## Schools’ refusal to admit disabled child

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to inform you that I am considering making an appeal against the decision not to give my child, <name>, a place at <name of school>. I would also like to make a claim under the Equality Act (2010) of Disability Discrimination. My grounds for appeal are described below.

I consider that the decision not to give my child a place was less favourable treatment of my child for a reason related to his disability and that the less favourable treatment of my child cannot be justified.

Schools have a legal duty to comply with parent’s request unless they can show that either:

1. the school they want is unsuitable to their child’s age, ability, aptitude or special educational needs; or
2. that their child’s attendance at the school would affect the education of other children; or
3. that their child’s attendance at the school would not be an “efficient use of resources.”

I would like <Name of school> to put in writing:

1. Why they felt they could not meet my child’s need.
2. Any evidence to back this up.

I have sought educational discrimination advice and I will be making a claim of Disability Discrimination to the Admission Appeal Panel. This is not something I wish to do so I would appreciate it if you could contact me and discuss this matter. I wish to thank you in advance and I look forward to your support and assistance in this very stressful matter.

Yours faithfully