

EHCPs

A quick guide



WHAT IS AN EHCP?

- EHCP stands for:

Education and Health Care Plan

- An EHCP is a detailed plan which sets out the needs of a child and how they should be supported in school.
- EHCPs are for children who need a **high level** of extra support in school, which is beyond what the school can normally provide.



HOW DOES A CHILD GET AN EHCP?

- School, GPs, health visitors, social workers and parents can make an application.
- Very detailed paperwork and evidence is sent off to Warwickshire or Solihull SEND Services, depending on your address.
- A panel of experts at SEND Services will decide if the child should be assessed for an EHCP.
- If they decide yes, a team of professionals will meet the child and carry out different assessments with them.
- They will write reports and these will form the child's plan.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY EVIDENCE?

- School will be expected to show their **Graduated Response**.
- This means that school will have to show how they have tried to support the child, and the impact of this, over a period of time.
- This may involve professionals, like Educational Psychologists or the IDS Teaching and Learning Services, coming into school to work with the child.
- An EHCP application **will not be** accepted without enough evidence.



DOES EVERY CHILD WITH SEND NEED AN EHCP?

- Most children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) do not need an EHCP.
- This is because schools can support their needs well.
- If a child's needs are too complex for the school to support, then an EHCP may be the best option.



WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK MY CHILD MAY NEED AN EHCP?

- It is most likely that the SENDCo, Mrs Butcher will get in touch with you if we feel that your child may need an EHCP.
- If you would like to talk to someone about an EHCP, you can contact school:
- Mrs Butcher
- St Edward's Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENDCO)
- 01675 463 249

