

Elective Home Education Information for Parents and Carers





ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION – ADVICE TO PARENTS

Elective Home Education is education provided other than at school, usually by parents teaching their own children at home.

This information is designed to set out for parents and carers:

- The legal position on educating children.
- The processes involved.
- Where you may find additional information and support.

Do you have to send your child to school?

Parents have a legal responsibility to provide an education for their children. Section 7 of the Education Act 1996, states

"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."

Our approach to home education is that:

- We believe all schools in our Local Authority offer children opportunities to achieve their potential.
- We respect the right of parents and carers to choose to educate their children at home.
- We want to work in partnership with parents and carers who wish to home educate, to help them meet the challenges and to make sure that there are good educational outcomes for all children.

What are the duties of home educating parents?

- To assume full responsibility (including full financial responsibility) for ensuring an efficient and full-time education.
- To ensure the education is suitable to the child's age, ability, and aptitude, and to any special educational needs.

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Safeguarding

The Local Authority has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children – including children who are home educated (section 175 Education Act 2002).

In a very small number of cases, the Authority may insist on seeing children in order to enquire about their welfare where there are grounds for concern, e.g. if it was felt that a child was at risk of harm or neglect.

Parents may choose to employ others to educate their child, though they themselves are still responsible for the education provided. In these circumstances, parents are responsible for ensuring that those whom they engage are suitable to have access to children. It is strongly recommended that parents arrange for a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check prior to employment, and that arrangements are in place for ongoing supervision.

What do you need to consider?

Most parents think long and hard about taking the step to educate at home. It is worth considering these issues:

- Educating your child outside the school system will require a major commitment of your time.
- There is no financial assistance for home educators, so, inevitably, some expense will be incurred for families, including entry to exams. However, we live in an 'information rich' society, and there is a vast amount of educational information available for free. Regular use of the library means that you do not have to buy lots of books, and you can access information by using the internet at home and at the library.
- Attendance at school is about more than just schoolwork. Many of the lessons learned are about how to get on with other people.
- It may be difficult for one person to provide a broad education, or the range of subjects your child wishes to learn about.
- If you want your child to return to school at some point, or take public exams, you will need to think about how you will make this an easy step for your child.
- Parents should never be encouraged to pursue Elective Home Education as a means
 of avoiding exclusion, or enforcement action in respect of poor school attendance.
 Where parents opt to home educate, we want this to be a positive choice, and not the
 option of last resort.
- Parents should be advised that in the event that you wish for your child to return to a school setting, Electively Home Educated children return to the school they were previously registered at. Parents who feel they have strong grounds for an alternative school, can appeal the transfer application decision.

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What is the legal duty of the Local Authority?

The law requires Local Authorities to be satisfied that parents are providing a 'full time', 'efficient' and 'suitable' education, which takes account of their child's age, ability, and aptitude, and of any special educational needs that the child may have.

We do, therefore, contact all our home educating parents to make enquiries about the educational provision being offered and the learning outcomes for their children.

What is an 'efficient and suitable education'?

An 'efficient' and 'suitable' education is not defined in the Education Act 1996, but 'efficient' has been broadly described as an education that 'achieves that which it sets out to achieve', and a 'suitable' education is one that primarily equips a child to participate fully in life within this country, by including sufficient secular education. This means that if the home education is primarily designed to equip a child for life within a smaller community within this country, it should not limit the child's options in later years to adopt some other form of life if he or she wishes to do so.

The Authority recognises that there are many approaches to providing a suitable education, and what is suitable for one child, may not be for another.

Schools maintained by the State are required to teach these National Curriculum subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Art and Design
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Physical education
- A foreign language (for children over 11)
- Technology
- Religious Education
- Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)
- Information Computer Technology (ICT)

If you are educating your child at home, you are not required to follow the National Curriculum or any specific subjects. However, it provides a useful guide and, if at a later date your child returns to school, it could make re-integration into mainstream schooling much easier. Copies of the National Curriculum are available from the Department for Education on their website www.education.gov.uk. Should you wish to enter your child for public examinations, such as GCSE, you will need to contact an Examination Board directly.

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When deciding how much time to devote to your child's education you may find it helpful to know that the Department for Education recommends the following weekly teaching hours:

- 15 hours for 5-7 year olds
- 20 hours for 8-11 year olds
- 25 hours for 12-16 year olds

Pupils are required to attend school for 190 days each year.

Education should impart knowledge, but also help children to develop a range of life skills. You should consider how the education you provide would help your child to develop:

- Communication skills.
- Research skills.
- Problem solving skills.
- · Creative and imaginative skills.
- Numeracy skills.
- Literacy skills.
- Physical skills.
- Personal and social skills.

If I decide to educate my child at home, what do I need to do?

If you are withdrawing your child from school, you are required to deregister your child from that school. A pupil's name can only be removed from the admission register of a school once you have given written confirmation to the Head Teacher that your child is receiving education otherwise than at school.

If your child has never been registered at a school, we would encourage you to please inform us of your intention to home educate, using the contact details at the back of this booklet.

Parents' right to educate their child at home applies equally where a child has special educational needs. When a child has an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP), it is the Authority's duty to ensure that the educational provision specified in the plan is made available to the child – but if the child's parents have arranged suitable home education, the Authority has no duty to arrange any special educational provision for the child. The Plan would set out the provision that the Authority thinks the child requires, but it will also state that parents have made their own arrangements under S7 of the Education Act 1996. The Authority will still continue to check that suitable arrangements are in place to meet the child's special educational needs and keep the EHCP under annual review.

