

A helpful checklist:	
I have an aim or educational philosophy	
I have spoken to my child about the decision and they are happy with it	
I have a long term plan for my child's education	
I have read the DfE guidance for parents about elective home education https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/elective-home-education	
I know how to cater for my child's needs	
I can ensure my child has a full time education	
I have talked to my child's school about their prior learning and what I could do next	
I know my child's ability and have accordingly decided how and what to teach so they can make progress	
I have identified how I will progress my child's English and maths skills	
I have identified what other skills, subjects or projects I would like my child to learn	
I have the resources I need to teach the skills, subjects or projects	
I have the resources I need to get my children to apply their learning	
I know how and where I will store their work	
I can provide an environment conducive to learning	
I have thought about other practical learning opportunities inside and outside the home	
I can provide opportunities for my child to socialise with children of a similar age	
I know how to contact other families in the EHE community for support	
I know if I want my child to take examinations and how I can do this	

Can my child be EHE with an EHCP?

Your right to home educate your child remains the same for all children, irrespective of whether your child has an EHCP. If your child has an EHCP, the StART team will continue to maintain the EHCP, and will coordinate the annual review of the EHCP.

If your child attends a special school, which has been arranged by the local authority, you must seek the local authority's permission before starting your EHE journey.

How can I contact the EHE team?

Address:

Elective Home Education Team,
5th Floor, East Wing
Council House,
Manor Square,
Solihull,
West Midlands,
B91 3QB

Phone number:

0121 704 6959

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ehes@solihull.gov.uk

Website:

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Resident/Schools-learning/homeeducation>

Please contact us with any queries or questions you have. We are happy to help.



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Elective Home Education (EHE) Information for Parents



What is Elective Home Education?

Elective home education is the parent or carers' choice to take legal and financial responsibility for ensuring their child receives a suitable, efficient and full-time education out of a school setting (at home or otherwise).

Home education is a huge commitment, but can be very rewarding and exciting for you and your child. You are never alone. There is always plenty of help and support available to you from the local authority, the local EHE community and a variety of organisations.

Before you decide to start EHE, we recommend that you read this leaflet and arrange a meeting or phone call with your child's head teacher or the EHE team.

What are my parental responsibilities for EHE?

- To take full financial responsibility of your child's education
- To provide a **full-time** education which takes up a significant proportion of the week
- To provide an education that is **efficient** - works towards and achieves **your aims**
- To provide an education that is **suitable** for **the age and ability** of your child and their needs and equips them for life within the community
- To provide a basic level of **literacy and numeracy** teaching
- To provide **opportunities for your child to socialise** with similarly aged children
- **To be responsible** for your child's education, even if a tutor teaches them
- To supplement education provided away from home (such as tuition)
- To safeguard your child e.g. teach safe internet practices and check anyone working with them (e.g. a tutor) has an **up-to-date DBS check**
- **To pay and source exam centres** should you wish for your child to take qualifications (GCSEs)
- To provide a suitable **environment** for learning

What should we know?



- The Council will not be able to provide tuition or educational resources
- There is no funding for home education
- Your child will not be entitled to free school meals or transport to any out of school providers
- You can contact admissions to apply for a school place at any time

- It is not guaranteed that your child will get a school place immediately or get into their last or your preferred school
- It can be difficult to access practical examinations, such as art, design & technology and science at KS4
- Gaining evidence to support an application for an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP) can be increasingly difficult
- Apprenticeships are not available to children of compulsory school age
- You do not have to have any qualifications
- You do not have to use the National Curriculum or make formal plans for your child's education

When is EHE not recommended?



- If you feel pressured by school to home educate. EHE should always be a positive choice without pressure. **(Please contact the EHE team if this is not the case).**
- To avoid prosecution for poor attendance
- To avoid intervention from children's services (intervention would continue)
- To avoid permanent exclusion
- To avoid addressing a problem with a school, staff member or head teacher
- To avoid attendance at a school which is not your first choice

Do I have to tell the Council that I'm home educating?



Where your child is enrolled at a school, you must inform the school in writing that you wish to withdraw your child for the purpose of home education and request their name be removed from the school roll.

What should we expect when we begin?

- Your child's school will inform Solihull Council of your choice to home educate
- The EHE team will be in touch to informally discuss your child's education, offering support and advice



Who are the EHE team?

We are a team of experienced professionals from relevant educational backgrounds. We aim to support EHE families to ensure all children are receiving a suitable education. We recognise teaching and learning can take many forms and we do not endorse any specific methods of teaching and learning.

What will the EHE team do?

- We will offer support- we can provide you with a list of relevant resources and ideas
- We will informally ask you about the education being provided at home. This is to satisfy us that the education you are providing is suitable- this is usually by requesting a meeting, phone call or a written overview.
- You do not have to meet or discuss your child's education with us, or provide information but, should you choose not to, the team could have no choice but to deem the education unsuitable
- Most families provide a suitable education at home for their child.
- If unsuitable, we will provide support and suggestions to help you improve the education. Ongoing support is usually successful.
- On rare occasions where the education is unsuitable for a **sustained period**, the Council may have to consider action to ensure that your child is placed at a school in Solihull.