

# **Elective Home Education Information Booklet Guidance for Parents and Carers**

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

You have made the decision to home educate your child and this can be both an exciting and challenging undertaking. There are many reasons why you may have come to this decision and as Elective Home Education Co-ordinator, I am able to provide you with guidance and support in your new role as Home Educator. As a service, we are hoping to form a positive and productive working relationship with you and your child, to ensure they receive the most appropriate education for them.

This booklet has been put together to provide you with the essential information that you may need in order to educate your child at home. I have arranged the booklet as a series of frequently asked questions that parents often have when beginning to home-educate their children. There are statutory guidelines that you must follow and these are outlined for you below. Also included in this pack is our statutory duty as the Local Authority and some suggestions for websites or groups that could support you in home-educating. Our role is to support you and to ensure that your child is being educated appropriately, not to inspect or to judge you.

Our aim is to work with you to ensure that all steps are taken to provide your child with the education that they need to become successful adults. We look forward to meeting you and to working with you and your child.

Yours Faithfully,

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Please note that this booklet refers to 'parents' and 'child' for concision.

## What is home education?

Home education is when children are removed from formal schooling and are educated by parents, carers, family members or professionals outside of the school environment. Parents have the legal right to choose to educate their child or children at home and there are many reasons why parents and carers choose to home-educate. You may choose to educate your child at home for the entire period of their compulsory education or for part of their compulsory education time. Compulsory education spans between 5 and 18 years of age. Parents are not required to register their child or children for home education or to seek the Local Authority's permission or approval, unless the child is at a Special School. **Please note that the DfE is committed to compulsory registration of those that are electively home educated. It is currently not compulsory to register with the LA as of the date of this booklet but it is being tabled by ministers urgently to become a requirement.**

## What should I consider before I decide to home educate?

Families who elect to home educate do so for a variety of reasons. The decision to home educate can be a difficult one. Whilst home educating your child can be very rewarding, it does require a serious time commitment, patience, energy and the ability to provide appropriate motivation, resources and equipment. Parent(s) will need to consider whether they have the skills and ability to educate their child or children, or whether to use other forms of support.

It is also important to consider the social development opportunities that will be available to your child. You may wish to consider joining a variety of clubs or special interest groups. There are a substantial number of Home Educators throughout the area and UK wide, with an array of organised activities, outings and regular meet ups. We are more than happy to pass your details on to other families in the area too.

Parents will want to ensure that home education is the right route for their child. There are a number of agencies who can help parents through this decision-making process. Details of these agencies are available at the back of this booklet. Parents may also find it helpful to talk to an Education Officer at the Local Authority.

## What do I need to do as the parent or carer?

If your child is enrolled at school and you elect to home educate, you should write to the school and notify them that you are planning to educate your child 'other than at school'. The child will then be removed from the school roll (and may not be able to be re-enrolled at this school). It is the responsibility of the school to notify the Local Authority.

If you elect to home educate your child or children, you will assume full financial responsibility for the provision of your child's education including the cost of entry into any public examinations.

## Do I need to ask anyone's permission to home educate?

**If your child is in school, you should formally deregister by writing to the Head Teacher and say that you intend to teach your child at home.** It would assist the Local Authority if you could send a copy of the letter to us. Your child will be removed from the roll following receipt of your written notification to school. Failure to notify the school in writing of your intentions to educate at home could result in a prosecution for failing to ensure your child's attendance.

You do not need to ask anyone's permission. However, we would ask parents to notify the Director of Education and Inclusion Service of their intention to home educate by contacting the address below in writing or by telephone. You ARE NOT required to do so but we are able to offer support and guidance if necessary.

Elective Home Education  
Statutory Assessment and Review Service  
People Directorate  
Coventry City Council  
Friargate  
Coventry  
CV1 2GN

TEL: 024 7683 1614

EMAIL: [ehecoventry@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:ehecoventry@coventry.gov.uk)

Please state your child's full name, date of birth, date when it is proposed that home education will commence and where applicable, the name of the last school attended. If your child has never been to school, or you are new to the area, you do not have to take any action prior to starting home education you do not have to tell us.

## Who can make the decision to home-educate my child?

Any adult with the right of Parental Responsibility has the right to contribute and take part in decision making regarding the child's future including in respect of education, but only one parent is needed to sign the deregistration letter and we cannot demand both parents approval be needed. If there are concerns from the other parent then they have the right to take legal action.

