

## **School/family conversation when a parent is considering removing a child to become Electively Home Educated (EHE)**

- Why are you thinking of home educating your child? What has led you to this point?
- What does your child think about school and how might things be improved for him/her?
- What could have happened/could happen differently to support the continuation of school-based education?
- What does your child think about EHE?
- Do you have the time and ability needed to educate your child at home?
- Can you provide efficient, full-time education suitable for your child's age, ability, and aptitude; talk to us about what that might look like in practice?
- Can you take on the full financial responsibility including the cost of IT equipment and internet access, study materials, textbooks, exam fees and any professional tuition?
- What support do you, as parents, have from others (including support from the local authority and other professionals, as well as family and friends)?
- Is your home suitable for teaching and learning? Is there enough space? Have you got spaces that are free from distractions?
- Have you considered the nature of the education you will provide every day and how you will do it?
- What would happen if you were not available to provide suitable full-time education for a short or long period?
- Can you provide social, cultural, and physical experiences to help your child develop?
- Can you ensure the curriculum you provide will support your child in maximising their learning life chances?
- What is your long-term goal of education for your child?
- Do you envisage home education being permanent or temporary?
- If permanent, will your child sit exams such as GCSEs?
- Although GCSEs exams are not compulsory are you aware that you would be responsible for finding an exam centre willing to accept external candidates for the appropriate exam board and meet the costs of the examination, these can be in the region of £150 - £200 per subject.

- It can be difficult for EHE children to access examinations of a practical nature such as Art, IT, Design and Technology and Science, have you considered if your child would like access to these?
- Are you aware that if you change your mind once you have removed your child from the school there may not be a place at the school of your choice? There is no enhanced admission priority given to a home educated child subsequently seeking a new school place. If a school place is not available in your preferred school and you require transport to another school, there may not be free transport.
- Are you aware that if you want your child to have work experience the employer must have request permit for child's work? Are you aware that child employment regulations around hours and types of work apply to children who are electively home educated?
- Are you aware that apprenticeships are not available for compulsory school age children?
- Are you aware that your child will not be entitled to free school meals or LA transport even if attending college as part of their EHE provision?
- If you are considering a '14-16 provision' at a college, are you aware that these tend to be part-time. What education will you be providing to increase their education to full-time?
- Please be aware that if your child has been supported with alternative provision arranged by the school, EHE children do not have Local Authority funded access to any alternative educational provisions.
- If your child has an EHCP and you choose to educate them at home, you will be responsible for the full financial costs or any provision and have you explored options of how you will meet your child's educational needs?
- For schools to consider - Do we need to include/inform any other professionals about the intention to EHE?