

What is a Personal Budget?



A Personal Budget is when the places that support you work out how much money they are spending on your support.

For example, they might look at how much it costs to pay for someone to give you extra support at college or someone helping you with speaking or communicating.



You can use a Personal Budget in different ways.

Sometimes your parents, the Local Authority, your school or college can look after your Personal Budget for you.

The Local Authority is sometimes called 'the Council'. They decide how to spend the money for your support.



Sometimes you get the money yourself and work out how you want to spend it on your support.

You will need to get a plan (an Education Health & Care Plan) to say what support you need. You must only use the money for the things in the plan.



Who can have a Personal Budget:

If you...

- Have special educational needs. This is when people need some extra help with learning things.
- Are aged between 16 to 25 years of age

AND...

- You are getting or already have, an Education Health and Care Plan

Then you can ask for a Personal Budget.

You do not have to have one.



It is up to you.



You or your parents can ask for a Personal Budget when your Education Health and Care Plan is being written or is under review, which means it is being checked.