It is different for children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan and are pupils at a special school under arrangements made by the Authority. In these circumstances, the consent of the Authority is required in order for the child's name to be removed from roll. This is to ensure that full consideration can be given to whether the home education being proposed would be suitable to meeting the special educational needs of the child.

There is a link to the Authority's Local Offer for children with special educational needs at the end of this document.

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What happens next?

The school will inform us that you are taking responsibility for your child's education and, as such, your child's name will be removed from the school's roll.

- An Authority officer with responsibility for Elective Home Education (EHE) will contact
 you for an initial discussion. This is to make sure that all parents are aware of the scale
 of responsibility involved in EHE, to answer any questions you may have, and to
 establish a good working relationship from the outset.
- Arrangements will then be made for a qualified teacher with experience and knowledge
 of EHE to visit you at home to enquire further about the educational provision you have
 put in place. The teacher can also offer support, advice and guidance on educational
 matters and the development of provision. You may prefer to meet outside of your
 family home, or you may wish to show evidence of your child's education in different
 ways.
- Unless there are concerns about the suitability of education being provided, or you
 request additional support, you will normally be contacted by a teacher on an annual
 basis to update on any changes that you may have put in place and to offer any
 advice.
- The teacher will then write a report, together with any recommendations, which will be shared with parents and the Authority.
- If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan, the Authority will continue to have a statutory duty to undertake an annual review. You and your child will be invited to these.
- The Authority wants to establish good working relationships with home educating families, based on mutual respect and trust. Parents are encouraged to contact the Lead Officer for EHE if they have any queries.
- The Authority has an established link with the school nursing service children who
 are home educated can receive health advice and information from a dedicated school
 nurse.

What ways are there to show evidence of a suitable education?

You can provide evidence that your child is receiving an efficient and suitable education in a number of ways.

You may for example:

- Meet the Authority teacher at home, to discuss work and progress.
- Meet the Authority teacher elsewhere, to discuss work and progress.
- Write a report.
- Provide examples and date work. Use a log to record the learning.
- Have the work endorsed by a recognised third party e.g. a qualified tutor
- Provide evidence in any other form (such as photos or video).

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Before making a final decision:

- Do think long and hard about EHE. It is a great responsibility and requires a
 considerable commitment of time and energy. If you have had a disagreement with
 school, do first speak with your child's Head Teacher to try and resolve any difficulties.
 You can also contact the Authority's Lead Officer for Elective Home Education at any
 time for advice and support.
- Do plan what you intend to do with your child before making a decision.
- Do look at the costs that may be involved educational visits, equipment, and books.
- Do plan for opportunities for your child to be involved in social activities.
- Do keep your options open. Your child's needs may change at different ages and stages. Please be aware that you can apply for a school place for your child at any point.

What if the Local Authority are not satisfied with the education provided?

We aim to work in partnership with all home educating parents. From experience, we have found that most concerns can be addressed without entering into statutory procedures.

If there are concerns about the education a child is receiving:

- We will inform the parent in writing of these concerns.
- There is then an oppportunity for the parent to adapt the education being provided, so that it is meets the necessary requirements.
- A further arrangement is then made to review the education that is being provided. If improvements have been made and it now appears that a suitable education is being provided, no further steps will be taken at that point.
- If it still appears that an efficient and suitable education is not being provided for the child, the Local Authority is required to make a School Attendance Order. This requires parents to register their child at a named school. Where parents do not do so, a court summons may then be issued.
- At any stage during this process, the parents may present evidence that they are now providing a suitable education, and have the order revoked.
- The Authority will also give consideration to application to the Family Court for an Education Supervision Order. This is an Order made under section 36 of The Children Act 1989 and gives the Authority a formal supervisory role in terms of the child's education.

If I want my child to return to school, what do I do?

You can make a school application via the Authority's Admissions Team. You can also discuss this with our Elective Home Education Lead Officer, who will be happy to advise you.

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Some useful contacts:

Paul Smith Elective Home Education (EHE) Lead Officer Wirral Attendance Service Wirral Council PO Box 290 Brighton Street Wallasey CH27 9FQ

Telephone: 0151 666 3433 E-mail: ehe@wirral.gov.uk

Wirral InfoBank

There are many local organisations offering support and advice across the Wirral. You can find support using the Wirral InfoBank: https://www.wirralinfobank.co.uk/

Wirral Toolbox

Family Toolbox provides practical advice, links, and contacts to support parents https://familytoolbox.co.uk/

Child and Adolescent Mental Health

For more information about your local CAMHS service and access to a range of other resources about mental health, please click on this link https://www.mymind.org.uk/

Special Educational Needs

Wirral's Local Offer provides information for parents, children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities: http://localofferwirral.org

School Admissions

Apply for a school place on-line via the following link (if your child is EHE scroll down to 'In year transfer'): https://www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-primary-or-secondary-school-place

DfE Guidance Documents for Parents and Local Authorities on Elective Home Education

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/791528/EHE_guidance_for_parentsafterconsultationv2.2.pdf

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/791527/Elective_home_education_gudiance_for_LAv2.0.pdf

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Good Practice and Elective Home Education



Draw up a base line of where your child is

What can I do?

