

## **TRANSCRIPT: Finding the right school**

Simon, Harvey's father

Education is, in many ways, more important to Harvey than perhaps other children because there are so many things he can't do. He's a wheelchair user so he's not going to be a plumber or electrician or a builder and, in that way, he has to use his brain and, maybe, computers.

Having said that, he's had the combination of special needs that's pretty much unique. He's profoundly deaf and he's in an electric wheelchair and so we've always needed to seek an environment that can cope with his wheelchair but then understands the deafness, and we've never really found that environment. So he's in an environment at the moment that's fantastic with his physical needs but he's had a tiny amount of speech and language therapy and he's had almost no teaching which is specialised for the deaf.

He's got the best of both worlds at the moment 'cause he's at a special needs school, but it's integrated into a secondary school and he integrates for some lessons and doesn't for others.

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