Elective Home Education (EHE)

Bitesize Guide for Students

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Children, Families & Adults
For further details on any section of this guide please refer to the Information for Home Educator’s guide which covers area’s in more detail.

**When must you be in Education?**

The law requires a child to be educated from the age of five to the age of sixteen either in school or ‘otherwise’ (home educated).

**What do I need to do if I want to be Home Educated?**

First of all you need to discuss why you feel like this with your parent or carer. Only a parent or carer can take you off of a school roll. To do this they need to write to the school to make them aware that you would like to be home educated. Telling the school verbally is not enough under the Law.

Please think carefully about being electively home educated. The cost of books, materials, resources, examinations (if required) and trips need to be covered by your parent/carer.

For some people leaving school also means they lose contact with their friends.

**What will happen next?**

After the school has received a letter, they will contact Cornwall Council. Your parent/carer will then be contacted by an Elective Home Education Co-ordinator to talk about the home education further.

**Is there formal studying for home education?**

There is no formal curriculum, at present, for home education. Some parents/carers choose to follow National Curriculum areas, whilst others have a more flexible approach to learning.

**School has suggested I consider home education.**

In these cases we would strongly recommend that your parent/carer talk about this with either the Elective Home Education Co-ordinator or the Education Welfare Officer for your area before they write to school to remove you from roll.

**Can I still do GCSE’s?**

Yes, you can still sit GCSE exams. However, it is your parent/carers responsibility to ensure the course content is covered and you have found an exam centre for you to sit the final exams at. There are often costs involved in this.
What if I want to return to school?

An in-year application can be made by your parent/carer if you wish to return to school roll. Further advice and guidance is available at http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/

What if I want to go to College for pre-16 learning?

There is no guarantee a College placement will be given to home educated students.

Your parent/carer would need to approach the College and find out whether a suitable course is available. The Home Education Co-ordinator can support you with this.

There is no automatic right to transport for home educated children.

If you would like further advice or wish to speak to someone further you can contact:

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