

Your EHCP Annual Review: What to Expect

What is an EHCP Annual Review?

An EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) is a plan that helps you get the support you need at school or college so that you can achieve your dreams in the future. Every year, we have a meeting called an **Annual Review** to check how things are going and make sure your plan still works for you.

Why do we have this meeting?

- To talk about what's going well for you.
- To celebrate your success
- To see if anything needs to change in your plan.
- To make sure you are getting the right help to reach your goals.
- To think about your next steps and your future

Who will be there?

You might see:

- **You** – because your views are the most important!
- Your **parents or carers**.
- Your **teacher or SENCO** (Special Educational Needs Coordinator).
- Sometimes people from health or social care.
- Someone from the local authority (SEND team) may join.

Your school will be able to tell you exactly who has been invited and if they will be coming so that you know what to expect.

It is optional for you to attend as we want you to do whatever makes you feel most comfortable, but we do like it when you attend so that you can share your voice and views.

If you don't want to attend you can share your voice in a different way and we can ask someone to explain after the meeting what has been discussed.

What will happen in the meeting?

- We will talk about **your progress** – what you've achieved and what you're proud of.
- We will look at your **targets** and see if they need updating.
- We will ask **how you feel** about school or college.
- We will talk about any **new support** you might need.
- The meeting is normally between 1 hour and 1 hour 30 minutes. You can attend all or part of the meeting. If you need a movement break during the meeting that's ok too!

Your Rights and Choices

- **Your voice matters** – you have the right to share your views and ideas.
- You can **bring someone with you** who makes you feel comfortable.
- You can **say what you like and don't like** about your support.
- You can **ask questions** if you don't understand something.

- You can **tell us your hopes for the future** – like jobs, college, living arrangements or hobbies.

How can you get ready?

- Think about what you enjoy at school or college.
- Think about what is hard for you and what could help.
- You can write down your ideas or draw pictures if you like.
- Think about what you want to do in the future. If you are due to move schools soon or your course is finishing, what do you want to do next?
- Ask your SENCO where the meeting will be if you want to see the room beforehand
- Your school or college will ask you to fill in paperwork sharing your views, if you need support to do this it can be provided.

What happens after the meeting?

- We will write a report about what was said.
- If changes are needed, your EHCP will be updated by the SEND Team.
- You and your family will get a copy of the report.
- We may speak to other schools and colleges if you are looking to go somewhere different.

Remember:

This meeting is about **you**. Your voice matters. You can ask questions, share your thoughts, and tell us what's important to you.