

## 1 Background

Elective Home Education (EHE) is a term used by the DFE to describe parents decision to provide education for their children at home. EHE is an option that any family can consider. There are many reasons why a family might select this option. Slough Borough Council's interest would lie in the suitability of the education provision provided and not the motivation. Slough aims to work closely with parents in their choice.

## 7 Safeguarding

Local authorities have the same responsibilities for EHE children as for others. Home-educated children are NOT automatically 'vulnerable' but some children educated at home do fall into that category, and evidence shows this is increasing. Schools can help with information sharing when registering a child as off rolling for EHE.

## 6 What to do

- Complete the EHE referral form providing as much information as possible
- Attach the parent's written request for EHE
- Do not off roll until SBC confirm to do so
- Send to Pupil Tracking [pupiltracking@slough.gov.uk](mailto:pupiltracking@slough.gov.uk)

## 2 Why It Matters - The Law

The responsibility for a child's education rests with their parents. In England, education is compulsory, but school is not. The law gives parents the choice of educating their child at home so long as they ensure their child receives an efficient and suitable, full time education. **Education Act 1996 Section 7:** 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.

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## 5 Information

Slough Borough Council has a duty to know which children are EHE and confirm if the provision is satisfactory. If the provision is found to be unsatisfactory a school attendance order may be put in place.

Parents of children with an EHCP can also choose to EHE.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/elective-home-education>

## 3 Parent's Responsibility

- Fully responsible for EHE including finances, resources and paying for exams
- To check carefully, including a DBS, any qualifications of tutors that they employ
- To engage with Slough Borough Council who will arrange an annual visit with the parent and child to assess the EHE provision

## 4 School's Responsibility

If a parent expresses their desire to EHE:

- Meet with parents to understand their reasons for choosing EHE
- If parents have expressed concerns or issues with the school aim to address these with the parents
- Ensure parent is clear on their full responsibilities as per above

If a parent informs school they are going to EHE their child:

- School notify SBC through EHE form