Reading Handwriting Talking Listening Maths IT skills etc...





What do I know?

Words, I can spell. Stories I can retell. Times tables I know etc...

in my house - write a story.



Establish goals that will meet your child's needs, for example:

I will attempt to use multiplication facts to learn about division.

I will think about how to be 'greener' in our house.

I will read a new book each week.

I will join a gymnastics group.



Establish a routine:

Keep a log or diary.

What activities are planned each week?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Library	Gymnastics	Green project	Book review	Go to see friends at play area



Review and discuss:

Go back and review work. What was learned?



Link the learning together, for example:

used to build my house?

Mathematics

What is the perimeter of my house?

History Research the history of my house, how old etc. Make a line drawing of my house in biro. Science What materials were Make a line drawing of my house in biro. English Imagine fairies lived

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Resources

Over the following pages are a list of suggested resources that you could use for your child's education. Many have been recommended by other EHE parents. This is not a comprehensive list, and they are not endorsed by Wirral Council. A wide range of other resources, courses and activities are available. It is up to you to decide the suitability of them for your child's age, ability and aptitude as stated in the DfE guidance. Some will require a payment and others are free.

If you enter a website and click on links, you must be wary of any malicious content and computer viruses that you could get as a result of clicking on them.

It is vitally important that you, as the educating parent, check the safety of online resources (including links accessed here) and to teach your children about e-safety so they are able to keep themselves safe online.

RESOURCES and USEFU	L LINKS
General information on Elective Ho	ome Education
Ed Yourself – Home Education Consultancy - extensive content	http://edyourself.org/
Education Otherwise Home education charity	https://www.educationotherwise.org/
Home Education UK Support for home educating parents and children.	http://www.home-education.org.uk/
Freddie's Mummy Blog This is a blog from a parent for a home educated child with links to a range of helpful resources and websites. Free	https://freddiesmummyuk.com/homeschooling-websites-uk/
Donna Young : Free homeschool planners, free printable resources for home, homeschooling, and school, tips, lesson plans, book reviews, calendars etc.	http://donnayoung.org/index.htm
Ambleside Online : a free homeschool curriculum designed to be as close as possible to the curriculum that Charlotte Mason used in her own private and correspondence schools.	http://www.amblesideonline.org/
An Old-Fashioned Education Free American - homeschooling texts, full curriculum and resources for grades K-12	http://oldfashionededucation.com/
Homeschool Share: Free lapbooks & unit studies.	http://www.homeschoolshare.com/
Homeschool Helper Free Homeschooling Resources.	http://homeschoolhelperonline.com
Currclick Homeschool downloads, ebooks, lapbooks, live online classes for homeschoolers, unit studies, affordable curriculum, novel studies. Subscription but sign up for the weekly newsletter to access some free resources.	http://www.currclick.com/
HE-Exams-GCSE-A_AS_Levels-OU-Others This group is for home educating families who have children who wish to take GCSEs. The intention is to share information, resources and experience.	HE-Exams-GCSE-A_AS_Levels- OU-Others- owner@yahoogroups.com

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Learn Laugh Play Fun and interactive weekly classes for Home-Ed kids aged 3-16 years.	https://learnlaughplay.co.uk/
Early Years	
BBC Bitesize for Early Years English and Maths Free	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/level
Jolly Phonics This scheme is used in many schools. There are some free resources including tutorial videos and activity sheets on this website.	https://www.jollylearning.co.uk/reso urce-bank/
Poisson Rouge : Free online games and activities for preschool children.	http://www.poissonrouge.com/
Big Brown Bear Phonics Software for Key Stage 1 and 2	http://www.bigbrownbear.co.uk/
ABCmouse Full online curriculum Subscription	https://www.abcmouse.com/abc/
Education.com Core curriculum activities/worksheets etc Free	https://www.education.com/
Primary Maths	
Maths Seeds Interactive maths programme – Ages 3-6. Subscription	http://mathseeds.co.uk
Teaching Tables Website with games to practice tables as well as printable worksheets. This is used by many schools. Subscription	http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/
Teaching Time Worksheets, games, and activities for telling the time. Subscription	www.teachingtime.co.uk/
Teaching Measures Worksheets, games and activities for teaching measures. Subscription	http://www.teachingmeasures.co.uk/
Maths Frame KS2 Maths Games and resources e.g. worksheets. £10 to register, some resources free.	http://www.mathsframe.co.uk/
Maths Zone Maths online practice, interactive learning games. Some free.	http://www.mathszone.co.uk/
Cool Math Games Online Maths games, some free, can subscribe too.	http://www.coolmath-games.com/
Corbettmaths Free website with videos and printable revision worksheets.	https://corbettmaths.com/
Sumdog Identify gaps and increase fluency using games. Free	https://www.sumdog.com/en/
Conquer Maths Used in many schools. Suitable for ages 4-18. Video tutorials, practice, in-built assessment, and regular progress reports. Subscription	http://www.conquermaths.com/
Nrich lots of maths topics at all levels Free	http://nrich.maths.org/
Mathletics Widely used maths online programme Subscription although free trial available.	http://www.mathletics.co.uk/
Khan Academy Video lessons and practice exercises. Free	https://www.khanacademy.org/
Transum Range of activities and teaching notes for extensive range of maths concepts. Free	https://www.transum.org/Software/ Transum_Topics.asp
MEP Maths: A free maths curriculum from Foundation Stage to A	https://www.cimt.org.uk/projects/m

