

How are the school's resources/funding allocated and matched to children's needs?

The school is funded on a national formula per pupil, and schools are expected to find the first £6000 from within the budget to support children and young people with SEND who are on the School's Inclusion register.

We are able to apply for temporary "High Needs Top Up" funding based on strict criteria if it is felt that a child's needs are above those which can be supported through the £6000 notional budget. The school uses the funds to put appropriate resources and support in place to meet the specific needs of an individual child. The SENDCo, pastoral, teaching and support staff are included along with parents to decide what is to be put in place to ensure all individual needs are met.

Schools and families are able to apply for an EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) from the local authority, based on a strict criteria set by the government. This cannot be applied for without parental consent. We would only apply for this if you as the child's parent/main carer were in full support and you would be invited and supported in contributing to any application we made. If you wish to apply for an ehcp for your child, we ask that you keep in communication with us about the process and we will always support this process in accordance with the government guidelines set out.

See both Central Beds and Milton Keynes information pages about this process

<https://localoffer.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/centralbedfordshire/directory/advice.page?id=16qpJt5H0fI>

<https://www.mksendlocaloffer.co.uk/education-health-and-care-plans-ehcps>

EHCPs sometimes come with funding. This is spent on resources, staffing (most children do not require 1:1 support and research shows us this is not often conducive to effective development, self-esteem and independence of children, so sometimes extra staff members support children in small groups) or learning experiences in school for the child.

Swallowfield Primary spends the money it receives wisely in order to ensure everyone can succeed. Where appropriate, additional staffing may be put in place to support your child.

This will often be in a small group as most children do not require 1:1 support. If a child does require this, the funding is spent on staffing costs. Parents are aware of these decisions. Some money will be spent on appropriate resources also.

We are committed to supporting parents whose child has a personal budget, and will work together to ensure the funding is used to best meet the needs of your child.

