

# MOVING TO NORTH YORKSHIRE WITH A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON WITH SEND

## What you need to know:

- In North Yorkshire, state-funded schools (including academies and free schools) admit students under the same school admission arrangements. You can find out more about school admissions on the [North Yorkshire County Council Website](#).
- You can find information about SEND support, services and processes in North Yorkshire on the Local Offer, found at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-local-offer](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-local-offer)
- Education, Health and Care needs assessments are carried out by the [SEND Team](#) at North Yorkshire County Council. This service also maintains existing EHC plans and makes sure they are regularly reviewed.
- [SENDIASS](#) provides impartial information, advice and support to children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and to their parents and carers.

## If your child/ young person already has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), or is having an EHC Needs Assessment:

When a child or young person moves to another local authority, the 'old' authority must transfer the EHC plan to North Yorkshire County Council. This is usually done on the date that you move, if they have had 15 or more days' notice. When your child's EHC plan is transferred, North Yorkshire County Council becomes responsible for reviewing it and for making sure the special educational support in it is provided.

Within six weeks of the date when your child's EHC plan is transferred, the [SEND Team](#) must tell you (or the young person) when they will review it. They can also suggest that a new EHC needs assessment is done if they think it's needed.

The SEND Team must review the plan before one of the following deadlines, whichever is the later:

- within 12 months of the plan being made or being previously reviewed by the old authority, or
- within three months of the plan being transferred.

When you move, if your child is part way through an EHC Needs Assessment but hasn't yet got an EHC plan, the assessment will stop. The SEND Team in North Yorkshire will decide whether to do an assessment. As a parent or carer, you can ask the SEND Team directly for an EHC Needs Assessment. They should consider the fact that the old authority was doing an assessment.

### **If your child/young person doesn't have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP):**

If your child has been having special educational support in nursery, school or college, but doesn't have an EHC plan, any new school or college should continue the support. The following will help to make sure your child is well supported and the new school is well prepared:

- Ask your child's current school for a copy of their school plan. This has information in it about your child's needs and the support they get. It may help to meet with staff at school before you leave so that you know exactly how your child is supported in class. The 'old' school should share information with the 'new' school when you move.
- Make sure you're organised and have copies of any reports or assessments, plus any other important paperwork. This might include any letter where a diagnosis is written. Keep these together in one place so you can share them easily if needed.
- When you find a nursery, school or college that you're interested in, ask to meet with the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) and have a look around. Talk about your child's needs and ask what sort of support they would put in place. Schools aren't allowed to consider a child's special educational needs when they decide whether they can offer a place.
- When you visit possible new schools, have a prepared list of questions to ask. It can help to take someone with you for support – they can take notes and ask questions too.
- Once you've chosen a school, work with them to make a clear plan for starting. This will give your child the best chance of settling into the new school successfully. The plan should focus on the needs of your child and what's going to work best for them.
- Arrange regular meetings with the new school to check how things are going.

## What you can do now:

- If your child or young person has an EHCP, contact North Yorkshire's SEND Team, to tell them about your move. You should also contact them to ask for an EHC Needs Assessment if your child was having an assessment with your 'old local authority'.
- To find out what schools may be near to you take a look at the school's section of the Local Offer website [www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-local-offer](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-local-offer). You could also have a look at Ofsted reports for schools in your new area.
- Make sure you have copies of all relevant paperwork, assessments, plans and recommendations from your old Local Authority, school/college and any other professional or services that you have been involved. You'll need to share these with the North Yorkshire SEND Team.

### **If you would like any further information please visit:**

- Our website at [www.sendiassnorthyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.sendiassnorthyorkshire.co.uk)
  - Our Facebook - @Sendiassnorthyorks
  - Our Twitter - @SendiassY
  - Our Instagram - @SendiassNY
- Our YouTube Channel - @Sendiass North Yorkshire

**Alternatively, if you would like some extra support for your child/young person you can call or email our Advice Line service on 01609 536923 or [info@sendiassnorthyorks.org.uk](mailto:info@sendiassnorthyorks.org.uk)**

**Our Advice Line is open 9:30-1pm Monday to Friday during Term-Time and 9:30-1pm Tuesday and Thursday during School Holidays.**