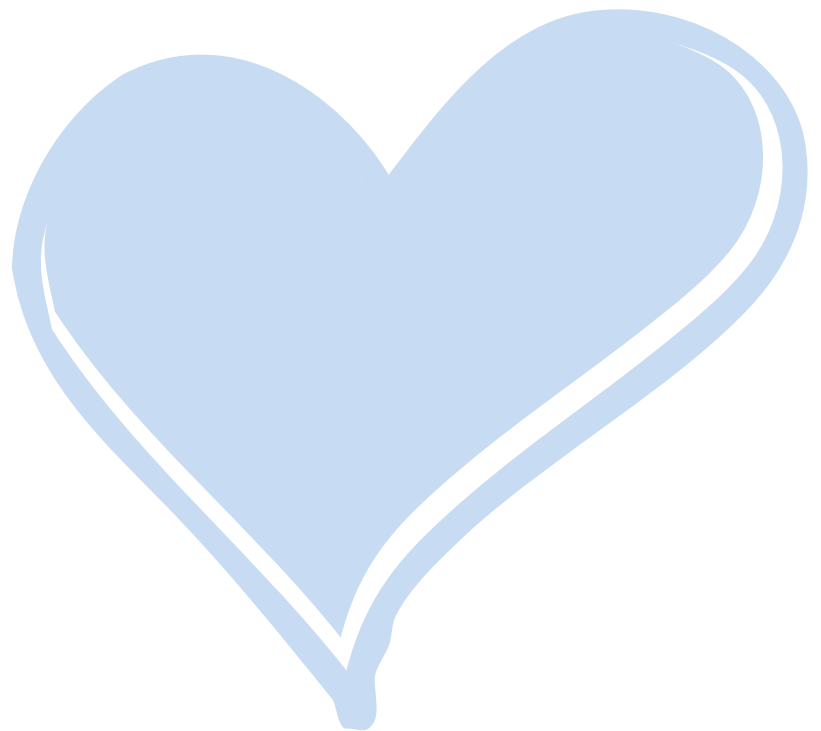


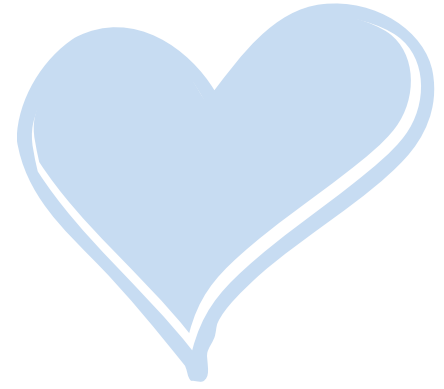
Elective Home Education Resource Guide

A Guide for Parents and Carers

Education Welfare Service



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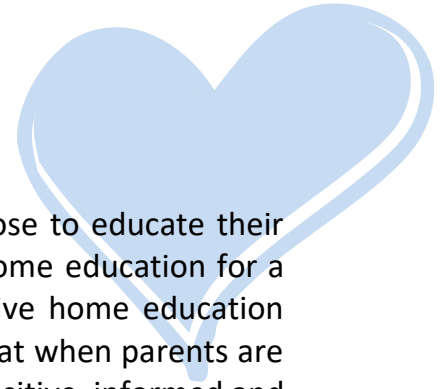
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DISCLAIMER

This guide contains information and links to services and resources that are external to Cornwall and Council's Education Welfare Service. The Education Welfare Service has not carried out safeguarding checks on any of the services contained within this document. The Education Welfare Service neither promotes or condones young people and their families accessing the services and resources contained within this document. It is here to offer signposting to resources available which are used by home educating families.

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Supporting EHE Enquiries



Cornwall Council recognises that parents have the right to choose to educate their child at home rather than at school, and that parents choose home education for a variety of reasons. It believes that all parties involved in elective home education should be aware of their roles, rights and responsibilities; and that when parents are deciding to home educate their child, it works well when it is a positive, informed and dedicated choice for parents and the child.

However, this is not the case for all, we know from feedback that some families have reached this option as a last resort. Wherever possible we would encourage parents to make contact with their child's school or with the Education Welfare Service before any final decision has been made, to ensure the parents have considered what is in the best interests of each child and if there is any support we can provide you with in resolving issues.

