

## **What is a Statement and Educational Health Care Plan?**

A 'Statement' is a legal document called a 'Statement of Educational Needs' which is produced by the Local Authority following a 26 week assessment process. It outlines a pupil's special educational needs and the support that the school needs to put in place to help them. A pupil may only be awarded a 'Statement' once the school's normal resources have been exhausted and they cannot meet the pupil's needs without additional resources and/or funding.

From September 2014, 'Statements' will be replaced by 'Education, Health and Care Plans'. This document will continue to outline a pupil's special educational need and the support that the school needs to put in place to help them, but it will be a much more child friendly document, based around the pupil and their family. Over a 2-3 year period, most current 'Statements' will be replaced by an 'EHCP' at a child's annual review.