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Level	ep/index.htm
Math Drills Maths Worksheets	http://www.math-drills.com/
Extra Math : XtraMath is a free program that teaches addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts which are critical to success in mathematics.	https://www.xtramath.org/home
Math Is Fun : Math explained in easy language, plus puzzles, games, quizzes, worksheets, and a forum. For primary to secondary.	http://www.mathsisfun.com/
The Maths Factor Created by Carol Vorderman. Videos, games, and exercises in all maths topics. Year 1-Year 7 Subscription (free trial)	https://www.themathsfactor.com/
Times tables	
Teaching Tables Numerous interactive games and practice sheets.	https://www.teachingtables.co.uk/
Math Mammoth Inexpensive times and comprehensive times tables booklet with teaching tips.	https://www.mathmammoth.com/multiplication_1
Math Mammoth Free online times tables practice.	https://www.mathmammoth.com/practice/multiplication
Maths is Fun Free online times tables practice.	https://www.mathsisfun.com/numb ers/math-trainer-multiply.html
Multiplication.com Lots of times tables practice games Free	http://www.multiplication.com/games/all-games
Primary English	
Jolly Phonics This scheme is used in many schools. There are some free resources including tutorial videos and activity sheets on this website.	https://www.jollylearning.co.uk/reso urce-bank/
Phonics Play Interactive phonics games and resources. Subscription - although there are some free resources.	http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/
BBC Bitesize A fun and interactive game to help children at KS1 with their recognition of phonics. Free	http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/lit eracy/
Teach Your Monster Phonics & learning to read game. Free	www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/
Reading Eggs Interactive phonics and reading programme. Subscription	http://readingeggs.co.uk/
Night Zookeeper Subscription website (free trial available) which helps improve children's writing.	https://www.nightzookeeper.com/en-gb/homeschool
Read Write Think English skills website – covers lots of topics in English. You can create writing online following clear tips and instructions and then save and print out finished work. (Go to Classroom resources, then Student interactives) Free	http://www.readwritethink.org
Every School Links to many interactive games and resources across all subjects. Free	http://www.everyschool.co.uk/

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Pobble 365 Picture prompts for writing. Free	http://www.pobble365.com/
Spellodrome Provides lists of spellings to learn and practise with games etc. Subscription	https://uk.spellodrome.com/?_ga=2 .226945309.1286676047.1578998 011- 1649915302.1578998011#/home
Read Theory Multiple-choice reading comprehensions. Uses scores to assess and provide appropriate comprehensions. American resource so some of the language may be different. Free	https://readtheory.org/
Audible Division of Amazon devoted to audiobooks. Free/Subscription	https://www.audible.co.uk/
Primary General	
BBC Bitesize for KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Free resources for all subjects.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/level s/z3g4d2p
BBC Bitesize for KS2 (Years to 6) Free resources for all subjects.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn
Ed Helper Lots of NC linked resources Subscription	http://www.edhelper.com/
CGP These books for English, maths, science, and a variety of other subjects are used by many schools. There are textbooks and workbooks, and many are available in online versions.	https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/
Twinkl lesson plans, interactive activities, PowerPoints, worksheets, and teaching ideas. Subscription	http://www.twinkl.co.uk/
BBC CBeebies Suitable activities for Foundation level. Free	http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/gam
First School Years Links to many subjects- with links to worksheets and interactive activities. Free	http://www.firstschoolyears.com/
Enchanted Learning American site with numerous resources for all ages. Subscription but many free resources.	https://www.enchantedlearning.co m/home.shtml
Khan Academy : Offers over 2400 free videos in a range of subjects.	http://www.khanacademy.org/
SEN Teacher has worksheets, links, and free downloads for special education - <i>Also suitable for primary students and children without special needs.</i>	https://www.senteacher.org
Communication4all Primarily aimed at SEN but many resources suitable for primary pupils, especially KS1 Free	http://www.communication4all.co.uk/HomePage.html
Oak National Academy Online lessons and resources for all ages/subjects. Created in response to Covid19 school closures. Free	https://classroom.thenational.acade my/
BBC Bitesize KS1 Maths, English and Science all linked to the National Curriculum. Free	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/level s/z3g4d2p
BBC Bitesize KS2 Maths, English and Science all linked to the National Curriculum. Free	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/level s/zbr9wmn
Teachit Primary Wide range of printable resources in all subjects (including reading comprehensions). Subscription but some free resources.	http://www.teachitprimary.co.uk/

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Activity Village Lots of printable activities across a wide range of topics. Free	https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/
Young People's Trust for the Environment Plans and resources on a range of environmental topics. Free	http://ypte.org.uk/
Primary Resources Free worksheets, plans and teaching ideas for primary – all subjects.	www.primaryresources.co.uk/
Hamilton Trust – used by many teachers. Wide variety of plans and resources for maths, English, and science as well as topic work. Subscription although some plans are free.	https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/
Century English, maths and science tailored specifically for home learning. Subscription	https://www.century.tech/
Doodle Learning English and maths apps covering core areas of learning. Subscription with free trial	https://doodlelearning.com/
Iboard Lots of maths and English activities – Interactive games, complete lessons and units of work, worksheets. All mapped to the English and Maths curriculum. Many of those for 9-11 year olds are also suitable for KS3. Subscription	http://www.iboard.co.uk
Seneca Free revision resources KS2-A level	https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/
Education Quizzes Revision quizzes in a range of subjects of quizzes to help practice and apply knowledge. Subscription	https://www.educationquizzes.com/
IXL Personalised learning Lots of maths and English revision resources and quizzes. Subscription	https://uk.ixl.com/
Prodigy American game-based learning for maths and English.	https://www.prodigygame.com/main- en/
Subscription	<u> </u>
Subscription Duolingo Free This is an app or website which can help beginners learn up to 30 different languages.	https://www.duolingo.com/
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Science	
KiwiCo Stem science and art kits to purchase.	www.kiwico.com
TigTag Range videos/plans/worksheets to support science topics. Subscription.	https://www.tigtagworld.com/clil
Crest Award Nationally recognised scheme for student-led project work in STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and maths). Subsidised in the UK	https://www.crestawards.org/what- is-crest
Science Museum Brings together resources from museums (including games, activities, and videos) to support a range of curriculum topics. Free	https://learning- resources.sciencemuseum.org.uk/
STEM Pictures, videos, worksheets, and PowerPoints for STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and maths). Free	https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/ curated-collections/secondary-and- level-science-0
School Science Lots of free resources on a wide range of scientific topics. Primary to post 16.	http://www.schoolscience.co.uk/home
Access Art A range of art activities for children. Some are free, but	https://www.accessart.org.uk/
many of them need a subscription	nttps://www.accessart.org.div
Teaching Art at Home Some free resources	http://www.teachartathome.com/
Kids Art Lesson plans & more	http://www.kidsart.com/
ICT/Design/Coding	
LEGO Digital Designer is a free software download that lets you build models with virtual LEGO bricks.	https://lego-digital- designer.en.softonic.com/
Technology Tutorials:	http://www.internet4classrooms.co m/on-line.htm
Shaun the Sheep Game Academy Website where you can learn how to design interactive games and coding. Many links to other coding websites.	http://www.shaunsgameacademy.c o.uk/resources.php
Blocky Games Series of educational games that teach programming. No experience of programming necessary! Free	https://blockly.games/
Scratch Program your own interactive stories, games, and animations. Free	https://scratch.mit.edu/
Kodu Create games via a simple visual programming language. Can also be used to teach creativity, problem solving and storytelling. Free	https://www.kodugamelab.com/

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Secondary Maths	
Maths Genie Good for GCSE revision. Free	https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/
Corbettmaths Free website with videos and printable revision worksheets.	https://corbettmaths.com/
MME Revision website for maths English and Science Free	https://mmerevise.co.uk/
Conquer Maths Used in many schools. Suitable for ages 4-18. Video tutorials, practice, in-built assessment and regular progress reports. Subscription	http://www.conquermaths.com/
Nrich lots of maths topics at all levels Free	http://nrich.maths.org/
Mathletics Widely used maths online programme Subscription although free trial available.	http://www.mathletics.co.uk/
Study Maths A free Maths revision site.	http://www.studymaths.co.uk/
Mr Barton Maths This website is for iGCSE, GCSE and A level maths revision. For each maths topic there is a link to a YouTube video to model how to solve certain question types and there are also questions attached.	https://www.mrbartonmaths.com/st udents/
The Maths Factor Created by carol Vorderman. Videos, games, and exercises in all maths topics. Year 1-Year 7 Subscription (free trial)	https://www.themathsfactor.com/
Khan Academy Video lessons and practice exercises. Free	https://www.khanacademy.org/
Transum Range of activities and teaching notes for extensive range of maths concepts. Free	https://www.transum.org/Software/ Transum_Topics.asp
Extra Math : XtraMath is a free program that teaches addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts which are critical to success in mathematics.	https://www.xtramath.org/home
Math Is Fun : Math explained in easy language, plus puzzles, games, quizzes, worksheets, and a forum. For primary to secondary.	http://www.mathsisfun.com/
Teach It Maths Range of maths resources. Free/Subscription	https://www.teachitmaths.co.uk/
Absolute Maths KS3 & KS4 maths courses leading to GCSEs/IGCSEs. Subscription	https://home.absolutemathscourses.co.uk/
Math Drills Maths Worksheets	http://www.math-drills.com/
MEP Maths : A free maths curriculum from Foundation Stage to A Level	https://www.cimt.org.uk/projects/mep/index.htm
Secondary English	
BBC Bitesize English	http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcse bitesize/english/
BBC Bitesize English Lit	http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcse bitesize/english_literature/
Night Zookeeper Subscription website (free trial available) which	https://www.nightzookeeper.com/e

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helps to improve pupil's writing.	n-gb/homeschool
Litfilmfest English site for Years 7-11 with projects in making book reviews. Focusses on real writing for real audiences. Subscription	https://litfilmfest.com/shop/reading- rocks-reviews-ks3-4/
Spellodrome Provides lists of spellings to learn and practise with games etc. Subscription	https://uk.spellodrome.com/? ga=2 .226945309.1286676047.1578998 011- 1649915302.1578998011#/home
Mr Bruff Videos, worksheets etc created by English teacher. Free/Subscription	https://mrbruff.com/about/
Englishbiz Devised by an experienced English teacher, brings together web pages re development of English Language & Literature skills for GCSE exams.	http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/
Teach It English Range of English resources. Free/Subscription	https://www.teachitenglish.co.uk/
Read Theory Multiple-choice reading comprehensions. Uses scores to assess and provide appropriate comprehensions. American resource so some of the language may be different. Free	https://readtheory.org/
Audible Division of Amazon devoted to audiobooks. Free/Subscription	https://www.audible.co.uk/
BBC Bitesize for KS3 (Years 7 to 9) and KS4 (Years 10 and 11 – GCSE level) Free resources for all subjects.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/secondary
GCSE level) Free resources for all subjects. CGP These books for English, maths, science and a variety of other subjects are used by many schools. There are textbooks and	ondary https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/
workbooks, and many are available in online versions. Twinkl - lesson plans, interactive activities, PowerPoints, worksheets and teaching ideas. Subscription	http://www.twinkl.co.uk/
IXL Personalised learning with lots of maths and English revision resources and quizzes. Subscription	https://uk.ixl.com/
Khan Academy : Offers over 2400 free videos in a range of subjects.	http://www.khanacademy.org/
Enchanted Learning American site with numerous resources for all ages. Subscription but many free resources.	https://www.enchantedlearning.co m/home.shtml
Youtube Mini lessons can be searched for and viewed e.g. search: lessons about fractions. A good resource to use initially, followed by a worksheet/workbook task to reinforce learning. Use at parental/carer discretion. Free	http://www.youtube.co.uk/
Skills Workshop Adult education site which has many activities suitable for Ks3 and 4 – Free	www.skillsworkshop.org
s-cool This is aimed at GCSE revision. For each subject, it has information to read and learn about the topics, followed by a free quiz.	https://s-cool.co.uk/gcse
IBoard Interactive games, complete lessons and units of work, worksheets. All mapped to the English and Maths curriculum. Many of those for 9-11 year olds are suitable for KS3. Subscription	http://www.iboard.co.uk

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Seneca Free revision resources KS2-A level.	https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/
Education Quizzes Revision quizzes in a range of subjects of	https://www.educationguizzes.com/
quizzes to help practice and apply knowledge. Subscription	nttps://www.cddcationquizzcs.com/
Pearson books Well recognised educational publisher – wide	https://www.pearsonschoolsandfec
range of books and educational materials to use for all subjects.	olleges.co.uk/learners-and-parents-
They also include some free resources on the website.	shop
Collins Well recognised educational publisher – wide range of	https://collins.co.uk/
books and educational materials to use for all subjects. They also	
include information to support educators on their website.	
Schofield and Sims Well recognised educational publisher – wide	https://www.schofieldandsims.co.u
range of books and educational materials to use for all subjects.	<u>k/</u>
Openlearn They are taster courses for adults who are considering	https://idea.org.uk/about
an Open University course, but some courses may be of interest to	
some secondary pupils. Free	
The Kid Should See This A range of free educational and	https://thekidshouldseethis.com/
interesting videos on science, space, animals, technology, nature	
and more.	
Big History Project American social studies courses which can be	https://www.bighistoryproject.com/h
taken online for free.	ome
National Geographic This free website contains a range of	https://www.nationalgeographic.co
articles about history, geography and animals. Ensure the articles	m/
are age-appropriate for your child.	1117
TED Ed A range of educational videos about a vast range of	https://ed.ted.com/
subjects - usually delivered by experts in their field. Free	nttps://ed.ted.com/
Crash Course Free. An American website with courses and videos	https://thecrashcourse.com/course
for a wide range of subjects.	<u>S</u>
SYVUM Free interactive activities (American site) covering many	http://www.syvum.com/online/
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History Learning Site This site contains information about a range	https://www.historylearningsite.co.u
of historic periods and events. Free Ensure the articles are age-	k/
appropriate for your child.	N.
Duolingo Free This is an app or website which can help beginners	https://www.duolingo.com/
learn up to 30 different languages	Tittps://www.adollingo.com/
	http://www.myoudiocehool.com/
My Audio School : Provides children with excellent audio content on a variety of subjects in a format that they can easily use	http://www.myaudioschool.com/
independently.	
Garage Band App Garage Band is an app that enables you to create and record musical pieces using a range of instruments that	
you can layer over each other. The instruments are all electronic	
on the app and will introduce your child to a range of instruments.	
This is only available on Apple products.	
Secondary Science	
Free Science Lessons Extensively used free revision videos for	https://www.freesciencelessons.co.

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science GCSEs	<u>uk/</u>
The Science Teacher Free biology, chemistry and physics resources for KS3 and KS4.	http://thescienceteacher.co.uk/
Pass My Exams GCSE learning and revision covering physics, biology, chemistry, and maths.	http://www.passmyexams.co.uk/ind ex.html
Teach It Science Range of science resources. Free/Subscription	https://www.teachitscience.co.uk/
Science Museum Brings together resources from museums (including games, activities, and videos) to support a range of curriculum topics. Free	https://learning- resources.sciencemuseum.org.uk/
STEM Pictures, videos, worksheets, and PowerPoints for STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and maths). Free	https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/ curated-collections/secondary-and- level-science-0
School Science Lots of free resources on a wide range of scientific topics. Primary to Post 16.	http://www.schoolscience.co.uk/home
Tinkercad Free, easy to use app for electronics, design, and coding.	https://www.tinkercad.com/
Blocky Games Series of educational games that teach programming. No experience of programming necessary! Free	https://blockly.games/
Scratch Program your own interactive stories, games, and animations. Free	https://scratch.mit.edu/
Kodu Create games via a simple visual programming language. Can also be used to teach creativity, problem solving and storytelling. Free	https://www.kodugamelab.com/
UK Safer Internet Centre Resources to teach about staying safe on the internet. Free	https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/ad vice-centre/young- people/resources-11-19s
Exams	
JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) - Information for <u>all exam</u> <u>boards</u> – you put postcode, exam board and subject in and it comes up with a list – you then need to contact the schools/centre directly to discuss your requirements.	https://www.jcq.org.uk/private- candidates/
AQA Exam board materials such as past papers, mark schemes and examiner's reports can be found here.	http://www.aqa.org.uk
AQA Private candidate General information	http://www.aqa.org.uk/student- support/private-candidates
Pearson Wide range of qualifications, including Edexcel GCSEs	http://www.qualifications.pearson.com
Pearson (Edexcel) Private candidate information	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/registrations-and-

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	entries/academic-registrations-and- entries/private-candidates.html
OCR Exam Board	https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/
OCR Private candidate information	https://www.ocr.org.uk/students/private-candidates/
Tutors and Exams Independent Private Candidate UK Exam Centres.	https://www.tutorsandexams.uk/
Tutors and Exams – As above – Bolton (Nearest to Wirral) - Private Candidate Exam Centre.	https://www.tutorsandexams.uk/bolton/
Macclesfield Tutorial College An approved centre for Private Candidates for AQA, Edexcel, OCR, WJEC and CIE examination boards.	https://www.macclesfieldtutorialcollege.com/private-examinations-centre/
HE-Exams-GCSE-A_AS_Levels-OU-Others This group is for home educating families who have children who wish to take GCSEs. The intention is to share information, resources, and experience.	HE-Exams-GCSE-A_AS_Levels- OU-Others- owner@yahoogroups.com
Asdan developing Maths and English functional skills for employment and life.	http://www.asdan.org.uk/home
POST 16	
Birkenhead 6th Form College	https://www.bsfc.ac.uk/
Wirral Metropolitan College various courses including 16-18 traineeships.	http://wmc.ac.uk/
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Online tutoring/Fully Resourced Packages		
Wolsey Hall Oxford Experienced Home-Schooling online provider from primary to A Level.	https://wolseyhalloxford.org.uk/	
Oxford Open Learning Supplies course files, 1 to 1 online tutoring/support and assessed teacher marked assignments. As such curriculum is structured, resourced, and monitored. Offer online GCSEs/IGCSEs.	https://www.ool.co.uk/	
'King's InterHigh' Online resource which provides a range of sessions, live, and recorded, 1 to 1 online tutoring/support and assessed teacher marked assignments etc. Again, curriculum is structured, resourced, and monitored, providing a daily timetable. Offer online GCSEs/IGCSEs.	https://kingsinterhigh.co.uk/	
Other Online tutoring/lessons		
The £2 Tuition Hub Range of online classes for all age groups Subscription	https://the2poundtuitionhub.com/	
Theatre of Science Online videos & live sessions for all ages Free	https://www.facebook.com/theatreo fscience/	
Humanatees Home Tutoring Humanities tutoring Primary – GCSE Subscription	https://humanateestutor.com/	
eLearn with Amy Webinars and online sessions in Zoology and Science KS2 – GCSE Subscription	https://www.elearnwithamy.com	
My own Tutor Maths, English and Science exercises and tuition KS1-GCSE Subscription	https://www.myowntutor.org/homeeducators	
MyTutor One to one online tutoring Subscription	https://www.mytutor.co.uk/	
Wirral Tutoring Services with EHE specific provision		
Fulfill Learning	https://fulfilllearning.com/	
Every Lesson Counts	https://www.elctutoring.co.uk/	
Enabled Learning (Specifically for Home Education - a branch of Every Lesson Counts)	https://www.facebook.com/EnabledLearningCourses	
Flourish Tutoring	https://www.facebook.com/flourish wirral/	
Kumon Maths and English classes – not EHE specific, but used by many EHE families.	https://www.kumon.co.uk/	

