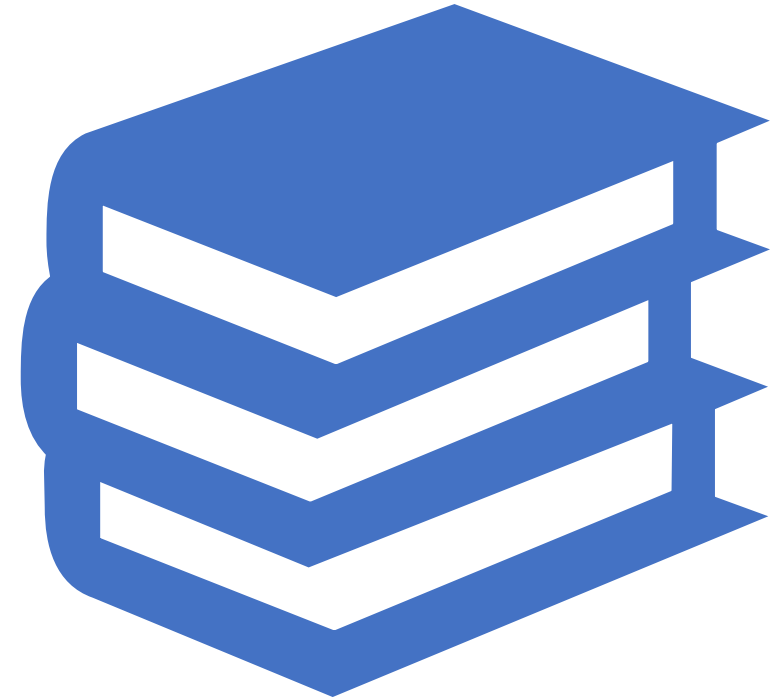


Elective Home Education

Information and Guide to completing the
EHE1 Form

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What is Elective Home Education

The government definition for Elective Home Education (often abbreviated to EHE) is :

‘Elective home education is a term used to describe a choice by parents to provide education for their children at home or in some other way they desire, instead of sending them to school full-time.’

Parents are responsible for making sure that their child is properly educated between the ages of 5 to 16 years old.

This does not have to take place through attendance at school. Whilst parents take full responsibility for their child’s education if they have deregistered to EHE, they can use: private tutors; tuition centres; other adults or settings; flexi-schooling (a mixture of school-based and home-based – this has to be agreed by school) and/or part-time college (for Key Stage 4, those aged 14 to 16).

What Happens in Barnsley

What Parents Should Do

If the child is attending a mainstream school or academy and parents decide to home educate their child , they must inform the head teacher in writing.

Parents are requested to outline the plans for educating their children at home – this will be assessed for suitability by the EHE Advisor.

Many parents provide well for their children but some do not. Legal procedures through attendance can be enforced if education is found to be not suitable.

[Parental guidance for elective home education](#)

[DfE guidance for parents](#)

Parental Notification of EHE

The notification (email or letter) must include a start date when the parent intends to home educate their child from.

The school/academy will then remove the child from the register from this date on receipt of the notification.

At the point of notification schools and academies must inform the Education Welfare Service by completing and sending the EHE1 form and sending it to EHE@barnsley.gov.uk and also inform the parent in writing that they have removed their child from the school register.

Children who have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Where a child has an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and attends a specialist school or provision through arrangements made by the Local Authority, **they cannot be removed from that school without the consent of the local authority** or if the authority refuses to give consent, without a direction of the Secretary of State for children who have an Education Health and Care Plan.

When the Local Authority and parents have agreed home education is the most appropriate provision the LA is required to arrange the SEN provision set out in the EHC plan.

All children with an EHCP who are EHE will continue to have an Annual Review of their EHC Plan EHCTeam

EHCTeam@barnsley.gov.uk

The Schools and Academies Responsibilities

When a school is informed by a parent that the child will now be home educated, they must notify the local authority.

Schools must complete the [Elective home education notification form \(EHE1\)](#) with information including the attainment of the child to this point, any agencies supporting the family and any concerns on the child being home educated.

[Elective home education policy](#)

[Five-minute guide on elective home education](#)

Where there may be **safeguarding concerns** schools must contact children's Social Care.

Safeguarding concerns

Where there is concern for a child's welfare, this should be referred to children's social care.

If there is reason to suspect a crime has been committed, the police should also be involved.

Where there is a concern that a child's safety or wellbeing is at risk, it is essential to act without delay.

Call our social care assessment service on (01226) 772423 (weekdays before 5pm).
Call our emergency duty team on (01226) 787789 if you are calling after 5pm, at weekends or on bank holidays.

Or visit <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/childrens-socialcare/assessment-teams/>

Completing the EHE1

Complete

- Please complete all sections of the form and provide as much information as possible [Elective home education notification form \(EHE1\)](#)

Attach

- Please attach the parental notification
- Please supply a copy of the registration certificate showing removal from roll

Send

- EHE@barnsley.gov.uk

EHE1 Form Required sections

Pupil details DOB
parents / guardians with
whom the pupil normally
resides full names and
DOB if known

Attendance information
showing date removed
from roll

Agency involvement i.e.
Social Care Early Help
or EHCP

Additional information
i.e. attainment records

Evidence about meetings
phone calls and
conversations i.e
registration comments
logs

Local Authority Responsibility

Education Welfare Service

On receipt of the EHE1 or notification from a parent, the LA will check whether the child has an EHCP or EHA or is open to Children's Social Care

A home visit will then be undertaken by an Education Welfare Officer understand the reason for EHE and capture the views of the child.

Parent /Carers views/comments will be captured, and parental rights and responsibilities explained.

Pupil views and comments will also be captured at this visit where possible the child will be seen alone.

The Education Welfare Officer will offer support and guidance around resourcing the provision and provide an age-related resource list

Local Authority Responsibility

Elective Home Education Advisor

A home visit will be undertaken by the EHE advisor within three months of the EHE notification being received

A meeting would normally take place at the family home, but an alternative/neutral venue is possible on request or organise communication via email or on teams .

The EHE advisor will offer support and guidance around resourcing the provision . From this, a detailed record on the education of each child visited which is shared with the parent.

The EHE advisor can offer impartial advice on suitable age-appropriate resourcing and information regarding gaining qualifications for young people who are EHE.

The Advisor will establish from the information provided by parents whether the education provided is suitable. In circumstances where the education is not suitable the Education Welfare service will be notified and action will be taken to return the child to suitable education.

The EHE advisor can also signpost parents towards Barnsley College , networks and support groups for EHE families

Partner Agency Responsibilities

If a practitioner working in a partner agency is aware or believes that a child is home educated, they should inform the local authority as soon as possible.

Information should be sent to: be sent to EHE@barnsley.gov.uk see also help and enquires section

If a child is neither on a school roll nor on the EHE list, they will be registered as Child Missing Education (CME).

Help and Enquiries



Notifications from schools and partner agencies should be sent to: be sent to EHE@barnsley.gov.uk

You can contact the **EHE Advisor Laura Collins** at lauracollins2@barnsley.gov.uk or by telephone on 07443301881

Barnsley Council EHE Website:
<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/schools-and-learning/barnsley-education-welfare-service/useful-resources/>