

# Elective home education



## What is it?

**Elective Home Education (EHE) is the term the Department for Education (DfE) use to describe a parent's decision to provide education for their child at home rather than send them to school. Parents are responsible for providing this education.**

Parents have a legal right to educate their children at home at any stage in their education. Parents may choose to home educate for many different reasons.

Parents should never be forced or encouraged into making a decision for or against Elective Home Education by any professional or school. Elective Home Education – what parents need to know:

- EHE requires parents to provide their child with a suitable, full-time education that meets the child's needs according to age, ability, aptitude and any special educational needs.
- Parents of home educated children are responsible for all associated costs, such as books, resources, educational websites subscriptions, tutors, and exam fees.
- Bolton's Local Authority EHE department does not provide any materials or resources; nor a tutor or a teacher to teach your child. Finding suitable educational resources is the responsibility of parents.

### What will the Bolton Local Authority EHE Officer do:

- We offer guidance to parents on educating your child at home.

- We respond to requests from parents for help and assistance as appropriate this can include signposting parents to useful educational resources.
- Bolton has in place arrangements for close joint working and appropriate information sharing with other local authorities and relevant partner agencies that come into contact with children and families including Pupil and Student Services, Early Intervention Service, Connexions Service, Social Care and Bolton NHS. This is to ensure the best possible support/outcomes for families.

### How EHE operates:

It is very important that home educated children receive a suitable education. The EHE Officer will make enquiries with parents as to whether the education being provided by them is suitable. This is usually done via discussions with parents during a home visit or at a venue that is convenient for parents such as a local Start Well Children's Centre.

Failure to satisfy the enquiry that a suitable education is being provided may result in a child being referred to Children Missing Education (CME) department. The CME department may issue a School Attendance Order which requires a child to be admitted to a school.

### For more information...

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