As a service the Education Welfare Team is here to support you and if you would like to discuss your situation please use the contact details below. Contact the Education Welfare Duty line to support you: **Telephone**

01872 323400 **E-mail** educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk

Parental legal obligations

In accordance with Section 7 of Education Act 1996; by removing a child/young person from a school roll the parent takes full legal responsibility for **causing** and ensuring the child is **receiving** a suitable, full time and efficient education provision.

- The Local Authority will make enquires about the educational provision and will expect a level of engagement to satisfy their duties.
- Parents who choose to educate their children at home must be prepared to assume full financial responsibility, including bearing the cost of any resources and examinations.

Learning Resources used by Elective Home Educating Families.

Early Years

Educational resources for 0 to 5s.

The Oak National Academy

www.classroom.thenational.academy/subject-s-by-year/reception by subjects

Look Say Sing Play

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/look-say-sing-play/ has teamed up with Vroom to give you some fun and easy tips to help you bring even more Look, Say, Sing and Play into your daily routine with your baby.

Hungry Little Minds

www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/

gives simple fun, activities for kids aged 0 to 5 to help set them up nicely for the day they start school.

Tiny Happy People

www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/activities/zjh8hbk by the BBC is a collection of activities, videos and things to do with children from pregnancy through to 5 years to help with their communication skills.

BBC Learning Programmes on iPlayer

www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/genres/learning/preschool/player available on demand.

They include favourites from CBEEBIES and School Radio including cartoons, documentaries and sing songs.

Super Simple Songs

www.supersimple.com/super-simple-songs/ is a collection of original kids songs and classic nursery rhymes made simple for young learners.

Primary Years

Resources for Key Stages 1 and 2

General Primary Sites:

BBC Bitesize

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary

Twinkl

www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents For a range of resources covering all subjects across Primary age.

Action Aid

www.actionaid.org.uk/get-involved/school-resources/discovery-days are providing free activities to expand children's world at home! Each set of activities gives you and your kids something new to explore that day.

Oak National Academy

www.classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage

Cosmic Kids

www.cosmickids.com/ yoga and mindfulness fun for kids.

IXL

www.uk.ixl.com/ Resources for Primary.

Scholastic

www.resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/ For a range of resources covering all subjects across Primary age.

Education City

www.educationcity.com/ - Paid for resource that gives access to a mapped curriculum, activities and assessment materials for teaching KS1 and KS2 children.

TES

www.tes.com/teaching-resources
A selection of free and paid for resources, including worksheets and topic planning.

Planbee

www.planbee.com/ Subscription service providing lesson planning support.

CGP Books

www.cgpbooks.co.uk/ CGP write and sell great value revision guides and study books for UK schools. The educational books cover KS2 and KS1

Teacherwire

www.teachwire.net/

Subscription based planning and resources.

Espresso Primary

Parents of primary school aged children in Cornwall who are home educated can access a resource for free called Discovery Education Espresso Primary service.

Espresso Primary is an online teaching and learning service which provides engaging multimedia resources covering the National Curriculum for children aged 3 to 11. It is used in schools throughout the UK.

You can find the Primary site at: <http://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/what-we-offer/discovery-education-espresso>

Please contact the Elective Home Education Service for further and to request log in details.

General Resources

Educational Publishers

English Primary:

BBC Bitesize

English courses and revision by BBC Bitesize:

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zgkw2hv (year 1 and year 2)

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f (year 3 to year 6)

BBC Alphablocks

www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b01cz0p1/alphablocks - BBC programme supporting children with phonics.

Phonics Play

www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ - Phonics games for Phase 1 to Phase 6.

MC Grammar

www.theteachertrain.com/copy-of-mc-grammar a guide to grammar.

Borrow Box

www.borrowbox.com/ Free app which links into library membership

Oxford Owl Reading

www.home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/ Free to use reading online.

Teach your monster to read

www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/about-the-game

- Online phonics game to support early reading skills.

The Oak National Academy

Free interactive English by The Oak National Academy.

www.classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-1/subjects/english

(year 1 and year 2)

www.classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-2/subjects/english

(year 3 to year 6)

www.classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-2/subjects/english-grammar

www.classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-2/subjects/english-spelling

www.classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-2/subjects/english-reading-for-pleasure

Reading Eggs

www.readingeggs.co.uk/

Subscription based phonics program

Maths Primary:

BBC Bitesize

Maths courses and revision by BBC Bitesize:

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8

(year 1 and year 2)

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn

(year 3 to year 6)

White Rose Maths

www.whiterosemaths.com/

Problem solving maths scheme of work.