**Schools must not seek to persuade parents to educate their children at home as a way of avoiding an exclusion or because the child has a poor attendance record.** In the case of exclusion, they must follow statutory guidance. If the pupil has a poor attendance record,

the school and local authority must address the issues behind the absenteeism and use the other remedies available to them.

## What are the legal requirements of home education?

### Section 7 of the 1996 Education Act states that:

'The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause him/her to receive full time education \*suitable –

- (a) To his/her age, ability and aptitude, and
- (b) To any special educational needs he/she may have, either by regular attendance at school or \*\*otherwise.

\* case law has established that "suitable" education is education that is \*\*efficient \*\*\*full time education suitable to his age, ability and aptitude and any SEN he may have and "suitable" education "primarily equips a child for life within the community of which he is a member, rather than the way of life in the country as a whole, as long as it does not foreclose the child's options in later years to adopt some other form of life if he wishes to do so". (R-v-Secretary of State for Education and Science ex parte Talmud Torah Machzikei Hadass School Trust (1985))

\*\* "efficient" education "achieves that which it sets out to achieve"((R-v-Secretary of State for Education and Science ex parte Talmud Torah Machzikei Hadass School Trust (1985)

\*\*\*\*"full time" education is not legally defined but is generally considered to be between 22-25 hours a week, 38 weeks a year in schools.

\*\*\*\* "or otherwise" provides for education outside of formal schooling.

### Article 2 of Protocol 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights states that:

*"No person shall be denied the right to education. In the exercise of any functions which it assumes in relation to education and to teaching, the State shall respect the right of the parents to ensure such education and teaching is in conformity with their own religious and philosophical convictions."*

**This means that a suitable education is a human right. All children in the UK must receive a full-time education, either in school or at home. Home-educated children must continue to receive a full-time education and it is the parents' responsibility to ensure this happens.**

All children must receive full time education from the start of what would be the school term following their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. "Compulsory education" continues until the last Friday in

June, of Year 11 i.e. any child, who is 16 between September and 31<sup>st</sup> August, is of "compulsory school age" until the last Friday of June in that year.

In addition, the Government has increased the age to which all young people in England must continue in education or training, requiring them to continue until the end of the academic year of their 18 birthday from 2015.

Young people have a choice about how they continue in education or training post-16, which could be through:

- Full- time study in school, college or with a training provider, including Home Education.
- Full-time work or volunteering combined with part-time education or training
- An apprenticeship

## **What do parents or carers need to offer?**

- Consistent involvement of parents or other significant carers;
- Recognition of the child's needs, attitudes and aspirations;
- Opportunities for the child to be stimulated by learning experiences;
- Access to resources; books, paper, pens, arts and craft materials, ICT and physical activity;
- Opportunity for appropriate contact with other children and adults

## **Parents who home-educate their children do not legally need to:**

- Teach the National Curriculum or have any particular qualifications;
- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum/give formal lessons/make detailed lesson plans;
- Set hours during which education will take place/have a timetable/observe school hours dates or terms;
- Mark their child's work/formally assess progress or set developmental objectives/match school-based age specific standards;
- Provide school type peer group socialisation.
- Sit SATs exam.

However, you can do this if you wish. We can offer advice and support to parents regarding these matters.

## **What happens if my child is registered at a school because of a school attendance order?**

Where a child is registered at a school as a result of a school attendance order parents must ask the Local Authority to revoke the order before commencing home education.

## What if my child has special needs?

If your child attends a special school, you need consent from the Local Authority to deregister him/her/them. Pupils with an Education Health and Care Plan attending a mainstream school can be home educated without permission. You will be invited to the annual review (you are not obliged to attend) and the Local Authority remains responsible for ensuring the provision in the plan is delivered.

Even if the Local Authority is satisfied that parents are making suitable arrangements, it remains under a duty to maintain the Education, Health and Care Plan and to review it annually. In some circumstances the child's needs identified in the Education Health and Care Plan will have been related to the school setting and the child's needs may be met at home by parents without Local Authority support. It may be appropriate, once it is established that a child's special needs are being met without any additional support from the Local Authority, to consider ceasing to maintain the Education, Health and Care Plan. This may be done at the Annual Review or at any other time.

