



Trainee Questions to ask a SENCO about a Pupil with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

You may like to consider the questions below to find out key information about a pupil in your class who has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Education, Health and Care plan (EHC plan): An EHC plan details the education, health and social care support that is to be provided to a child or young person who has SEN or a disability. It is drawn up by the local authority after an EHC needs assessment of the child or young person has determined that an EHC plan is necessary, and after consultation with relevant partner agencies.

SEND Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years (2015), p280

Questions

What are the needs of (name of the pupil)?

What are the outcomes defined to meet these needs?

When were these needs identified? Did the pupil come to the school with an existing EHC plan?

How supportive are the family in terms of working with the school?

Is there any known personal or family history that could have an impact on working with/supporting this pupil?

Are there any specific strategies or approaches that have been effective when working with this pupil?

The data on this pupil says ... In terms of meeting his/her needs in lessons, what is your advice?

How often do you meet with the pupil/ family?

Are there any external agencies involved in working this pupil/family?

How does the family help the pupil with his/her homework/out of class learning?

In terms of the EHC plan, what support has been put in place?

Questions

How often do you review the EHC plan?

What is the best way of communicating effectively with the pupil/family?

Please add below any other questions that you may feel suitable to ask in terms of the context of the school/pupil.

Personal reflections and actions following the discussion:

Ask the SENCO for details about the Local Offer.