

# New School Questionnaires

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## *Local Support*

The more support you can demonstrate for your school, from as many sources as possible, the more likely it is to happen. You need to be talking to:

- Other parents. If it is a secondary school, talk to parents at local primaries. If it is a primary, talk to nurseries. Post something in your local newsletter or write a letter to the local paper which asks whether parents are interested in a new school, or would like to help set one up. Post something on mumsnet or netmums, facebook, or our NSN Connect forum.
- The local authority. Explain your situation and your plans. See if they think there is a case for a new school because of a lack of places. Contacting your local councillors and MPs directly is also a great option.
- Business people in the area. Are they worried about the skills of young people in the area? Will they pledge support – either with their name, with some funding or in-kind support (for example printing leaflets)?
- Teachers. Are there teachers who would be interested in working in or helping to set up a new school? Talk to them – if you are in a city contact Teach First or Teaching Leaders. Talk to the local independent and state schools.

You should also be looking to convert the enthusiasm of parents and others in your area into wider public support. This will also let others know about your plans.

## *Questionnaires*

We recommend that you send out questionnaires to gather parental and community support. Through questionnaires, you can find out how many of the parents would, or might, send their child to your school.

Please use the following questionnaires as guides and personalise the questions to your local group.

### Parental Support Survey

### Community Support Survey

If you need guidance in setting up an online questionnaire through e-mail or as a posting on your web site, please e-mail our office at [info@newschoolsnetwork.org](mailto:info@newschoolsnetwork.org).