

# TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL

As a parent the thought of your son / daughter making a transition from school can be a stressful one. Therefore it is important that the process of identifying a possible placement starts at least 18 months before they are due to leave. It is also important to seek help from as many professionals as possible including the class teacher, Connexions and Education Health and Care Plan Officer, Social Worker / Care Manager.

You should be offered a number of possible options that you should endeavour to visit and this will help you and your child come to a decision and identify a package that meets their needs and yours. Once a young person is leaving school and continuing in education they will require an Education Health and Care Plan. An Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan is for children and young people aged up to 25.

EHC plans identify educational, health and social needs and set out the additional support to meet those needs. For more information on this

[www.gov.uk/children-with-special-educational-needs/extra-SEN-help](http://www.gov.uk/children-with-special-educational-needs/extra-SEN-help).

As a parent you are  
entitled to explore  
options  
you see as suitable  
for your son or  
daughter  
and express your  
parental preference

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A  
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# HEDLEYS COLLEGE IS THIS YOUR NEXT STEP?

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## HELPING YOU TO CHOOSE THE NEXT PLACEMENT

We offer a number of opportunities to come into the College including Open Days and individual tours so you can come along to see and hear about the programmes we offer. Here at Hedleys College we aim to involve parents in every part of the application process. Once we have received your initial contact form /or spoken to you we will call to discuss your son / daughters needs and gather as much information from yourself and their school , this will involve visiting them at school. This enables us to identify suitable provision and tailor a programme of study for that young person which may include integrated therapy, respite and/or residential provision, specialist teaching i.e. Autism. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum to help prepare for adulthood. We will then arrange for your son/daughter to attend a college taster visit this will be from 10.00 a.m. -2.30 pm but can be flexible depending on transport etc. During the assessment taster visits, students are usually supported by school staff but it can be a parent who facilitates this depending on needs. We will then give feedback to both school and yourself.

Please make sure that you expressed **young person and parental preference** with a chosen provider in writing.

This should be submitted directly to your SEND Team within the Local Authority.

It is helpful if you can confirm the placement is agreed as soon as you know by contacting Hedleys College



## HEDLEYS COLLEGE OFFER AND APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Following our independent assessment we will prepare and share with the young person and their family the college study programme offer subject to funding.

Following the review of the EHC plan, based on progress recorded via annual review and specialist reports submitted to support the plan - your local authority commissioning team will make recommendations about further provision and type of programme they will be looking to consult providers about.

If you expressed your YP and parental preference in writing and your EHCP is confirmed to be maintained, the LA will issue formal consultation to your chosen provider and other providers they may decide can meet your child's needs. This process has to be completed prior to 31st of March for YP in transition.

**If the decision is not the one you hoped for you have a right to appeal to SEND Tribunal.**

[www.gov.uk/special-educational-needs-disability-tribunal/overview](http://www.gov.uk/special-educational-needs-disability-tribunal/overview)

## BEFORE YOU START YOUR LEARNING PROGRAMME WITH US

Once we have notification that the placement is agreed we can arrange for your son/daughter to access College extended for transition opportunities - usually in the Summer term. This supports YP to become more familiar with the environment and staff if appropriate i.e. Some students benefit from further visits to their school from our staff. This can be agreed with the school and yourselves. Young people can join in a number of appropriate activities to give them a flavour of the course they will be accessing, they can join social events such as end of term disco's, coffee mornings and fundraising events. We may allocate staff to work alongside school staff if the transition period is likely to be difficult for a young person and this will help them become familiar with each other. Parents can also make further appointments to speak to key staff, therapists and the nurse to discuss needs that may have changed or for those with complex needs.



Our aim at Hedleys College is to make transition as smooth as possible and ensure we meet the needs of young people and Parents effectively.