## Why does the Local Authority need to be involved?

**The Local Authority has a duty to find out which children in the authority are not registered at a school as far as is possible to do so. We also must ensure that all school-age children are receiving a suitable education.**

Section 436A of the Education Act 1996 imposes a duty on the local authority to establish (so far as it is possible to do so) the identities of children of compulsory school age in the authority's area who are not registered at a school and are not receiving suitable education otherwise than at school. We do this by making informal enquiries to ascertain those families that are Home Educating that may have previously not been known to us.

**The Local Authority has a duty to respond to any concerns raised about the educational provision, then to ensure that all children, who are educated at home are receiving 'efficient, full time education, that is suitable to their age, ability, aptitude and any special educational needs they may have'.** An 'efficient' and 'suitable' education is not defined in the Education Act 1996. A judgement at Worcester Crown Court in 1981 resulted in a statement by the judge that described 'efficient' as an education that "achieves that which it set out to achieve". *A 'suitable' education is one that, "prepares children for life within the community of which he/she is a member, rather than the way of life in the country as a whole, as long as it does not foreclose the child's options in later years to adopt some other form of life if he/she wishes to do so."*

There is no legal definition of 'full time'. Advice from the DfE is that anything less than 20 hours a week is not full time. Some Home Educators often consider the education to be constant and do not record the number of hours of 'work' as this is not reflective of their educational philosophy.

### **Coventry's Education and Inclusion Service is here to support, not inspect.**

Local Authorities have no statutory duties in relation to monitoring the quality of home education on a routine basis. Their duty under s.436A means that the Local Authority must make arrangements to find out whether children are receiving a suitable education.

### **What will the Elective Home Education Co-ordinator do?**

- When we are advised that you have elected to home educate, we will contact you to request basic information about your child's education.
- We will contact you with a welcome letter, booklet and information from the NHS regarding immunisations that your child is eligible to receive that they would otherwise get in school.
- We fully respect that some children need a period to adjust, so we do not expect families to provide much information for an appropriate period of time after deregistration (quite often this is one month for every year the child was in school, this is only a guideline figure).
- Whilst we have no duty to monitor, we will normally be in touch once a year to check that you are still home educating and that your contact details have not changed and to ask if you would like a visit or to provide us with an update. This update can be done face to face, virtually, by email or letter, written report or verbal report on the phone. Where we are satisfied that the legal thresholds of suitable, full time and efficient are met, we largely let families continue home educating with more informal check ins in to see how things are going e.g. at transition points.
- If you move to a new house or your child starts school, we would be grateful if you could let us know.
- We would like to support you, so please feel free to contact us at any time if you have questions or need guidance.

### **What happens if 'suitable education' is not provided?**

In a minority number of cases we may have a reason to believe the educational provision is unsuitable.

Section 437 of the 1996 Education Act provides that:

**"If it appears to a local education authority that a child of compulsory school age in their area is not receiving suitable education, either by regular attendance at school or**



**otherwise, they shall serve a notice in writing, on the parent requiring him/her to satisfy them within the period specified in the notice, not being less than 15 days, that the child is receiving such education."**

- We will notify the parent(s) of the concerns in a written report detailing the concerns.
- Parents will be given a reasonable opportunity to respond and address the concerns. We will of course be available to offer support and information during this process.
- If informal attempts to resolve the concerns fail, we will serve the family a notice to satisfy, families are able to choose the way in which they wish to satisfy the LA, a visit, a written report or samples of work are all accepted and not the limit of what is accepted.
- It may be necessary for the local authority to consider issuing a School Attendance Order (SAO) to the parents if all attempts fail.

We are here to ensure that your child receives the most appropriate education and we will seek to avoid where possible any escalation into formal legal processes.

## **What should I do if I am not sure whether to home-school or not?**

### **Flexi-schooling**

'Flexi-schooling' is an arrangement between the parent and the school where the child is registered and attends the school only part time; the rest of the time the child is home educated (on authorised absence from school). Flexi-schooling is a legal option, but this is at the discretion of the Head Teacher and Governors and the responsibility for the coverage and assessment of the National Curriculum will be theirs. The child will be required to follow the school curriculum whilst at school but not whilst he/she is being educated at home.

### **Advice**

Please contact us if you have any questions about home-educating. It may also be helpful to talk your decision through with your child's current school before withdrawing them from roll, particularly if you feel your child needs more support or if you have concerns about meeting their needs. There are lots of home-educating groups online and in Coventry who can offer advice and support and these are detailed at the back of this booklet.