Hamilton Trust

www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/about-hamilton/use-for-free/

- A selection of free and paid for lesson plans and online resources

Maths 4 All (Amazon)

www.amazon.co.uk/b?ie=UTF8&node=17637547031

- free maths and computing learning resources for Key Stage 1 to 4.

Conquer Maths

www.conquermaths.com/ Key stage 1 and 2

E Maths

www.emaths.co.uk/

- Online learning resources for students and parents, mainly focused around maths from KS1-4, including some past exam papers.

The Oak National Academy

Free interactive Maths by The Oak National Academy:

www.classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-1/subjects/maths

(year 1 and year 2)

www.classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-2/subjects/maths

(year 3 to year 6)

Times Tables Rockstars

www.ttrockstars.com/home

Times tables challenge platform.

Topmarks

www.topmarks.co.uk/

interactive maths games.

Prodigy Maths

www.prodigygame.com/main-en/ - Gaming platform maths problem solving.

<p style="text-align: center;">Science Primary:</p>	<p>BBC Bitesize</p> <p>Science courses and revision by BBC Bitesize:</p> <p>www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z6svr82 (year 1 and year 2)</p> <p>www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z2pfb9q (year 3 to year 6)</p> <p>National Geographic Kids</p> <p>www.natgeokids.com/uk/teacher-category/science/</p>
<p>Astro Science Challenge</p> <p>www.app.astrosciencechallenge.com/?fbclid=IwAR3g_JeThiTqVb3vzUuFMvCjo6739MDU3f5nu9U20aWKQb9I4gB-7CnjdM#</p> <p>An app where children can safely do some fun Science, Maths and English whilst learning all about space.</p> <p>Stem Learning</p> <p>www.stem.org.uk/primary-science</p> <p>Free resource for STEM activities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Languages:</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Computing:</p>	<p>Duolingo</p> <p>www.duolingo.com/ Learn languages for free. Web or app.</p>
<p>Scratch</p> <p>www.scratch.mit.edu/</p> <p>Creative computer programming.</p> <p>Minecraft Education Edition</p> <p>www.education.minecraft.net/en-us/</p> <p>Welcome to PrimaryMinecraft.com, a site set up by a digital educator, trained primary teacher and Minecraft fan</p>	

Geography:**Geography Games**

www.natgeokids.com/uk/teacher-category/geography/ - challenging and entertaining quiz games to improve geographical knowledge.

Geocaching

www.geocaching.com/play

Geocaching is a treasure hunting game where you use a GPS to hide and seek containers with other participants in the activity.

History:**History Learning Site**

www.historylearningsite.co.uk/

- Information on a range of different history topics. Free to access.

Horrible Histories

www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/horrible-histories

Episodes, clips and games.

National Geographic Kids

www.natgeokids.com/uk/teacher-category/history/

- activities and quizzes.

Secondary Years

Resources for Key Stage 3 and 4

General Secondary Resources:

BBC Bitesize

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/secondary

IXL

www.uk.ixl.com/

Resources for Secondary.

Mytutors

www.mytutor.co.uk/

Oxford Home Schooling

www.oxfordhomeschooling.co.uk/

EdPLace

www.edplace.com/

Oak National Academy

www.classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage

Collins Text Books

www.collins.co.uk/pages/secondary

A range of educational text books for primary and secondary

Khan Academy

www.khanacademy.org/

- An American site which has a range of video tutorials and practice questions for maths, English and science, as well as intros to other topics such as programming. Free to access

CGP Books

www.cgpbooks.co.uk/

CGP write and sell great value revision guides and study books for UK schools. The educational books cover A-Level, GCSE, KS1/2/3

