



Confident Home Education Starts Here

LEGISLATION (IN PLAIN ENGLISH)

FOR HOME SCHOOLING IN THE UK

THS UK is not a registered legal adviser, we're simply here to help you with the basics. Always seek professional legal advice before making any related decisions.



IT IS THE DUTY OF ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATING (EHE) PARENTS TO PROVIDE OR ARRANGE E EDUCATION FOR A CHILD AGED 5 TO 16 YEARS.

THE EDUCATION MUST BE 'EFFICIENT', 'FULL-TIME' AND 'SUITABLE'

Starting point: There is no legislation specifying how to home educate. However, **Section 7 of the Education Act 1996** offers guidance with the above words

'Efficient' can mean achieving an intended outcome according to the Dept. for Education

'Full-Time' is up to you to decide but, as a guide, school students typically receive 5hrs per day, 5 days per week and 38 weeks per year of education which is agreed by local authorities as full-time

'Suitable' requires you to be aware of an appropriate minimum standard for your child, taking into account their literacy and numeracy learning at the very least

Helpful Tips to Get Started:

- You may want to consider some of the following education aids to ensure you're working to a suitable standard at home:
- Using a well-planned **time table** that suits your child and family
- Taking external professional **assessments** that may help to allay concerns regarding your child's progress
- Consider an **education style** and target that suits your child's academic learning style, capabilities and personal interests
- Extra tip: finding a suitable **co-curricular club** is a great way to add to your child's passion for learning in a fun way outside of their academic studies and away from their home environment

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Helpful Tips for success:

You may want to consider some of the following additional education aids to optimize your home schooling journey for success:

- • Equip your home to **optimise your child's learning environment** (think of noise levels and dedicated learning spaces, e.g. a cosy reading corner away from the TV or other disturbances)
- • Consider specific **qualifications** your child may wish to attain for future study
- • **Teach elements of an organised curriculum** that suits your education philosophy. Aim to provide a 'broad and balanced' curriculum right for your child
- • Make detailed **lesson plans** in advance
- • Consider formal tuition lessons or **work programmes** for professional assistance that's right for you
- • Take time to review and respond to your child's work – **positive reinforcement** will make the journey smoother for you both
- • **Assess progress** and/ or set development objectives
- • **Build your community** with a group of peers for your child to socialise and as support for you
- • Consider how closely you are **matching or exceeding school-based standards**. You may wish to seek professional guidance to understand ability-specific standards particularly if your child has special educational needs

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COMPULSORY 'CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL' REGISTERS IN EVERY LOCAL AUTHORITY IN ENGLAND

Your child may be registered by a local authority if they

- A) live in the authority's area,
- B) are between 5 and 16 years old and
- C) are not a registered full-time pupil or a student at a relevant school

What's new: **The Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026** has introduced a wide variety of measures including clarity on rights and responsibilities for Local Authorities and home education families. **Section 436B** introduces a duty to register children not in school



**SOME LOCAL AUTHORITIES MAY REQUIRE
A MEETING WITH YOU, YOUR CHILD AND
YOUR CURRENT SCHOOL IF YOU WISH TO
DEREGISTER YOUR CHILD FROM THEIR
SCHOOL**

Your local authority may ask how you will make your education 'effective', 'full-time' and 'suitable', explain their duties to you, query your reasons for considering home education, clarify any support needs that your child may have and ask you to explain how these needs will be met by you at home

What's new: **The Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026, Section 434B** introduces a pilot scheme for some Local Authorities to meet with parents before they deregister a child currently in school



***ADDITIONAL CHECKS MAY BE MADE
BEFORE SOME CHILDREN CAN BE TAKEN
OUT OF SCHOOL FOR HOME EDUCATION***

This will affect children subject to a child protection investigation, children under a child protection plan or who were under one in the last five years, and children attending special schools.

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Helpful Tips to get it right:

- You may want to consider some of the following support aids to ensure you are providing the right information at the right time to your local authority:
 - Have a clear idea of your reasons for home schooling. Look through the **THS UK guide on Home Education Styles** and consider how your chosen style(s) meet(s) what your child needs, and differs to what they might receive if they were to continue in, or go into, a school setting.
- Consider your own day schedule and how you will manage home schooling as a new part of your **day planning**.
- Be clear about the plans you will be putting in place to **meet any additional needs** (educational or social) that your child may have and how this may be evidenced to your local authority.
- Last, but not least, **get in touch with THS UK**. We have a support service dedicated to helping members communicate effectively with their local authority to avoid any miscommunication, misunderstanding and/ or delay to your home schooling plans.

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8 ways The Home School UK Can Help



Education Support

1. Timetable Optimists



2. Academic Assessments



3. THS 12wk Work Programme



Community Building

4. THS Co-Curricular Partners



5. Build Your Own THS Community



Local Authority Support

6. School Deregistration



7. Preliminary Checks



8. Responding to Enquiries



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How The Home School UK Can Help... Explained

How Can THS UK Help?



◦ Education Support for Members

1. Timetable Optimists

Use our timetable support service to optimise your child's EHE journey. We **create an effective week schedule for your whole family**

2. Academic Assessments

We work with DRAM, a THS Education Partner, to **assess your child's literacy, numeracy and reasoning capabilities** so you can see how they are progressing as you start and progress your home schooling journey

3. THS 12wk Work Programme

Join our termly **(12wk) personalised work programme** and receive **'full-time' academic study material** that's 'suitable' for your individual child's capabilities and learning gaps

◦ Community Building for Everyone

4. THS Co-Curricular Partners

Find people, places and organisations on our site that help you build your community with **activities for your child** outside of the home, such as sports, music, drama, forestry etc

5. Build Your Own Community with THS

We're looking for 100 local EHE leads to guide the local THS coordinated events.

We need volunteers in each local authority in the UK. Parents of home educated children aged 5 to 16 years with good organisational skills, and a passion for creating a new and improved way of home schooling.

If that sounds like something of interest to you, please get in touch.

◦ Local Authority Support for Members

6. School Deregistration

We provide **support** for members embarking on the process of deregistering their child from school. Including **early school communications and written correspondence**

7. Local Authority Preliminary Checks

We assist members in the **reviewing of preliminary checks from their local authority** during the deregistration process or home schooling journey

8. Responding to Local Authority Enquiries

Where your local authority has been in contact for further information, we support members to know their rights and find the advice needed.

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