

Frequently asked questions from parents concerning Transition for Year 11 and Year 6 pupils

Children who are transitioning from Year 11 and have no setting named on their EHCP for September 2020 when will they receive this information? Subject to the young person having applied to a placement and SEN being directly informed of the young person's wishes (usually this is done by the school, but the parent can also contact SEN directly) parents will receive this information when the college returns their consultation forms to SEN accepting or declining the placement. Colleges will need to consider if they can meet the young person's needs as outlined in their Educational Health Care Plan. Parents will receive this information when the college returns their consultation forms to SEN accepting or declining the place.

How can parents get information about college courses available - who can they contact for information and advice? Many parents are unable to access virtual open days etc. on college websites and need guidance and support

Parents can look on the Local Offer or can also contact the school that the young person is leaving. With an EHCP, hopefully this pathway will have been explored in line with the young person's interests and aspirations at the Annual Review. It is the statutory duty of each school to provide independent Careers Advice and have an embedded careers programme to meet the need of every young person. All young people should be encouraged to explore local college websites to discover what courses are available. If a young person is interested in a school sixth form other than their own, they must look online





on the specific school website for admission details.

NB. most school sixth form application deadlines are in November/December of the previous entry year.

Young people who are waiting for their GCSE results and want to apply to other schools and colleges to register for courses - how to go about this?

Young people can apply in the same way as previous years. They can apply directly to another school or college through the normal admission process. Please note this refers to local FE colleges and does not include specialist out-of-borough settings/placements – the type of educational setting will be stipulated within the EHCP. The only exception is the LLDD Centre at Barnet & Southgate College where the SEN Service must make a direct referral. Young people will need to meet course entry grade requirements to study specific courses at sixth form provisions and colleges. If a young person has an EHCP the current school/ or parent should notify SEN services of the young person's intention of where to study so that they consult on behalf of the young person to see if the proposed destination can meet the young person's needs as outlined in their personal Educational Health Care Plan

Young people who have been told they cannot join 6th form due to behaviour record and other difficulties - who will advise parents so that families don't have to spend

It is the responsibility of the setting to advise the parent/ young person if they are unable to make an offer and it should be noted, it is standard practice that every young person





summer months worrying about this?

should apply for a Plan A and Plan B post 16 option. A lack of offer can be a standard reply as a result of the young person not being predicted to achieve the grades required to study specific courses, the young person's current attitude to learning, their general behaviour in school, attendance and punctuality.

If a child has an EHCP and the lack of offer is directly due to the provision not being able to meet the young person's needs, as specified in their EHCP, SEN Service will notify the parent and young person on receipt of a response to a consultation.

Will parents be able to contact the Careers Service by phone and e-mail during the summer months?

Parents should, in the first instance, be speaking to their current school now for guidance as schools have the statutory duty to provide an embedded careers programme and independent career guidance to all learners. Every school has a Careers Leader and there should be access to a Career Adviser. We would not expect young people to wait until the summer period to make an application, in many cases courses will be full. Enfield Careers Service and their LDD Careers Advisers normally provide support at EHCP Review meetings on invitation from the young person's school. However, if young people are unable to gain direct career guidance and support from their school, parents/young people are encouraged to email the Careers Service directly requesting 'LDD Career Adviser' guidance





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Year 6 Transition	
How will transition to secondary school be managed?	Secondary schools have been offered a range of strategies to help support them in their transition of pupils, but it will be up to the individual school on how they develop this process
Children with SEN/ASD who need to visit secondary school before they attend full time - will this happen in summer term or during the summer holidays?	Again, this is a matter for the individual school and dependent on the child's individual needs. If the child is not able to visit the school prior to the holidays, it may be possible to have a visit when the school opens fully
If primary/secondary school staff are not available during summer term, who will co-ordinate meetings between primary and secondary school key members of staff, to discuss needs and provision for child?	Schools will have a number of key staff, who will be contacting prospective parents. This will be up to the individual school. Your current school will have arrangements in place to ensure that information is shared with the receiving school/setting.
Will parents be able to contact secondary schools during the summer months - in particular, parents who think it is unsafe to send children to school in June/July?	The Secondary Schools should give you details of who, when and how to contact them over the next few months.





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