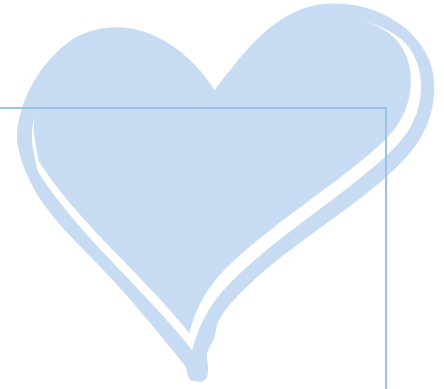
Exemplar Education

www.exemplar-education.com/

Conquer Maths

www.conquermaths.com/

Key stage 3 and 4



Virtual schools

Apricot Learning Online: www.apricotlearningonline.co.uk/

Interhigh: www.kingsinterhigh.co.uk/

Northstart Worldwide: www.nswlearning.org/

Seneca: www.senecalearning.com/en-GB/

Studyladder: www.studyladder.co.uk/?lc_set=

The British E School: www.briteschool.co.uk/

Ed Place: www.edplace.com/

Worsley Hall Oxford: www.wolseyhalloxford.org.uk/

GCSE

Within Cornwall there is currently no exam centre

Alternatively Elective Home Education Students can explore alternative exam centres outside the county. The link below is a website for searching for exam centres throughout the UK:

www.jcq.org.uk/private-candidates

Exam boards

- [AQA - www.aqa.org.uk/](http://www.aqa.org.uk/)
- [Cambridge - www.cambridgeinternational.org/](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/)
- [City and Guilds - www.cityandguilds.com/](http://www.cityandguilds.com/)
- [Edexcel \(Pearson\) - www.qualifications.pearson.com/en/home.html](http://www.qualifications.pearson.com/en/home.html)

- [OCR - www.ocr.org.uk/](http://www.ocr.org.uk/)
- [Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment - www.ccea.org.uk/](http://www.ccea.org.uk/)

IGCSE

IGCSEs are International GCSEs.

IGCSE is a registered trademark of the Cambridge exam board but it is informally used as shorthand for all International GCSEs.

Most IGCSEs do not have a compulsory coursework or controlled assessment. They are assessed solely on the exams at the end which is why they are accessible to home educators.

They are aimed at learners aged 14 to 16, and they provide the skills and knowledge to progress to A Levels, International A Levels, and into university. Simply, they provide a simple route into Higher Education in the UK for students around the world by mirroring the UK qualification structure.

Which exam boards offer IGCSEs?

There are two exam boards that provide IGCSEs that can be sat in the UK.

Edexcel www.qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-international-gcses.html

Cambridge International Examinations (CAIE)

www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-upper-secondary/cambridge-igcse/

SEND Education Resources

Educational websites, apps and activities for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zh9v382> - SEND resources, lessons, activities and support to help you and your family during lockdown.



Special iApps

<https://www.specialiapps.org/en> - develops educational apps for children with special educational needs, including autism, Down's syndrome, cerebral palsy, hearing impairment and other learning disabilities.

Examples include "Special Stories", where you can create stories with photos, text and audio to help with reading, social skills and explaining step-by-step tasks. Also available is "Special Words", which includes 96 pictures and matching written and spoken words in 24 languages.

SEN Teacher

www.senteacher.org/ has free special needs teaching resources covering maths, literacy, communication and social skills.

Speech and Language Portal

www.speechandlanguage.info/parents provides free speech and language advice, resources and activities.

Widgit

www.widgitonline.com/ lets you create visual, communication and learning supports in your web browser using over 18,000 Widgit Symbols and hundreds of easy-to-use templates.

Nessy

www.nessy.com/en-gb - Information for parents on dyslexia, including a focused section on homeschooling children with dyslexia. Paid for games and activities for children.

Documenting and Planning Education.

To provide a suitable and efficient education provision, monitoring and progressing levels of learning are a key part of the process. This enables children to move through their educational journey. Whilst it is not compulsory to follow the National Curriculum many EHE families use the National Curriculum to structure the progression of learning. There is a range of evidence and methods which can be used to support you in planning and documenting your child's provision.

- Collage – The Home Schooling App. www.collageapp.co.uk/
- Photos of work or learning activities.
- Diaries and schedules of learning.
- Examples of work which show progression over time.

Work Experience



Parents should be aware that the exemptions relating to child employment legislation to enable young people to undertake work experience only apply with respect to work experience arranged by a governing body or local authority. Consequently, there is currently no option for Elective Home Education families to arrange work experience opportunities that would be lawful where such activities are in conflict with the legislation restricting child employment.

