

Can my child do work experience?

Parents are responsible for organising and arranging the insurance for any work experience placements they wish the child to experience. This can only take place in years 10 and 11.

Can my child be employed?

Any elective home educated child requires a work permit in the same way that a child that attends school would. If a parent of a home educated learner requests a work permit, the LA will ask for details of the child's education, what is being provided, times of sessions and how any proposed part time working would complement their home education as part of the issuing of the work permit.

In what way will my child be safeguarded by the LA?

Parents electing to educate their child(ren) at home does not mitigate the responsibility of the LA to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children. The welfare and protection of all children, both those who attend school and those who are educated by other means, are a paramount concern and are the responsibility of the whole community. As with school educated children, child protection issues may arise in relation to home educated children. If any child protection concerns come to light in the course of engagement with children and families, these concerns will be referred to the appropriate services using established protocols.

Our partner agencies, including Health, Education, Child and Family Services, Housing, Careers Wales and Police, may be notified that you are educating your child(ren) outside the school system.

Can we still access support services?

An EHE child is still able to access universal services such as Careers Wales, Youth services, Counselling and Health Immunisation and Screening.

If a parent contacts the EHE email: ElectiveHomeEducation@swansea.gov.uk they can be signposted on how to access information and support on the above and other support services specific to the needs of the family.

Who should I contact if I need more advice?

Our contact details are:

Telephone: **07796 275035 / 07741 701095**

Email: ElectiveHomeEducation@swansea.gov.uk

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What does the law say?

The law states that: 'all parents have a duty to ensure that their child receives an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, ability and aptitude, and to any additional learning needs they may have either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.'

What is my responsibility as a parent who is electively home educating?

It is your decision as to what and how your child learns. Education can be provided in a variety of ways, by you, the parents, by family members, small groups of home-educating families or private tutors. Your responsibility as a parent is to make sure that what is taught is helping your child to learn. Education is considered efficient and suitable if it allows a child to achieve their potential and prepares them for adult life.

What is an 'efficient' and 'suitable' education?

Home educating parents should provide education that offers opportunities for their child to develop their physical, intellectual, emotional, spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Some possible characteristics that a suitable education may provide, develop or include:

- Language, literacy and numeracy skills
- Consistent involvement of parents or other significant carers
- Responding to the needs and the best interest of the child, taking into account areas of learning that interest the child, and should enhance the child's potential
- Ensuring the child has opportunities to engage in a reasonably broad range of learning experiences
- Providing opportunities to develop personal and social skills to help prepare them for later life and become engaged citizens
- Ensuring the child has opportunities to develop basic skills (taking into consideration any SEN/ALN they have)
- A philosophy or ethos with parents showing commitment, enthusiasm, and recognition of the child's needs, attitudes and aspirations
- Opportunities for the child to be stimulated by their learning experiences
- Involvement in a broad spectrum of learning opportunities and activities appropriate to the child's stage of development
- Access to appropriate resources and materials
- Opportunities to develop digital literacy
- Opportunities for an appropriate level of physical activity and play
- Opportunities to interact with other children and adults.

What if my child has additional learning needs?

The education you provide must meet the aims of the Statement of SEN or the objectives of the IDP. The Local Authority will continue to carry out a review each year for the length of time for which the Statement/IDP applies. This will include whether the wording of the Statement/IDP is still appropriate and whether it needs to stay in place and whether the Additional Learning Provision (ALP) is meeting the child's needs. The LA will need to satisfy itself that the ALP is being delivered.

Can my child return to school?

You can apply for a place at school at any time. However, there is no guarantee that there will be a place at the school your child previously went to. Information regarding a school place request can be obtained from:

Apply for a school place mid-year (school transfer) - Swansea or email admissions@swansea.gov.uk

Can my child sit examinations?

Parents who choose to home educate their children must be prepared to assume full financial responsibility for the cost of examinations. Examinations have to be taken at an approved examination centre.