



Dear Parent/Carer

Understanding Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)

At Huxlow Academy, we want every child to feel supported and to have the best possible opportunities to reach their full potential. Most children's needs can be met through high-quality teaching and the extra help we provide within school.

However, we know that some children may have more complex or long-term needs and might need additional support beyond what the school can usually offer. In these cases, we may need to talk to you about whether it would be helpful to consider an Education, Health and Care Plan.

What is an EHCP?

An Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) is a legal document that sets out a child's individual needs and the extra support they require to help them succeed. It brings together help from education, health and social services in one plan.

When is an EHCP appropriate?

An EHCP may be requested if your child:

Has significant learning difficulties or disabilities that affect their everyday learning

Requires support beyond what the school can provide through its usual resources

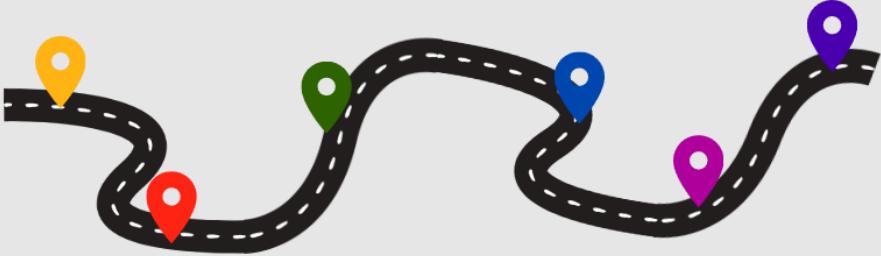
Needs coordinated support from education, health and social care services

Steps before requesting an EHCP

Before a school, parent/carer requests an Education, Health and Care Plan, a range of steps should have already been taken to identify and support the child's needs.

This is known as the graduated approach - Assess, Plan, Do, Review.

The following should have already happened before applying to a plan.



1

SUPPORT

We have identified your child's needs and put in place SEN support within the classroom

2

ADJUSTMENTS

Teachers have made adjustments to teaching and resources

3

INTERVENTION

Your child has had access to targeted interventions or small group work.

4

SPECIALISTS

The school has worked with external specialists, Educational Psychologists etc to offer advice and strategies.

5

REVIEWS

Regular reviews have taken place with you and your child to discuss progress

6

SUPPORT

Despite this support, your child is not making expected progress or continues to need a level of help significantly greater than what the school can normally offer.

Only once these steps have been completed and documented would an EHCP assessment be considered appropriate.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss your child's needs, please contact your child's Head of Year or the SENDCo.

Yours sincerely

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