Guidelines to help people understand elective home education

Easy Read
We are called the Education Authority.

We work to make sure that:

• Children and young people get an education

• There are good support services for children and young people

• Some children go to a school to learn

• Some parents choose to educate their children at home, this is known as elective home education
These guidelines are for Elective Home Education

- We want to help people understand home education better

These guidelines help people to understand that:

- children have a right to an education
- children learn in different ways
- there are lots of things to think about when learning at home
In our guidelines, we are telling people

Education at home is a big decision.

Parents need to think about:

- What their children think and feel about home education
- Helping children with Special needs
- What it will cost
- Who can help?
- The time it takes
Parents must give you an education to help you when you grow up.

- Sometimes parents can meet with other families who have learning at home.

- The Education Authority can give help and advice

- Sometimes the EA has to make sure that children are getting an education.
There are lots of ways to have an education at home

- Pictures and Painting
- Construction
- Workbooks
- Assessment
- Baking
- Projects
- Technology
What if we write to ask about home education in your family?

Usually the Education Authority doesn’t check up on home educators. But sometimes we have a reason to think that there might be a problem.

- If we need to contact you, we will write to you.
- Children can meet us as well but they do not have to, even if parents choose to.
- Children can tell us what they think about their home education if they like, but they do not have to.
You can choose how to talk to the Education Authority if we write to you.

Parents can choose how to tell us about home education in your family.

Here are some ways you could use:

On the phone, By letter or By email

Send us a report

Meet us in a library or somewhere else; Meet us at your house
• If the Education Authority thinks that some things need to change then the Education Authority will write or talk to you and explain everything.

• We will tell you what needs to be different and we will offer to help if we can.

• We will think carefully about everything we are told, we will try to help home education to work.

• If we think it cannot work well enough then we will say that the children have go back to school.

• We will explain carefully why a child needs to go back to school.

• If parents disagree with us, they can get help from other people.
Helpful Information

- Support for families dealing with a problem
- How to do public examinations
- Times when you can use a school building
- Keeping Children Safe
- How to contact other home educators
How we will know if these guidelines are working

You can find the EHE Guidelines on our website at:

http://www.eani.org.uk/

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We will ask you for your feedback