**Elective Home Education:**

Parents are responsible for making sure their child is educated, either at school or otherwise. Parents can choose to home educate their child. This means that they are responsible for giving them a suitable education. This is called elective home education (“EHE”).

If your child **does not** have an education, health and care (“EHC”) plan, you do not need permission from the school or the local authority (“LA”) to home educate them and remove them from school.

If your child **does** have an EHC plan, you can choose to home educate them but-

The LA **no longer has**a legal duty to secure **any**of the special educational provision in the child or young person’s EHC plan if they are being home-educated. This is because the LA is likely to decide that the parents are making their own suitable alternative arrangements.

However, the LA should not stop an EHC plan because the child or young person is being home educated. The LA must also still review the plan annually to assure itself that the provision set out in it continues to be appropriate and that their special educational needs (“SEN”) continues to be met (paragraph 10.32 of the Code). The LA must use the same legal process to review the EHC plan, even if the child or young person is being home educated.

Parents who wish to home educate their child (rather than have the LA secure any required provision) do not need school’s permission, but should write to:

1. the school and explain that they intend to educate their child at home, and
2. the LA and ask it to amend Section I of the EHC plan to record that the child is being educated at home. Parents of children at special schools will also need to ask the LA to agree to their name being taken off from the school roll.

If the current educational placement is not working and the parent does not want to home educate their child, it may be better to change the EHC plan to set out different special educational provision and/or name a different school/placement rather than attempting to take on home education without support.

[Home education and ‘education otherwise’ | (IPSEA) Independent Provider of Special Education Advice](https://www.ipsea.org.uk/home-education-and-education-otherwise)

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| **Name of pupil:** | **Name of pupil** | | |
| **Name of School:** |  | | |
| **Name of parents** |  | | |
| **DOB:** |  | **Year Group:** |  |
| **Open to Social Care:** | **LAC:** | | |
| **Date requested:** |  | | |

Proposed timetable to support your child.

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| **1100 – 1200** |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Reasons for Elective Home Education** |
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