

Education and Learning Toolkits

Introduction to Home Education

What is home education?

Home Education is the option to educate your child not in a School environment but at home.

It is called Elective Home Education.

You can choose to education at home either full or part time.

The law in England states that Education is compulsory but not School.

Why would you consider Home Education?

Some people opt for Home Education for religious, cultural reasons or feel they can offer a different/better education for their child.

Some children start School, but the parents feel the establishment doesn't meet their child's needs.

Some children are home Schooled because of bullying or negative school experiences.

Some children who have complex medical needs are home Schooled.

What are my obligations?

The parents/carers have a legal duty to make sure their child receives a full-time education.

You do not have to follow School hours or timetable.

You do not have to follow the national Curriculum.

Usually you are responsible for funding Elective home Education.

If you are in receipt of Personal Budgets or Direct payment you can use this fund to home Schooling.

How do I remove my child from School?

If your child attends a mainstream school, you will need to deregister your child.

A letter template can be found at <https://educationotherwise.org/index.php/deregistration>

If your child attends a Special School, you will need the Local Authority's consent to delete the child's name from the register of the school. You can use the above form and ask the school to inform you when this has been done. The child should attend school until you are certain that they have been taken off roll.

This restriction is to protect the interests of more vulnerable children by ensuring that their special needs are met.

Home Schooling and ECH plans

If you have chosen to Home Educate you have the same entitlement as if they are in School to ask for an EHC (Education, Health and Care plan) assessment.

If an ECH (Education, Health and Care plan) plan is issued and the child continues to be educated at home, the plan will state 'Elective home Education' or 'parents have made own arrangements'

Further support and useful websites

Metabolic Support UK's family Connect service is able to link families who home school children with a Metabolic Disorder, for further information visit the website and sign up

www.metabolicsupportuk.org/metabolic-connect/.

www.educationotherwise.org

www.gov.uk/home-education

Northern Ireland - www.hedni.org

Scotland - www.schoolhouse.org.uk

Wales - www.waleshomeeducation.co.uk