is not delivered during school hours on school sites.

What transport service will my child use to get to school?

The Queensland Government will continue to provide school transport assistance for students with disability until 31 December 2019 — a full six months after the transition to the NDIS is completed.

The current School Transport Assistance Program for Students with Disabilities will continue to be implemented and is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/students/transport.

The NDIA has advised the Queensland Government that no changes will be made to existing arrangements without clear communication and consultation with stakeholders. More information will be provided when available.

Who can I talk to for more information?

For more information please contact the National Disability Insurance Agency by calling **1800 800 110** or by filling out the online contact form: www.ndis.gov.au/form/contact-form

- For people with hearing or speech loss: TTY **1800 555 677**
- Speak and listen: **1800 555 727**
- For people who need help with English: TIS **131 450**

