

Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans

How do I apply for a school place if my child has an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan?

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan, you do not apply for a school place using the normal common application form. Instead, you will receive a letter from the Education, Health and Care team, seeking details of your school preference.

You will be asked to return your preference by the end of September.

You will be informed of the outcome of this consultation by 15 February 2026.

If you disagree with this decision, you can then appeal to the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Tribunal. You can also speak to West Northants SEND IASS team who will assist you to understand this process and the steps involved.

If your child is under assessment for an Education Health & Care assessment, you will need to apply for a secondary school place in the usual way and complete a common application form.

Where can I get support?

If you need any further information or clarification, please contact the West Northants EHC Team:

Telephone: 01604 526115

Email: ehcpostassessments@westnorthants.gov.uk or ehcassessments@westnorthants.gov.uk

Information Advice Support Service (IASS)

IASS offers impartial advice to parents of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). You can contact them for more information.

By visiting their [website](#)

By emailing sendiass@westnorthants.gov.uk

By telephoning 0300 126 1039