



IPSWICH SCHOOL

EDUCATION AND WELFARE PROVISION FOR PUPILS WITH EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE PLANS

Education, Health and Care Plans are personalised plans for children and young people with special educational needs that cover from birth to age 25. They aim to ensure that all the support the young person needs from education, health and social care professionals is agreed in one place. EHC plans replaced statements and learning disability assessments in September 2014.

Where a pupil has complex learning needs and is failing to make appropriate progress, parents have a statutory right to ask the Local Education Authority to make an assessment with a view to drawing up an Education and Health Care (EHC) plan. Permission to name Ipswich School on an EHC must be sought from the school by the family. As a school, we also have the right to request an EHC assessment, and will consult with parents before exercising this right.

If a pupil has an EHC plan, educational and welfare provision will be discussed with the Local Authority and parents on an individual basis. This will be carried out by the Head of Learning Support and agreed with the Headmaster. EHC plans are reviewed annually and this is done by the Head of Learning Support and relevant pastoral teams involved with the care of the student.

On application to the school, an EHC must be fully disclosed and a place will only be offered once it is established that the school can support the provision specified on the statement /EHC. An EHC will be frequently reviewed in response to any changing needs to ensure that the needs of the pupil can be fully met. As any pupil gets older, individual learning needs can change and Ipswich School's ability to continue to meet a child or young person's individual specific needs will be under regular review. It may be that the school informs parents that we can no longer meet the needs of their child. In circumstances where 'beyond reasonable' adjustments are made and the costs incurred for these are not covered by an EHC Plan, it is possible that parents will be invoiced for adjusted fees to ensure their son/daughter's needs are met through the additional resources which have an associated cost. This would not occur without prior discussion between the school and the family.