



## **Educating Your Child at Home**

### **How do I educate my child at home and get support?**

This fact sheet can be made available in other languages or formats where appropriate by contacting 0161 770 6666 for further information please see our detailed fact sheet Information for all.

This fact sheets aims to provide information and advice for parents and carers who want to educate their children at home. It is written for the parents and carers wishing to teach their child in the home environment.

### **Can I educate my child at home?**

Yes, the law says parents must arrange an education that meets the age, ability and needs of their child. They can do this by sending their child to school, or otherwise.

### **Do I need to tell anybody that I am educating my child at home?**

If you are removing a child from school for home education, you must let the school know in writing and they will pass this information on to the Local Authority.

If your child has never attended school, you do not need to tell anyone, but we do ask that you send details to the Local Authority, so we know that you are making arrangements for your child's education.

## **What will the Local Authority do?**

The LA will only be involved if they have evidence the education is not suitable.

## **How will they decide what is suitable?**

The LA will ask for some details of the education you have planned. If parents agree, we would like to arrange to visit at home about once a year to do this. If not, we can arrange to meet somewhere convenient to you, or you can send something by post.

## **What if my child has Special Educational Needs?**

The education you provide must meet the age, needs and ability of the child.

If your child has a Statement of Special Educational Needs and this names a Special School, you must let the Local Authority know of your plans because they have to give permission for your child to be educated at home.

## **Does the LA offer any support to children being educated at home?**

The LA will offer advice to parents who are educating their children at home, but parents are responsible for planning the education.

## **How does my child go about taking examinations, if educated at home?**

You will need to make arrangements for this with an exam centre. A useful website for information on exams is [www.heas.org.uk](http://www.heas.org.uk)

## **What if I want to return my child to school after educating them at home?**

Contact Pupil Service at the LA on 0161 770 4214 (secondary) or 0161 770 4213 (primary)

## Who do I talk to find out more information?

Pupil Service can talk to you about what the law says about this and how you can go about it.

You can contact them at the address below:

Pupil Service,  
Level Six,  
Civic Centre,  
West Street,  
Oldham,  
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Tel: 0161 770 3158

Email [pupils@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:pupils@oldham.gov.uk)

This fact sheet answers some questions and more information can be found on the Oldham MBC website [www.oldham.gov.uk](http://www.oldham.gov.uk) under Education Out of School.

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