

## Applying if your child has an Education, Health and Care plan

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) your school placement will be dealt with by the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) team. Please do not make an application for a school place to the admissions team. You must contact the SEND team to make sure a plan is in place for your child's transition. There would also have been an opportunity to discuss your views on your child's next placement at their last Annual Review meeting.

If a child has an Education, Health and Care Plan, which names a particular school, then the admission authority for that school has a duty to admit the child. Where possible, the admission authority will take these admissions into account before the published offer day and will include these admissions in the published admission number.

The local authority has a duty to make suitable provision for children who have Special Educational Needs and to make appropriate education available in mainstream or specialist schools. Wherever possible, the local authority will try to place children with Special Educational Needs in mainstream schools. The needs of the majority of children can be met from the resources available to the schools, including advice from the area support services.

For information, advice and support on Special Educational Needs and disability, please visit [Somerset SENDIAS website](#).

You may also find it helpful to visit [Somerset's Local Offer](#).