



# Flexi-schooling

Flexi-schooling is an arrangement where, following a formal request from parents or carers and with the approval of the school, a child spends some part of the week attending school and the rest of the time with their parents/carers providing education. In such arrangements the child will continue to remain on the school roll. The periods when the pupil is not in school should be recorded as C (authorised absence), which counts as an absence.

The DfE have published EHE guidance to support the LA and schools, this includes information about flexi-schooling:

[Elective home education: departmental guidance for local authorities \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/811211/elective-home-education-departmental-guidance-for-local-authorities.pdf)

Parents who request flexi-schooling are asking for a pattern of provision which will involve both attendance at school, as well as times when the child will receive educational provision at home. Flexi-schooling is different from Reduced Hours Provision arrangements which a school may seek to make. Such arrangements are monitored and reviewed with the intention that the child be returned to full time attendance as soon as possible. Flexi-schooling is a full-time education provision. Please refer to the Hampshire County Council Reduced Hours Provision guidance below:

[Reduced Hours Provision Guidance Jan 2024](#)

There is no LA register of when a child is flexi-schooled nor is there a DfE return on this information; it is managed by schools. Schools who have flexi-schooled pupils should be ready to discuss with Ofsted inspectors the arrangements they have in place to deal with the requirements of these pupils. Schools are held to account through inspection for the outcomes and safety of pupils and this will include any who attend the school as part of a programme of flexi-schooling.

Please call Charlotte Postle, EHE coordinator for any advice regarding flexischooling: [charlotte.postle@hants.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.postle@hants.gov.uk)