

Provision for pupils with an EHC plan

Executive Summary:

An Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP) is a legal document that describes a child or young person's special educational, health and social care needs, explains the extra help that will be given to meet those needs and how that help will support the child or young person to achieve what they want to in their life.

What is an EHC plan?

The SEND Code of Practice 2015 says:

“The purpose of an EHC plan is to make special educational provision to meet the special educational needs of the child or young person, to secure the best possible outcomes for them across education, health and social care and, as they get older, prepare them for adulthood.” (9.2)

Definition of SEN from 2015 Code of Practice:

“A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her. A child of compulsory school age has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she: Has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age; or has a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream plus 16 institutions.”

Requesting an EHCP Assessment

An application can be made by parents/carers to the local authority to carry out an assessment.

For secondary aged pupils, a request can also be made by:

- school
- doctor

A local authority has 6 weeks to decide whether or not to carry out an EHC assessment. Information will be gained from the following if an assessment is carried out,:

- school (academic, pastoral and support staff where appropriate)
- professional assessments or reports (e.g. educational psychologists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, paediatricians, psychiatrist etc.)
- a letter from parent or carer about the child's needs

Within 16 weeks the authority will decide whether or not an EHC plan will be made

Creating an EHC Plan

The local authority will create a draft EHC plan and send out a copy to parents.

- There are 15 days to comment, which might include a request for specialist school provision

- The local authority has 20 weeks from the date of the assessment to provide the final EHC plan.

Personal Budgets

In some cases, a personal budget may be awarded if a child has an education, health and care (EHC) plan or have been told that they need an EHC plan. Parents will have a say in how to spend the money supporting their child. There are 3 ways a personal budget can be used:

- direct payments into a personal account to buy and manage services independently
- an arrangement with the local authority or school where they hold the money but parents/carers still decide how it will be spent (sometimes called 'notional arrangements')
- third-party arrangements - someone else is chosen to manage the money for parents/carers

It is possible to have a combination of all 3 options

Support pupils with an EHCP at Eastbourne College

Eastbourne College is wholly committed to supporting the educational needs of all pupils. For pupils with an EHCP this will mean that all necessary provision recommended in the plan will be put in place in order to support that pupil. This may include:

- Individual curriculum support lessons
- Sharing relevant information with teachers (in the form of an IEP)
- Regular contact with pastoral and medical teams to discuss and monitor support provision
- Liaising with outside agencies to provide appropriate support (e.g. physiotherapists, occupation therapists, psychologists etc.)
- Maintaining regular communication with parents to discuss support provision
- Organising annual EHCP review meetings – ensuring that an LA representative is invited.

Medical Information

Where an EHCP contains medical information this will form part of a pupils health care plan maintained by the College's medical centre.

Individual health care plans are used to record important details regarding the medical needs of individual pupils. Information includes:

- details of medical condition
- severity
- sign and symptom to look out for
- medication required
- administration of medication
- what to look for in emergency
- treatment.

The health care plans are stored in the medical centre. All matron have access to a copy. Day houses have access to health care plans as appropriate.

Consultation takes place with parents when developing individual care plans and copies are sent for parental approval.

Parents are asked to inform the school of any changes in their child's medical condition to ensure health care plans are kept current.

Suitable Alternative Arrangements

In some cases the LA may name a school setting within the EHCP but parents opt to send their child to Eastbourne College. If this is the case then the LA will no longer have a duty to ensure that the provision set out in the EHCP is made as "suitable alternative arrangements" have been made. In such case College will do all it can to continue the recommendations of the EHCP to ensure that the pupils needs are met. This will include conducting an annual review in conjunction with the pupil, parents, the LA and any other relevant professionals.

A full Annual Review takes place within 12 months of the issue of an EHC plan, and then every subsequent 12 months or sooner, if there are any serious concerns about progress, or any suggestion that the pupil's needs have considerably altered.

Where a pupil with an EHC plan wholly or partly funded by the Local Authority or other body through public funds is registered at the School, such information as may be reasonably required for the purpose of the annual review of the EHC plan will be provided to the Local Authority by the School.

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References:

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[Children with special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\): Extra help - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)
[SEND code of practice: 0 to 25 years - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)