

Factsheet 4: Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

Parents of children with special educational needs and/or a Disability which entail having an EHCP (Education Health and Care Plan) must make sure that they are registered with CEAS.

This means they can be supported with any difficulties which may arise in relation to a move of school. The EHCP is designed to ensure provision is in place for the pupil, and local authorities and schools should accept the responsibility to ensure the plan is acted upon when pupils move from one location to another.

Information regarding SEN should be passed on to the receiving school in advance of the move if at all possible to allow for support systems to be put in place giving a smooth transition from one school to another.

Schools should not be put off applying for any SEN provision from local authorities or other bodies purely because the family may be posted in the future. It is important that this process is started as soon as possible and should the family move, the process should continue at the same level in the new authority as Service Children must not be disadvantaged.

A telephone discussion with the headteacher/SENDCo of the receiving school is highly recommended to best support the child and their move.