



Highshore

Education, Health and Care Plans

Highshore School, September 2015



The statutory guidance for local authorities and organisations providing services to children and young people with SEN states:

“ By 1st April 2018, local authorities must transfer all children and young people with statements of SEN to the new SEN and disability system following a ‘**transfer review**’ – That is an EHCp needs assessment in accordance with the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 (SI 2014/1530). ”



What is an Education, Health and Care plan?

- The Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP) is a new way of working that puts pupils, young people and families at the centre of the assessment and planning process
- This EHCP focuses on what is important for pupils and young people and what they and you want to achieve now and in the future
- Young people and families want to feel more listened to and more involved in decision-making in ways that make sense to them





All Highshore pupils will transfer to EHCp

- The legal test of when a pupil or young person requires an EHCp remains the same as that for a statement of SEN under the Education Act (1996)
- It is expected that all pupils and young people who have a statement of SEN and who would have continued to have one under the 1996 provisions will be transferred to an EHCp
- **No child or young person should lose their statement of SEN because the system is changing**



How will this happen?

- To transfer a pupil from a statement of SEN to an EHCp, Highshore will undertake a **'transfer review'**
- Parent/carer will be invited to a **'transfer review'** meeting at Highshore. This meeting will take more time than an annual review because the EHCp is a new document
- All the important people who work with your child /young person will be asked for up-to date-reports before the **'transfer review'** can take place



Which pupils will be transferring to an EHCp?

Highshore has already transferred 25 SEN statements to EHCp

We will be starting our EHCp **transfer reviews** with our priority groups.

These are:

- Year 14
- Year 13
- Year 11
- Pupils from out of borough





What will happen during the transition period ?

Pupils in

- Year 7
- Year 8
- Year 9
- Year 10

Will have an annual review meeting



During the transition period Highshore must continue to maintain and review statements of SEN annually in line with the 2001 SEN Code of Practice



How is the EHCp different?

- The EHCp will cover **all** the pupils' needs and brings different services together
- Education
- Health
- Care
- From birth to age 25 the EHCp will go with your pupil as they change schools and also when they leave school and go on to college, work-related training or employment





How is the EHCp different?

- Highshore is responsible for ensuring that **transfer reviews** are effectively co-ordinated

Key elements of transfer review:

- Professionals and important people who work with the pupils will need to provide up-to date reports
- Parental contribution – families will be equal partners in the process
- Pupils views are important as they will be equal partners in the process



How is the EHCp different?

- Pupils have a far greater input and participate in the process
- Staff will support pupils to produce a profile for **“All about me”**

Pupil profile





Before the EHCp review meeting takes place

You and the young person will have the opportunity to think about what's working, what's not working and what you think needs to change.

- Pupils need to complete the “All about me” Section
- Parents and families need to complete the “All about me” section





Reports from the professionals



- Highshore has to invite all the professionals involved with the pupil to write a report
- Before the EHCp **transfer review** meeting other professionals such as health care professionals or SaLT will be asked to write a report
- The majority of Highshore pupils will need to be re-assessed by an Educational Psychologist.



Reports from the professionals

- Highshore will arrange for pupils and parents to meet with the EP prior to the transfer meeting
- Parents will be required to sign a **consent form**
- The EP will write an up-to-date report





Who will be at the EHCp review meeting?

- The pupil
- Parent/carer
- Sally Brett – AHT
- The EHCp co-ordinator for Southwark
- Other professionals working with the pupil, such as a SaLT



The EHCp **transfer review** process

Prior to the EHCp **transfer review** meeting :

- Parent /carer to sign consent form and meet with the EP
- The EP will meet the pupil in school
- The EP will send home a report
- Parent/ carer to complete All about Me and return to the school office
- Pupils to complete All about Me section at school
- Reports from professionals will be gathered
- The Southwark EHC co-ordinator may contact you prior to the transfer review meeting
- EHCp meeting will take place and outcomes will be agreed.
- Southwark EHC co-ordinator will send the completed EHCp to you to sign and agree



How will the EHCp benefit pupils?

- The EHCp will be more person-centred
- The EHCp will be more focused on outcomes. The support to achieve these will be tailored to each pupil or range of needs.
- The EHCp will be reviewed up to the age of 25 and the rights of young people will be extended





How can you get help and support?

A useful contact:

Southwark Information, Advice
and Support Team (SIAS)

Contact information:

- Tel 0207 525 3104
- Email SIAS@southwark.gov.uk

