

Parental Views Template (EHCP Section A)

Template — Otio Academy Parent Zone

Section A of the EHCP captures your views, interests, and aspirations for your child. This template helps you structure your thoughts. Replace all sections in [brackets] with your own details.

Child's name: [Full name]

Date of birth: [DD/MM/YYYY]

Date completed: [Date]

Completed by: [Your name and relationship to child]

About My Child

Describe your child as a person — their personality, what they enjoy, and what makes them unique.

[e.g. "[Child's name] is a curious and creative child who loves animals, building with LEGO, and watching nature documentaries. They have a wonderful sense of humour and are very caring towards younger children. They are passionate about space and can talk at length about planets and stars."]

My Child's Strengths

What is your child good at? What do they excel in? Include academic, social, creative, and practical strengths.

- [e.g. "Excellent visual memory — can recall detailed information from books and videos"]
 - [e.g. "Strong problem-solving skills, especially in maths and logic puzzles"]
 - [e.g. "Very empathetic and kind to others"]
 - [e.g. "Creative and imaginative — enjoys drawing and storytelling"]
-

My Child's Difficulties

Describe the challenges your child faces. Be specific about how these affect their daily life, learning, and wellbeing.

Learning

- [e.g. "Struggles significantly with reading — currently working 3 years below age-related expectations"]
- [e.g. "Cannot concentrate in a busy classroom environment for more than a few minutes"]
- [e.g. "Finds handwriting physically painful and avoids written tasks"]

Social and emotional

- [e.g. "Experiences severe anxiety about attending school, often resulting in meltdowns each morning"]
- [e.g. "Finds it very difficult to make and maintain friendships"]
- [e.g. "Becomes overwhelmed by sensory input in busy environments"]

Daily life

- [e.g. "Needs support with personal care routines due to difficulties with executive function"]
- [e.g. "Sleep is significantly disrupted, often not falling asleep until midnight"]
- [e.g. "Requires a predictable routine — unexpected changes cause extreme distress"]

Health

- [e.g. "Diagnosed with [condition] by [professional] on [date]"]
 - [e.g. "Currently receiving [therapy/medication] for [condition]"]
 - [e.g. "Waiting for assessment for [condition]"]
-

What Helps My Child

What strategies, approaches, or support have worked well?

- [e.g. "One-to-one support from a familiar adult"]
 - [e.g. "Visual timetables and advance warning of changes"]
 - [e.g. "Quiet, low-stimulation learning environment"]
 - [e.g. "Being allowed to work at their own pace without time pressure"]
 - [e.g. "Technology-based learning — responds well to interactive content"]
-

What Does Not Help My Child

What approaches have been tried and have not worked or made things worse?

- [e.g. "Large group settings — increases anxiety and reduces ability to learn"]
 - [e.g. "Rigid timetabling with no flexibility"]
 - [e.g. "Being asked to read aloud in front of peers"]
 - [e.g. "Reward/sanction behaviour systems — these increase shame and anxiety"]
-

Our Hopes and Aspirations

What do you want for your child's future? Think about education, independence, friendships, employment, and wellbeing.

- [e.g. "We want [child's name] to enjoy learning again and to feel confident in their abilities"]
 - [e.g. "We hope they will achieve GCSEs in subjects they enjoy"]
 - [e.g. "We want them to develop independence and life skills at their own pace"]
 - [e.g. "We aspire for them to have meaningful friendships and social connections"]
 - [e.g. "Long-term, we hope they will find fulfilling work that uses their strengths"]
-

Our Preferred Educational Setting

Optional — you can state your preference here or wait until the draft EHCP stage.

[e.g. "We believe that Otio Academy would be the most suitable educational setting for [child's name]. As an online school offering personalised, mastery-based learning, it would allow [child's name] to learn in a calm, low-sensory environment at their own pace, which aligns with the recommendations made by [professional name] in their report dated [date]."]

This template is provided by Otio Academy for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice.

www.otioacademy.com/parent-zone/ehcp