



## A Guide to Special Educational Needs and Disability Funding

We work hard at F.I.N.S. to provide everything that your child needs to make progress with their development, often planning individual or small group targeted support. We may devise an individual behaviour plan for your child, make some changes to the classroom set-up to help them, or adapt the way we structure a lesson or activity.

Sometimes we may feel that there is a need to seek advice or information from other agencies (such as an Educational Psychologist, the Behaviour Support Service or the Speech and Language Team).

If we reach a point where we feel we are unable to fully provide for your child's needs, we may apply for additional funding from the Local Authority, known as 'High Needs' funding. To do this, we have to prove that we have spent a considerable amount of money already-it takes time to put this in place, and then collect the evidence to prove we have done so. There are two routes to apply for funding; Inclusion Panel or an Education, Health and Care Plan.



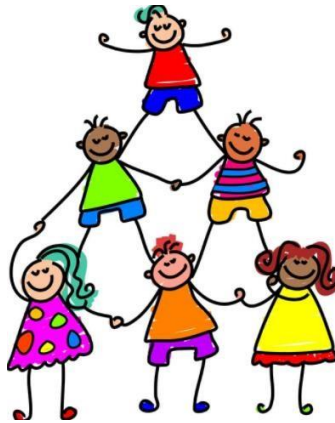
### **Inclusion Panel Funding**

Inclusion Panel is a mechanism for Derbyshire schools to access additional funding to support the inclusion of children and young people with additional needs. The panel may also signpost schools to other services who could offer additional advice and support.

All referrals to the Inclusion Panel **must be made by the school**. It would usually be the SENCO who completes the application form but they must have the consent of the child or young person's parents/carers.

Further information can be found [here](#).

If the school applies for Inclusion Panel funding, it is common for the amount granted to be considerably less than the request.



## EDUCATIONAL HEALTH & CARE PLAN

### **Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)**

An assessment for an EHCP can be requested by either the school or parent/guardian.

There is a 20 week period for an education, health and care needs assessment (EHCNA) to be carried out, and then the EHCP to be either approved or rejected. The Local Authority can refuse the request at the assessment stage, or once the assessment is complete.

An EHCP is transferrable to anywhere in the country, and lasts until your child leaves education. It is reviewed annually.

There is an appeal process if you are not happy with the Authority's decision.

Further information can be found [here](#).

An EHCP does not always mean the school will receive money-it may be that the Plan feels the support required can be funded by the school's own budget.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr Waring (SENCo) [reece.waring@fairfield-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:reece.waring@fairfield-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk) or through the School Office.