



# 16+ Transitions Guide

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# Transition to post-16 placement for young people with an EHCP

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- At your Transition Review there will be a discussion about preparing for adulthood, including employment, independent living and participation in society. You will have the opportunity to discuss with school staff suitable options for your next phase of education or training.
- You or your parent/carer will be able to request a particular post 16 placement.
- The LA will then formally consult your requested post 16 placement who will confirm if they are able to provide the support specified within your EHCP.
- FE Colleges have their own application process and you will need to apply directly. It is important that you contact the colleges to discuss the courses available, the support they can offer you and when you will need to apply by.



# Transition programmes, pathways & destinations, choices 16+

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These are the possible routes:

## From age 16

- Staying in a school setting at a sixth form
- Going to a local FE college, sixth form college or independent training provider
- Choosing to prepare for work and joining a Supported Internship, pre-apprenticeship programme or traineeship
- Choosing a specialist setting
- Apprenticeship

## From age 18

- Further education at a local FE college or independent training provider
- Apprenticeships or employment with training, including supported employment
- Higher education (HE), including higher and degree level Apprenticeships



# College options

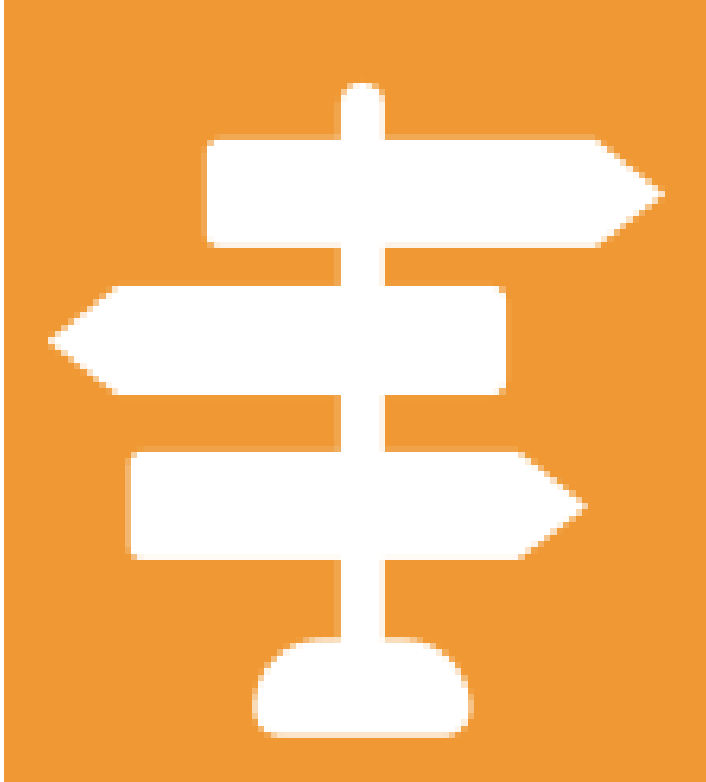
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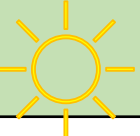
Preparing for Adulthood

- Under the Mental Capacity Act (2005) it is assumed that from the age of 16 all Young people can make their own decisions unless it is determined that they do not have capacity.
- Different Further Education colleges all with a supported environment include: Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College (3 campuses: Southall, Ealing Green, Hammersmith), West Thames College and Uxbridge College or Harrow College.
- You can find more information about local colleges on the SEND Local Offer [16+ Education - Colleges, Further and Higher Education | Ealing Directory](https://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/16+Education-Colleges-Further-and-Higher-Education-Ealing-Directory) ([ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk](https://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk))

# Special school or special college placements



- Post 16 places will be allocated in accordance with the SEN Code of Practice
- If you are requesting a special school or special college placement, the LA would need to ensure that this type of provision is appropriate. This is to demonstrate that the placement would be an efficient use of resources and the right pathway to develop independence and prepare for adulthood.
- The LA may also approach an alternative college or setting despite it not being your preferred placement, if the panel have recommended this.
- If you and the young person are not happy with the educational setting named in the plan, you can appeal to the SEN Tribunal Service; the details will be included in the letter sent with your Final Amended EHCP, by the 31st March.

Autumn Term onwards 	Between November and December 	Between December and February 	By 31 <sup>st</sup> March 	Summer term onwards 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Attend open days at local colleges/post-16 providers and apply directly to them.</li> <li>○ Year 11 Annual Reviews are held (to complete the transition review form and to update the EHCP).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ School careers adviser arranges a full careers guidance interview and draws up a career plan.</li> <li>○ Complete the post-16 preference form and send it to the SEND team: <a href="mailto:SEN16@ealing.gov.uk">SEN16@ealing.gov.uk</a> (deadline 24<sup>th</sup> November.)</li> <li>○ Current placement sends the updated EHCP, career action plan, up-to-date school reports, transition review and your preference form to the Ealing Local Authority.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SEND team will consult with post-16 placements about your preferences – to find out whether they can meet the needs in the EHCP.</li> <li>• If necessary, the SEND team may also consult with other appropriate settings that are in your local community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue an amended final plan by 31 March naming the placement or type of school you will be attending from September.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the placement is agreed and you are happy with the offer, visits to the new setting or transition taster sessions can take place.</li> </ul>

# Travel and Transport

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- **Ages 16–25:** The Council has no legal duty to provide travel assistance to young people aged over 16. The assistance we offer is discretionary and based on an assessment of the young person's needs. Applications need to be made before the start of a course.
- You can find detailed information and how to apply on Ealing Local Offer [Ealing Travel Assistance | Ealing Directory \(ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk\)](https://ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk)
- The Council recognises that travelling to college independently where possible is a valuable skill for young people to acquire as they grow up. The Council works in partnership with Essex County Council to offer an accredited Travel Training Programme for young people who can benefit from this scheme.
- For more information about the travel training scheme email: [senta@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:senta@ealing.gov.uk)
- You can also read the [Travel Training Leaflet](#)

