

**1 The law**  
The LA recognises education is compulsory, but school is not. Parents' legal duty is set out in section 7 of the Education Act 1996 as follows: "The parent of every child of compulsory school age has a legal duty to ensure that he/she receives efficient full-time education suitable: • to her/his age, ability and aptitude, and • to any special educational needs he/she may have either by regular attendance at school or otherwise."

**2 If you are considering EHE as an option**  
School is an important part of your child's overall development and social life, you must be aware that these areas also need to be covered in EHE. If you are concerned about anxiety and bullying please talk to the school who should help you resolve these issues. You can also request a meeting with the Headteacher to discuss any other concerns.

- 7 Terms**
- EHE - Elective Home Education
  - LA - Local authority in which you live
  - SBC - Slough Borough Council
  - SAO - School attendance order
  - SEND - Special education needs and disability
  - EHCP - Education and Health Care Plan
  - DBS - A check that ensures if a person is suitable to work with children

**3 Are you waiting for your preferred school?**  
Please be aware being home educated does **NOT** give any priority when applying for a school place. Slough schools are very oversubscribed, and you may have to home educate for several months or a year before a place at your preferred school becomes available.

**4 My child has SEND needs**  
If you are considering EHE because you feel your child's SEND needs are not being met at school please be advised that it is much harder to get a SEND/EHCP assessment when a child is not in mainstream school and SBC will not provide extra support for your child's SEND needs.

- 6 If you make the decision to EHE**
- You need to put your request to EHE **in writing** to the headteacher
  - The school will refer your child to SBC attendance service who will contact you
  - If your child is not in school you will need to write to SBC: [attendance@slough.gov.uk](mailto:attendance@slough.gov.uk)
  - Once your child has been added to the EHE register our home education assessor will arrange a visit with you and your child to assess the education you have in place
  - This EHE home visit will be carried out annually.
  - If the EHE is assessed as inadequate SBC may make a SAO to direct you to send your child back to a mainstream school.



## Elective Home Education for parents

- 5 Who takes responsibility for my child's education if I choose EHE?**
- Ultimately you the parent.
  - **SBC does NOT provide a tutor or any educational resources**
  - You will also be responsible for entering and paying for any exams your child may take.
  - You will need to seek out curriculum guidance and fund any resources you need
  - You will need to check the qualifications and DBS of tutors that you employ
  - Slough Borough Council has a duty to know which children are EHE and confirm if the provision is satisfactory