

Some Abbreviations You May See

ASC/D: Autistic Spectrum Condition/ Disorder

CAT: Communication & Autism Team

C&I: Communication & Interaction

C&L: Cognition & Learning

CP: Cerebral Palsy

DLD: Developmental Language Disorder

EP: Educational Psychologist

GDD/GLD: Global Developmental/Learning Delay

HI: Hearing Impaired

LA: Local Authority

OT: Occupational Therapist

PDSS: Physical Disabilities Support Service

PSS: Pupil & School Support

SEMH: Social, Emotional & Mental Health

SEND: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

SENDCo: SEND Co-ordinator

SLCN: Speech, Language & Communication Needs

SPD: Sensory Processing Disorder

SSS: Sensory Support Service

***SSPP:** School Support Provision Plan

TA/ LSA: Teaching assistant/Learning Support Assistant

VI: Vision Impaired.

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What is an EHCP?

E H C P stands for Education Health Care Plan.

If a child needs a more intensive level of specialist help that cannot be met from the resources available at nursery or school, you or nursery can ask the Local Authority (LA) for an EHC assessment for your child.

In Birmingham, the LA department for SEND is called SENAR.

An EHCP brings your child's education, health and social care needs into a single legal document.



1) The TAC

T A C stands for Team Around the Child

If you, nursery and other professionals involved with your child's development agree that an EHC Assessment is required, then we will all meet to discuss the Request for Assessment and look at the form together.

It is important that parents/carers take an active role in this process and are happy with the details before the request is sent off to SENAR.

2) Second Stage

SENAR have 6 weeks to decide whether to carry out the assessment. During that time, they will ask you, nursery and others involved for information to help them make a decision.

After SENAR have made its assessment, it will then decide if an EHCP is necessary.

3) Draft Stage

A draft plan will be sent to you. It will not name a school or provision at this stage.

You will be given 15 days to comment on the draft. You will also be able to request a school you would like for your child .

4) Final EHCP

The final plan will state the provision and support which must be provided.

5) Review

The EHCP will be reviewed at least every 12 months. You will be invited to a meeting to discuss how the plan is working and what needs to happen next.

Schools

If your child has an EHCP, there 3 different types of provision that you can choose from, depending on their needs.

Mainstream: Often your local school. There will be extra funding to support your child. *This provision can also be funded by a SSPP.

Resource Base: A more specialised provision often attached to a mainstream school. There are usually smaller classes which focus on an area of need. Some require a diagnosis from a doctor.

Special School: Often specialise in one or two areas of need. Some require a diagnosis from a doctor.

Nursery can provide you with a list of Special Schools and Resource Bases or visit Birmingham's "LOCAL OFFER". www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk