

Briefing in a minute

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Elective Home Education

EHE is the legal right of all parents/carers; where this right is exercised, the parent takes sole responsibility for all aspects of their child's education. This means that some children may never attend school or may be removed from school at any point. The emphasis still remains on providing a suitable education with appropriate outcomes.

What does the parent do?

The parent should ideally discuss their intentions to EHE with the LADO so that they are familiar with what is expected of them. They can also refer to the EHE-related documents (a policy and a parent guide) on the NCC website; if they still have unresolved questions then they should contact the LADO. Once the decision to EHE has been made they should inform the school.

Where a child is registered at school, the parent should write a letter of deregistration to the headteacher stating the child is going to be home educated, and give the date at which this will start.

What does the school do?

When a parent decides to EHE they send the school a letter of deregistration, informing the school that they intend to EHE and that the school should remove the child from the school roll from the stated date on the letter.

The school then informs the LA of the removal of the child from the school roll to enable EHE to take place. The school should then forward the letter, alongside the CTF and the pupil school file, to the LADO to ensure the child's name is added to the EHE list.

What does the LA do?

The LA should maintain the appropriate information relating to EHE on the NCC website.

The LA is responsible for ensure all children have a suitable education and that they are safe. The LA, through the LADO will maintain communication with EHE families and will make periodic supportive visits to ensure families have the opportunity to discuss any issues. The regularity of these visits varies. The LA can also facilitate other agencies to work together to support the children and families who EHE.

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