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Outdoor Learning/Art and Crafts/	Other Clubs
Wirral Wildlings Forest and Beach School Has specific EHE groups	https://www.wirralwildlings.co.uk/
Forest Explores at Delamere Forest – Various events and also has specific EHE groups.	https://www.forest- explorers.co.uk/home-education
Teen Sewing at Hoylake Community centre.	https://craftersandmakers.com/class/teens-sewing-club/
The Art Room Classes for Home School pupils aged 10-16 year olds.	https://www.theartroomwirral.com/children-art
Pictura Studios Creative café covering numerous arts and crafts in Chester.	https://www.picturastudios.co.uk/
Autism Together – Activity clubs (3 age ranges).	https://www.autismtogether.co.uk/activity-clubs/
The Geek Retreat Hoylake Gaming Café with a wide range of clubs and activities.	https://www.facebook.com/GeekRe treatWirral/
Hotwheels Dance – inclusive and accessible dance club for young people.	https://hoylakeparade.com/organiser/hot-wheels/
Future Yard Birkenhead Noise Club - for young people aged 11-16 to experiment across a range of instruments and music-making techniques. Also opportunities to try mixing desks and learn how to mix live sound + lighting.	https://futureyard.org/new-noise- music-centre/
Educational trips and Day	rs out
Days Out with The Kids Great website where you can filter by area and type of attraction you would like to visit e.g. museum, craft activities, outdoor learning.	https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/northwest/merseyside/wirral
Liverpool Museums Events for home educating families.	https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org. uk/learn/schools-home/home- educators
Sick to Death (Gory!) history of medicine museum in Chester.	https://sicktodeath.org/
Sudley House Liverpool former-home of a Victorian merchant, complete with period furniture and original paintings.	http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.u k/sudley/
Tate Liverpool Tate Liverpool shows pieces from the Tate collection, as well as special contemporary exhibitions.	http://www.tate.org.uk/liverpool/
Walker Art Gallery Liverpool galleries for temporary exhibitions, 17th century galleries and more.	http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.u k/walker/
World Museum Liverpool Museum with a collection of artifacts from across the globe, with a bug house, a theatre, an aquarium and a planetarium.	http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.u k/wml/

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International Slavery Museum Liverpool - museum narrating the international slave trade from approximately 1500 to 1865, looking at slavery today and in the past.	http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/ism/
Lady Lever Art Gallery Port Sunlight - museum with lots to see, including paintings, furniture, tapestries, sculpture, Chinese collections and more.	http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.u k/ladylever/
Merseyside Maritime Museum Museum exploring the history of the port with lots to see, including objects from wrecks, ships, boats, paintings, and uniforms.	http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/maritime/
Grosvenor Museum Chester Open: Museum exploring the city and people of Chester, including a collection of Roman tombstones and a silver collection, as well as changing exhibitions.	https://grosvenormuseum.westches hiremuseums.co.uk/
Imperial War Museum North Manchester - Museum dedicated to revealing the impact of war on individual lives, with a 360 degree sound and light show, family activities and tours.	http://north.iwm.org.uk/
Museum of Science & Industry Museum narrating Manchester's industrial and scientific history.	http://www.mosi.org.uk/
Nantwich Museum Narrates the history of Nantwich, including the story of Roman salt production, the 1644 Battle of Nantwich, and the clothing and shoe industries.	http://nantwichmuseum.org.uk/
People's History Museum Manchester Museum with nearly one and a half thousand artefacts from throughout history. Displays the most trade union and other banners in the world.	http://www.phm.org.uk/
National Football Museum-Manchester Museum devoted to all things football!	http://www.nationalfootballmuseum .com/
Health and Wellbeing Local organisations which may be useful in terms of there Café Create is a place for young people to relax, be supported, get	https://www.zillowirral.co.uk/cafecr
informed and involved.	eate
Open Door Award winning creative mental health support charity. Hatch Progressive wellbeing service for young people.	https://www.opendoorcharity.com/ https://www.hatchmerseyside.co.uk
Oomoo – part of Open Door with weekly groups such as dance, boxercise, creative and musical activities.	https://www.oomoo-wirral.co.uk/
Creative Youth Development at Pilgrim Street Arts Centre - activities including dance, drama, technical theatre, music and visual arts to enable young people to improve their physical and emotional well-being.	https://www.wirralinfobank.co.uk/Services/1754
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https://www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-

admissions/apply-primary-or-

secondary-school-place

and-learning/school-

	**WIRRAL
Independent Advisor of Special Educational Needs Free independent advice for parents/carers of young people with SEND.	https://www.ipsea.org.uk/
Wirral SEND Partnership (SEND IASS) provides free and confidential impartial information, advice and support.	https://wired.me.uk/services/wirral- send-partnership
Scope Advice and support for home educating a child with SEND	https://www.scope.org.uk/advice- and-support/homeschooling/
SEN Teacher has worksheets, links and free downloads for special education – Also suitable for primary pupils without special needs.	https://www.senteacher.org
Wirral Children with Disabilities Team to request support	https://localofferwirral.org/listing/the
Other useful links	
Wirral Children with Disabilities Team to request support	https://localofferwirral.org/listing/the
Wirral InfoBank There are many local organisations offering support and advice across Wirral. You can find support using the Wirral InfoBank.	-children-with-disabilities-team/ wirralinfobank.co.uk
Wirral Toolbox Family Toolbox provides practical advice, links, and contacts to support parents.	https://familytoolbox.co.uk/
Child and Adolescent Mental Health For more information about your local CAMHS service and access to a range of other resources about mental health.	mymind.org.uk
Special Educational Needs Wirral's <u>Local Offer</u> provides information for parents, children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities:	http://localofferwirral.org

DfE Guidance Documents for Parents and Local Authorities on Elective Home Education

School Admissions Apply for a school place on-line via the

following link (if your child is EHE scroll down to 'In year transfer').

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/79152 8/EHE_guidance_for_parentsafterconsultationv2.2.pdf

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/79152 7/Elective_home_education_gudiance_for_LAv2.0.pdf

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