



UNDERSTANDING THE EHCP PROCESS

A SIMPLE GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Working together to secure the right support for every child.



Crossflatts PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHAT DO THESE TERMS MEAN?



EHCA =

Education, Health & Care Needs Assessment

The assessment process used to decide whether a child needs an EHCP.



EHCP =

Education, Health & Care Plan

A legal document that outlines:

- ✓ A child's needs
- ✓ The outcomes being worked towards
- ✓ The support required
- ✓ Who will provide that support



Not every EHCA results in an EHCP.

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SEN SUPPORT IN SCHOOL

Most children's needs can be met through SEN Support in school.

- ✓ Assess
- ✓ Plan
- ✓ Do
- ✓ Review

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REQUEST AN EHC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

A request can be made by:



Parents/Carers



School



Professionals

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BRADFORD COUNCIL DECISION

Within 6 weeks

- ✓ Assessment agreed
- OR
- ✗ Assessment not agreed

You have the right to appeal some decisions.

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ASSESSMENT STAGE

Information is gathered from:



Education



Health



Social Care (where appropriate)



Parents



Child or Young Person

Everyone's views are important.

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DRAFT EHCP

Families can:

- ✓ Read the draft
- ✓ Suggest changes
- ✓ Request a preferred school

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FINAL EHCP ISSUED

The plan sets out:

- ✓ Needs
- ✓ Outcomes
- ✓ Support Required
- ✓ Placement



Usually completed within 20 weeks

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ANNUAL REVIEW

Every EHCP is reviewed at least once every year to ensure the support remains appropriate.

MYTH BUSTING



MYTH: My child needs a diagnosis before getting an EHCP.



FACT: A diagnosis is not required.



MYTH: Only school can request an assessment.



FACT: Parents can request one too.



MYTH: An EHCP guarantees a special school place.



FACT: Placement depends on individual needs.



NEED HELP?



Speak to the Crossflatts SEN Team



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