

10 things you should know about Elective Home Education



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Elective Home Education (EHE) is where the parents or carers of a child decide to educate their child at home instead of sending them to a school. The parent or carer then has full responsibility for providing a full time education suitable to the child's age and ability and to any special educational needs they may have.

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Parents choose to home educate for many reasons, for example cultural, religious, philosophical, to meet specific SEN needs.
Elective home education is not an appropriate option for parents/carers who want to avoid prosecution for non-attendance at school or because of a disagreement with a school.

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Parents are required to inform the school in writing if they intend to home educate their child. The school will then inform the local authority.

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Parents do not have to ask permission to begin educating a child at home *unless* the child attends a special school. If a child does attend a special school then parents must consult with the local authority who will advise if this is agreeable.

5	The local authority is not be able to offer you any financial help towards educating your child at home. Parents need to consider the cost of writing equipment. text books, paper, examination fees, college placements etc.
6	Parents do not have to teach the National Curriculum but should, however, consider the impact it may have on the child if the National Curriculum is not followed. The child may fall behind in terms of their social/academic achievement compared to other children his or her own age who are attending a school.
7	Parents are able to teach their child on any day of the week and choose the hours that they feel are suitable. Children in schools receive around 25 hours education a week over 38 weeks a year and this is considered to be full time education.
8	Elective Home Education is not the same as education other than at school (EOTAS). Local authorities provide home tuition if a child is sick and cannot attend school. If a child is home educated the local authority does not provide tutors or keep a bank of tutors for parents to contact.
9	In the majority of cases, families who home educate provide their child with a great education. Occasionally a parent cannot meet the needs of their child. If it appears that the education being provided is unsatisfactory the local authority could issue a School Attendance Order which will require the child to be placed on a school roll.
10	Quite often, children or their parents find that home education is not for them. The Education Welfare team can advise you on how to get your child back into a school.
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