It is possible for children educated at home to access work experience opportunities through a project called Skills Your Way www.your-way.org.uk/skills/ Future Foundations is another project which can provide opportunities for work experience.

Skills Your Way

Skills Your Way Project is part of the Education Business Partnership and is funded by the European Social Fund. Aimed at supporting young people aged between 15 – 24 who would like to participate in education, employment and training and are experiencing barriers in these areas, including those with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability). Skills your Way offers a one-to-one provision with a wide range of activities designed to develop approaches for the young person to help break down barriers and provide opportunities and support with:

- Gaining employability skills
- Information, advice and guidance and skills assessment
- Employer engagement
- Work experience and taster days
- Various activities designed to build confidence and identify interests and build soft skills such as social skills and teamwork.

For further information contact: Skillsyourway@cornwall.gov.uk

Future-Foundations

Training programs and experiences for young people between the ages 15 to 25.
info@future-foundations.co.uk
0800 0437430

-They are providing 1-1 support around education, apprenticeships and employment. They are running an employability course to help prepare young people for work,

- They intend to run a boot camp for young people during the school holidays to prepare them for starting apprentices which will be offered out to schools for young people in year 11.
- They are offering functional skills in English and Maths.
- They are doing a lot of work to support young people to access apprentices.

Email zoet@Truro-Penwith.ac.uk

Juvenile Employment

Students who are Electively Home Educated are governed by the same laws, with regard to child employment, as any other child. No child of statutory school age is permitted to work, regardless of how they are being educated, unless they have been issued with a work permit by the Local Authority. This also applies to children who may be working part time in the family business or with a self-employed parent, in which case the parent is also classed as the employer of the child. If a child works without a permit, he or she may not be covered by an employer's insurance. The employer can be prosecuted for the illegal employment of children as can parents if this is considered appropriate. If they are found guilty, heavy fines and court costs can follow.

There are restrictions on the type of employment that is permitted for a juvenile and on the number of hours they can work (please see juvenile employment page of Cornwall Council website for further guidance). It should be noted that although Electively Home Educated children do not have to comply with conventional school hours, it is within the spirit of the law that they do comply to the restrictions around working hours for Juveniles. This means they should not be employed during school time and only work two hours on any school day.

These regulations apply to all children from the age of 13 years to the point at which they are no longer of compulsory school age. This date is set as being the last Friday in June in the school year in which they reach the age of 16.

All information on how to apply for work permit can be found on Cornwall Council Website.

www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/education-welfare/employment-of-school-age-children/

Internet Safety



Many children and young people who are educated at home will have access to the internet. It is important that parents consider internet safety and ensure that their children are safe whilst accessing the internet.

Below are website links which provide online safety advice and information to children, young people and their families.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Thinkuknow is the online safety education programme from the National Crime Agency CEOP command. It aims to empower children and young people aged 4 – 18 to identify the risks they may face online and know where they can go for support.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

Other Relevant Legislation and Guidance

Children Missing Education - DfE guidance:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-missing-education

Child Employment

www.gov.uk/child-employment

www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/education-welfare/employment-of-school-age-children/

Education Act 1996:

www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/56/contents

Fundamental British Values - DfE guidance:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/promoting-fundamental-british-values-through-smsc

Parental Responsibility and Behaviour and attendance DfE Guidance

www.gov.uk/government/publications/parental-responsibility-measures-for-behaviour-and-attendance

Parental responsibility – general guidance on gov.uk website:

www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities

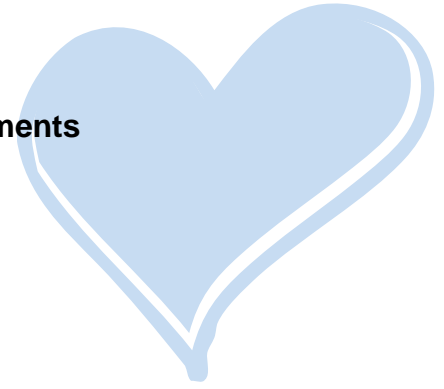
Pupil Registration Regulations 2006 and regulations amendments

www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2006/1751/contents/made

www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2016/792/contents/made

School attendance - DfE guidance for schools:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance



If you would like this information in another format please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY

Email: equality@cornwall.gov.uk Telephone: **0300 1234 100**