



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/carers request 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.



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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