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The Law and the dream...

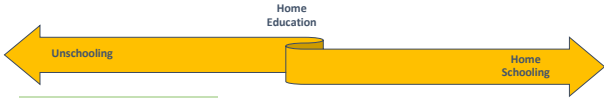


- Elective Home Education: Where a parent chooses to remove their child from school.
 - Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 provides that: "The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause him to receive efficient full-time education suitable – (a) to his age, ability and aptitude, and (b) to any special educational needs he may have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise."
- Must provide education from the age of 5 but don't have to follow the National Curriculum
- Flexi-Schooling: Where a child is educated both at school and at home




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What Do We Mean by Home-Education?



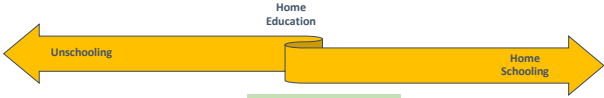
- Free-range
- Hands on learning from real life experiences
- Defined by curiosity and interests of the child learning practically from what is around them
- No defined curriculum
- May not be 'broad and balanced' education
- Popular in the US – more than 2m students

"Knowledge which is acquired under compulsion has no hold on the mind. Therefore do not use compulsion, but let early education be a sort of amusement; you will then be better able to discover the child's natural bent." - Plato




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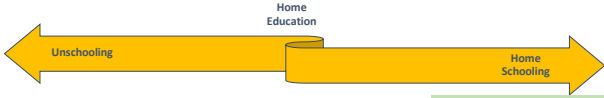
"Once I realized we didn't need to recreate the traditional classroom, and that we could customize our kids' education, I discovered a new type of freedom." - Kent Larson, 12 Home school Myths Debunked: The Book for Skeptical Dads

- Flexible
- Parent and child led
- Local home education groups & meet-ups
- Not a 'broad and balanced' education
- Voluntary tests and exams




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What Do We Mean by Home-Education?




"I loved learning, but 'school' was an un hospitable environment for me. I used to feel that each morning was going to school, I was readying for an attack. Learning in my bedroom gave me a controlled environment where I could learn" – Elizabeth Critchley

- Structured
- Teacher led; parent supported
- Traditional subject curriculum
- Supported by school, LA or parent
- 'Broad and balanced' education
- Includes assessment and exams
- Can be very isolated




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Elective home education in England

Know your rights

The Impact of Covid-19 on home education guidelines with useful links to relevant legislation.




Impact of Covid on EHE


Elective Home Education (EHE)

- More than 75,000 children now being home-educated
- 38% increase on period before lockdown
- You should never be pressured to remove your child to avoid exclusion, or if they struggle with learning or behaviour.

DFE Exclusion guidance states – "Off-rolling is never acceptable. Ofsted is clear that pressuring a parent to remove their child from the school (including to home educate their child) is a form of off-rolling."




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EHE vs EOTAS – Both are lawful

Elective Home Education (EHE)

- You are **CHOOSING** to educate your child at home without support from school /LA
- You must deregister your child
- If they have an EHCP the LA must agree to deregistration
- You are completely responsible for your child's education

Education Other Than At School (EOTAS)

- The LA remains responsible for your child, but education can be provided more flexibly if need cannot be met in a school setting
- Section 61 of the Children & Families Act 2014
- Would be in Section F (Provision) of an EHCP



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Putting your own package together

EHC Plan
Date of issue: 29 March 2017

Child's Profile

- Child's Voice – I want to...
- Good day guide
- Medical / specialist reports
- EHC Plan

Identifying the Goal

- Recovery
- Wellbeing
- Learning
- Exams
- Reintegration
- Independence & life skills

Break Goal into achievable & measurable stages
e.g.

- 2 years of recovery & re-engaging with learning
- Actions towards next stage

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Coronavirus has led to improved education resources

Online Classroom

Week 3
4th May

Lessons:

- Lesson 1 - Maths: To apply length conversions to problems
- Lesson 2 - English: Persuasive Letter: SPaG focus - List of three
- Lesson 3 - Foundation: Was Elizabeth I 'weak and feeble'?

PE With Joe | 7th May

<https://www.thenationalacademy/online-classroom>

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BBC Bitesize – Enhanced for Coronavirus Coverage

Bitesize

New daily lessons!
We're adding three new lessons every weekday for each year. Pick yours and get started.

Learn & revise

- Primary: Age 5 to 11
- Secondary: Age 11 to 16
- Post-16: Age 16+

Plan your homeschooling with Bitesize Daily

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

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Online Resources

Guidance
Coronavirus (COVID 19): list of online education resources for home education
Updated 6 May 2020

Contents:

- English: primary, secondary
- Maths: primary, secondary
- Science: primary, secondary
- Physical education (PE) and physical activity: primary, secondary
- PE and physical activity: primary, secondary
- Home wellbeing: primary, secondary
- Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND): primary, secondary

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-send>

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Physical and Alternative Provision (AP)

Try working with your school FIRST

LOCAL OFFER

What is the Local Offer?

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/resources/images/3-4-1-localofferfinal7.pdf>

Red Balloon LEARNER CENTRES
for the recovery of bullied children

<http://www.redballoonlearner.org/>

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Online Education Providers

nisai group
<https://www.nisai.com/>

tutu
<https://www.tutu.com/>

Apricot
<http://www.apricotlearningonline.co.uk/>

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<http://www.redballoonlearner.org/Life-at-RBAir-centre>

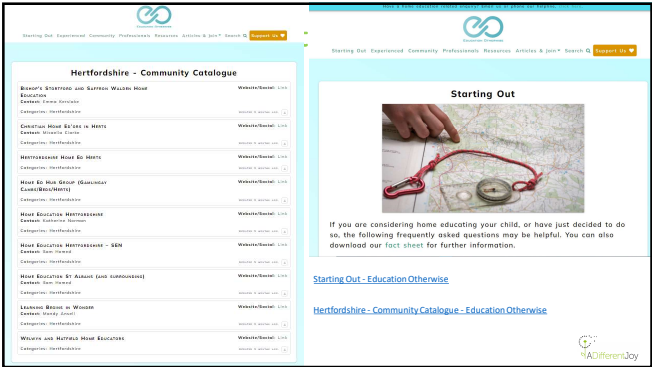
WOLSEY HALL OXFORD
THE HOMESCHOOLING COLLEGE
<https://wolseyhalloxford.org.uk/>

InterHigh
<https://interhigh.co.uk/>

ACADEMY21
<https://www.academy21.co.uk/>

MY ONLINE SCHOOLING
<https://myonlineschooling.co.uk/>

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Reintegration & how to make it work - it's not
always school



- Take the long view
- Go at the child's pace
- Baby steps in the right direction count
- Use their special interests
- Celebrate each success
- Build life skills & confidence
- Be prepared for fits and starts in progress
- NEVER GIVE UP – You'll be amazed what is possible

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Climate activist Greta Thunberg - Sept 2019

"Autism is my Superpower"



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jpptVrll-bo>

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Join the Different Joy Club

www.differentjoy.com/ADJClubNewsletterSignUp

"Essential reading for anyone living with or caring for a child who has learning difficulties in the autistic spectrum. It should also be compulsory reading for everyone working with children and young people, in any capacity."

"Warm hearted book for parents of newly diagnosed autistic children with plenty of sensible advice."

"...an insightful, easy to navigate and very personal guide through the pitfalls of parenting children with 'hidden' SEN."

For more information and to order the book, visit:

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