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Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Do you know about the changes that are happening in September 2014?

The Children and Families Act 2014 is making changes to the system for managing Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

- The Statement of Special Educational Need and Learning Difficulty Assessments will be replaced by an Education Health and Care Plan.
- Personal Budgets will be an option as part of an Education Health and Care Plan.
- A Local Offer of services for children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND will be published.

So what does this mean for me and for my child?

From September 2014 we will be moving to **Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP)** for children and young people who have significant Special Educational Needs (SEN). This will happen gradually over the next three years and we will let you know when this is due to happen. Those who already have a **Statement of SEN** will transfer to an **Education Health and Care Plan** for the beginning of their next Key Stage.

These Key Stages are :

- Moving from early years / nursery to infant school;
- Infant school to junior school;
- Primary school to secondary school;
- Pupils in Year 9 will have an EHCP for Year 10 when they enter key stage 4; and
- Secondary school to a post-16 institution (including a training provider or onto an Apprenticeship).

The Croydon Council website will contain full details of how we will manage the transfers.

If you know somebody whose child has Special Educational Needs or a Disability,

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