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All children with Special Educational needs are supported at Wilburton Primary School. This is part of our ordinarily available provision and SEND Support. However, when a child requires additional support which goes beyond what we would deliver as part of our typical budget or staffing, they may need an Education Health Care Plan (an EHCP).

An EHCP outlines a child's learning, social, emotional and health needs. It will describe the provision they need to meet these needs and how this provision will be implemented.

Why might you request an EHCP for your child?

An EHCP will:

- Give your child the individual support they need to meet their special needs, going beyond what Wilburton school would usually be able to offer within their ordinarily available provision;
- Help your child's education by ensuring the adults working with them know what their needs are and plan for how they need to be supported;
- Last until your child finishes education or until they are 25, whichever comes first and so will mean that every school your child goes to will know how best to support them.

How does an EHCP request work?

Parents, schools and other professionals working with a child can request an EHCP by completing the application form and submitting the information outlined on:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer/education-health-and-care-plan-ehcp>

The Local Authority (LA) will then decide whether to undertake an assessment of the child. If an assessment is agreed, it may lead to an EHCP being issued.

Does an EHCP mean that my child will have 1:1 adult support in school?

No. The LA issue plans based on a child's needs, but this is linked to a figure of top up funding. This means that Wilburton school always pays the first £6000 of the plan and then the LA tops up the funding with the remainder of the allocation.

As a school, Wilburton staff and governors determine how best to allocate the funding from an EHCP. This may be through the use of specialist equipment, group learning, individual & whole class support or outside professional advice.

It can mean that a child works with an adult for some learning tasks or that they work in a small group with an adult and other children too. The main aim is always to foster independence and to support the child in developing their own skills in an area. For this reason, we believe that having an adult alongside a child all day is not appropriate: it can lead to a child becoming dependant on others for their learning and hinders the development of the skills they will need as they get older.

Usually, we find that a combination of different types of support helps to meet the individual needs of a child and so this is what we aim to implement.