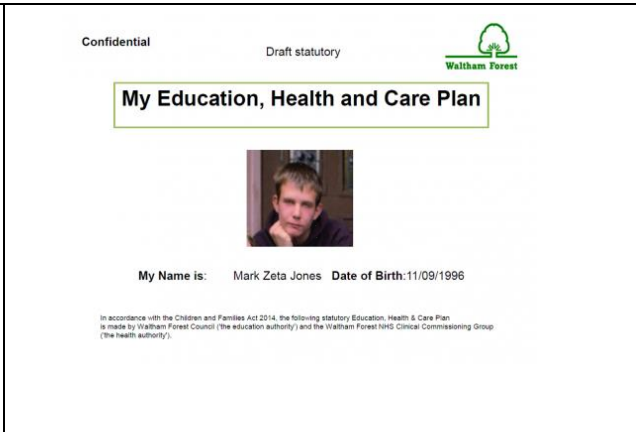
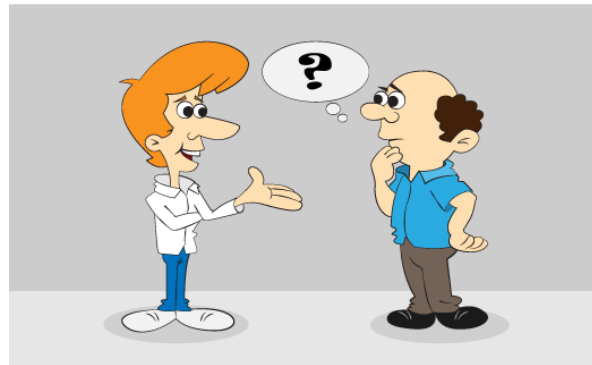


Guide to Resource Ladder- how is money given to schools for children with Education, Health and Care Plans

This is to tell you how Waltham Forest Council will give money to schools to pay for the support listed in children's plans.



Waltham Forest Council recently held a consultation about how money is given to schools for children with Education Health and Care Plans.



The Council listened to all the comments it received and used them to develop a new system for working out how much money is needed to support children with EHCPs



From Tuesday 1st September 2020 the council will use a new system to work out how much money a school needs to pay for the services listed in an EHCP.



If a child already has an EHCP, this will not affect them.



The new system means schools will be given enough money to support children and help them to do as well as they can.



Schools already get funding for all children in the school who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).



There are three elements of funding:



Element



This is funding schools get for every child and often pays for the school building, class teachers, electricity etc. Mainstream schools get an average of £4,000 per year

Element



This pays up to the first £6,000 of support per year for children with SEND. This is paid on top of element 1 funding.

Element



Schools get more money for those children who have an EHCP in order to pay for any additional support listed in their plan. This is paid on top of element 1 & 2 funding.

There are seven different levels on the new funding ladder. Greater or more complex level of need will receive a higher level of funding. This money is on top of elements 1 and 2

Level 1	£3000
Level 2	£5000
Level 3	£8000
Level 4	£9000
Level 5	£15000
Level 6	£17000
Level 7	More than £17000

Decisions about the level of element 3 funding will be made by the SEN Panel – this is a group of people from the council, schools and the health service who know about SEND. The Panel will look at the Plan and decide which step of the ladder will give the school enough money to pay for the services listed on the Plan.



There may be times when the needs of a child/young person do not fit with what is described in the resource ladder. If this happens the panel will use the most appropriate level and decide if any extra element 3 funding is needed to meet the child/young person's specific needs.



If a parent or a school can show that the level of element 3 funding which the Panel says the school needs will not pay for the right services in the



category, then they can ask for it to be reviewed.

If you need help through this, you can get advice from the Special Educational Needs and Disability Information and Advice Service (SENDIASS)
020 3233 0251

