Elective Home Education (EHE) Information for Schools

What is Elective Home Education?

Elective home education is a choice by parents to provide education for their children at home instead of sending them to school full-time. This is different from education provided by a local authority for children who are too ill to attend school.

Parents who choose EHE take on the full financial responsibility, including costs for tutors, parent groups, alternative provision, and examinations.

Under the Education Act 1996, parents and guardians, including those who choose to home educate, are responsible for ensuring that the education provided is efficient, full-time, and suitable for the child's age, ability, aptitude, and any special educational needs.

Parents are not required to provide a broad and balanced curriculum and do not have to follow the National Curriculum. There is no requirement for a home-educated child to receive professional tuition or undertake any public examinations.

What should a school do if they become aware that a parent is considering Elective Home Education?

Inform Parents of Legal Duties: Direct them to the guidance for parents: Elective Home Education Guidance.

Discuss Examination Options: Especially for children nearing Key Stage 4, discuss public examinations and associated costs.

Careers Advice: Offer career advice to help the child and parent understand the implications of home education.

Return to School Options: Explain the options to the parents stating that, if a school place is required in the future, a vacancy might not be available at the existing school.

Contact the Local Authority: Speak to the Buckinghamshire Council Elective Home Education Team for advice before the final decision is made.

Schools' Responsibilities when a Parent decides to Electively Home Educate

Notification: Schools must receive **written** notification from the parent to remove the child from the school register. For maintained schools, this notification is sufficient to remove the child from the roll and inform the Local Authority.

Special Schools: If the child is at a special school, the Local Authority's permission is required before removal from the roll.

EHE1 Form: Schools must complete and submit the EHE1 School Notification Form to the Local Authority. This form can be found on Schools Web.

Safeguarding: If there are safeguarding concerns, please speak with Buckinghamshire First Response Team: 01296 383962. Please also communicate your concerns to the EHE team.

EHCP: For children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), schools must arrange an Emergency Annual Review and invite relevant professionals.

For more detailed information, visit: Government Guidance

Useful Links:

Elective Home Education Government Guidance: Guide for Parents

Buckinghamshire Council EHE Guidance: EHE Guidance

Buckinghamshire Council EHE Resources: EHE Resources

Buckinghamshire Council EHE Home Page: EHE Home Page

Buckinghamshire Council Admissions Home Page: School Admissions Contact Information

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