

Plain facts

Going away to school

Most children go to their local school.
But a lot of disabled children go away
to residential school. That means
they live at their school.

David Abbott and
Jenny Morris wanted
to know why disabled
children go away to
residential school.
They talked to
disabled children
and their parents to
find out what it was
like for them. They
found:



Children had good and bad feelings about
being at residential school.



Children liked having more friends and
having more independence.



Children missed their home and family.



Children often went to residential school because parents were
not getting enough help to look after them at home. Sometimes
local schools could not give children all the help they needed.



Parents said it was a hard decision to let their children go away
to school. They missed them.