

Naming Provision in an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) – Section I

As part of the assessment of your child/young person's needs you will be asked to express a preference for a school for your child to attend. This is a short guide to what this means and what you might want to consider.

What can I ask for?

The [Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice 2015](#) says that a child's parent or the young person has a right to request a particular type of school, college or other establishment to be named in the EHCP.

This can be a:

- Maintained nursery school
- Maintained school or any form of academy or free school (mainstream or special)
- Non-maintained special school
- Further education or sixth form college
- Independent school or independent specialist college (where they have been approved for this purpose by the Secretary of State and published in the Section 41 list) [Independent special schools and colleges - GOV.UK](#)

Do I need to express a preference?

In the majority of cases most children/young people will remain in their current provision. The issuing of an EHCP **does not** mean that a child/young person's placement will change. The EHCP simply outlines that the provision required by the child/young person is over and above, and different to the provision that is usually available. With the additional resources that the EHCP brings, the Local Authority would expect schools to meet these needs with additional support and use of reasonable adjustments.

If you are happy with your child's placement you simply need to tell us this. If you do wish to express a preference for an alternative provision, then you are able to do so, and the Local Authority has a duty to consult with them.

What are Reasonable Adjustments?

When considering a placement for a child/young person with special educational needs and/or disability the school/provision **must** consider all reasonable steps that may be taken

to remove any barriers/incompatibility to make the required provision for the child/young person these are known as Reasonable Adjustments.

There are many reasonable steps that may be taken, and the list below are just a few examples (more can be found in The Special Educational Needs Code of Practice 2015 9.91-9.94):

- Provision of time out/quiet space
- Use of peer support
- Additional adult support
- Identifying behaviour triggers
- Risk assessments
- Use of visual timetables
- Individual workstations
- Staff training and awareness
- Effective transition and preparation for change

The list is not exhaustive as each individual's case needs to be considered and the appropriate reasonable adjustments made.

Will my choice be named in the Plan?

The Local Authority **must** comply with your preference and name the school/college in the plan **unless**:

- The school/college would be unsuitable for the age, ability, aptitude or SEN of the child or young person **or**
- The attendance of the child or young person would be incompatible with the efficient education of others or the efficient use of resources.

Efficient education means providing for each child or young person a suitable, appropriate education in terms of their age, ability, aptitude, and any special educational needs they may have.

What can I do if I'm not happy?

- Please contact your child's SEND case worker or contact SEND Services to discuss your concerns. We would like to work with you to find a way forward - 01905 845579 sen@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk
- Discuss any concerns with your SENCO or SEND lead
- Herefordshire and Worcestershire SENDIASS (SEND information, Advice and Support Service) - 01905 768153 sendiass@worcestershire.gov.uk
- You have the right to free, independent Mediation, to find out more: [Mediation \(SEND Local Offer\)](#) or contact SEND Services for details – 01905 845579

sen@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk. If you are appealing the education setting **only**, you can go straight to Tribunal, but you must contact the mediation service first in all other cases.

- You have the right of appeal to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal. Telephone– 01325 289350. [SEND Tribunals \(Gov.UK\)](#). You need to register your appeal within 2 months of receipt of the Final Plan.