

ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION (EHE) FACTSHEET

- The sole responsibility for providing a suitable education lies with the parent/ carer when the decision is made to provide home education. This includes planning and delivering an adequate, enriched education and personally meeting any costs incurred for exams, resources, travelling expenses and any extra tuition necessary. In situations where a tutor or online education resource is employed this is will need careful research, ensuring they are reputable and meet necessary standards in relation to safeguarding, content and health and safety compliance. The Local Authority does not advocate or make recommendations in relation to this.
- EHE should not be viewed as a temporary measure, it is a long-term commitment and thought must be given to how the education provided by parents/carers supports children and young people in their preparation for adulthood. Parents/carers are asked to think carefully about how a broad curriculum will be planned and delivered as child/children mature, ensuring that children are able to be entered for nationally accredited examinations and offered the best possible preparation for adult life.
- Home educators are asked to ensure their GP is aware that their child is Electively Home Educated in order that they can receive essential health updates. This is because updates from school health are normally received through a school.
- The Education Act 1996 s436a places a duty on local authorities to make arrangements to identify children not receiving education. DFE Guidance for Local Authorities 2019 states, '5.1 The duty under s.436A dealt with above means that local authorities must make arrangements to find out so far as possible whether home educated children are receiving suitable full-time education'. In all cases where Nottinghamshire County Council is aware that a child is home educated enquiries will be made to be satisfied that education being providing is suitable. If it is not, a referral will be made to other services to support a return to school.
- During national lockdowns, many families have been participating in distance learning under the direction of a school. This support is not available when a child is deregistered from school to EHE. Any involvement from education support services that are linked to a school will also cease at this point.
- Nottinghamshire County Council cannot support home education in situations where there is a safeguarding risk to the child or where parents cannot demonstrate that education is being provided.
- Many schools across Nottinghamshire are oversubscribed, once a child is removed from school roll there will be no guarantee that they can return if a school place is required. If a return to school is needed, it is usual for a child to return to the last school attended, however, schools that are oversubscribed or have allocated places from their waiting list will not usually be in a position to readmit students who have left to be registered as EHE. Parents always retain the right to apply for their child to return to any mainstream school whilst they are of statutory school age.

Further information and support can be found via the EHE webpage
<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/home-education/elective-home-education>