

Quick Guide to the Elective home Education (EHE) service

What do we do?

The Elective home education (EHE) service has a statutory duty (under s.436A of the Education Act) to make arrangements to enable it to establish the identities, so far as it is possible to do so, of children in its area who are not receiving a suitable education. We also have a duty to ensure we are promoting high standards, ensuring fair access to opportunity for education and training and promoting the fulfilment of learning potential for all children and young people.

What are the aims of the Service?

- The EHE service identifies and records compulsory school aged children who are home educated and makes enquiries as to whether that education satisfies legal requirements.
- Early intervention is provided to act as an advocate for the child and to ensure the child is in the most appropriate provision.
- Where possible, the EHE service establishes positive relationships with home educating parents to offer the appropriate support.
- The EHE service contacts home educating parents at least on an annual basis in order to reasonably inform itself of the current suitability of the education provided.
- Depending on the results of the enquiries further action maybe required by the EHE service E.g Referral to Fair Access Panel or begin School Attendance Order processes
- Section 175 of the Education Act 2002 requires authorities to make arrangements for ensuring that their education functions are exercised with a view to safeguarding and promoting children's welfare. The EHE service therefore also has a statutory duty in relation to safeguarding of home educated children and young people.

How do we fulfil our aims?

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- Ensure the Local authority meets their statutory responsibilities in respect of children being home educated, including establishing whether there is a suitable education taking place
- Work with and advise families and schools about the commitment for home education
- Engage positively with EHE families
- Provide emotional literacy support to parents in delivering a suitable education or supporting a transition to school.
- Offer termly
- Coordinate Pre EHE meetings to ensure EHE is a positive choice
- Provide Initial, Interim and Annual visits
- Contribute to CP, CIN and Early help meetings
- Contribute to EHCP annual reviews
- Provide teaching and learning strategies
- Provide information regards exams and qualifications
- Signpost to 14-16 educational provision
- Support children back to school if education is not suitable or if parents request a return to school

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