### **Changing your mind**

If at any time you wish your child to return to school full time, then you can contact us, and we can help you to determine where school places are available. You must be aware that the normal admissions procedures will apply, and your child may go onto a waiting list so forward planning is strongly advised. You will be able to express a preference for any particular school(s). Your preference will be met if there is a place available in the appropriate year group at any school and there are no extenuating circumstances such

as a history of school refusal, poor behaviour etc. In these instances, your application may be referred to the Fair Access Panel for further debate and you may be offered another school. Where you have been formally refused a place at a school you have the right to appeal.

## **What should I teach my child?**

You can choose to educate your child in any way you wish, and many parents choose home education as they are looking for an alternative to formal education and the National Curriculum. Your child does not have to take SATs exams and the Local Authority will not assess your child.

It is important to consider what the outcomes are likely to be for your child. For example, you may want them to take formal qualifications at the age of 15 or 16 and therefore your teaching should address the necessary aspects for these exams. However, you have no obligation to do so.

## **Can I employ other people to educate my child?**

Parents may choose to employ other people to educate their child, though they will continue to be responsible for the education provided. They will also be responsible for ensuring that any such persons are suitable to have access to children. The Local Authority would encourage parents to take up references and make checks in order to appropriately safeguard their child.

## **Will my child be able to take formal examinations?**

It is possible for young people to take exams as external candidates at various exam centres. It is usual to take GCSEs or iGCSEs however, functional skills are also available. As the parent you will need to find a registered centre to take the exams. It would be advisable for you to also contact individual examination boards to discuss the arrangements for private candidates. There are also details on each of the exam boards websites regarding 'private' pupils and centres they can take their exams in (see the back of this booklet for further details). You will have to pay for any exam registration fees and assessment of coursework, by an accredited person. The contact details of these exam boards are at the back of this pack. Discounted rates may be able to be gained if group bookings onto examinations are made. Please contact [ehccoventry@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:ehccoventry@coventry.gov.uk) for further information.

A wider range of apprenticeships and work-based learning programmes are available to young people with good GCSEs. They are also required for many college courses. Alongside qualifications like A-Levels and national diplomas, universities often require GCSEs, particularly in English and Maths (Grade 5 – equivalent to a Grade C – and above).

Once a pupil is 16 years of age they can enrol in a wide range of adult courses including AS and A-Level exams.

Some colleges now have access to funding for Home Educated children aged 14-16 but the courses available will vary. Please enquire directly with colleges about this.

## Which exam centres will allow private candidates to take exams?

The first step is to decide which exam board your child will take their exams with. All exam boards have information about exam centres on their websites. Please look carefully at the terms and conditions of centres, particularly on courses which require coursework or external moderation of work.

**Tutors and Exams Ltd**, The Methodist Central Hall, Warwick Lane, Coventry, CV1 2HA

**Bablake School**, Bablake School, Coundon Road, Coventry, CV1 4AU

## Will my child still receive careers advice?

Coventry Prospects can offer careers information, advice and guidance to young people in Coventry. To access support, you can telephone 024 76 707400 (Monday – Friday 9:00am – 6:00pm) or look at their website <http://www.prospects.co.uk>. Prospects are only able to offer advice and guidance to young people who are home educated and who have reached statutory school age. If your child is known to us, EHE Coventry will complete a Careers Advisor referral in the last week of year 11 should we not know the destination for your child for post 16.

## Work experience

Children educated at home have no entitlement to participate in work experience under arrangements made by the Local Authority. If you arrange work experience for your child you should consider the extent to which the child is covered by health and safety, child protection and insurance provision of the work place. You may need a permit from the Local Authority. Please contact for further details.

If your child is considering getting a job alongside their Home Education and are younger than the statutory school leaving age, a permit may be required.

## What safeguarding considerations do I need to make?

Children must always be appropriately safeguarded, and parents must ensure their child's safety in the home. If you work outside the home, it would be advisable to read the information below.

The NSPCC guidelines for supervision are below.

- Babies, toddlers and very young children should never be left alone
- Children under the age of 12 are rarely mature enough to cope in an emergency and should not be left at home alone for a long period of time
- Children under the age of 16 should not be left alone overnight
- Parents and carers can be prosecuted for neglect if it is judged that they placed a child at risk by leaving them alone at home
- A child should never be left at home alone if they do not feel comfortable with this, regardless of their age
- If a child has additional needs, these should be considered when leaving them at home alone or with an older sibling
- When leaving a younger child with an older sibling think about what may happen if they were to have a falling out - would they both be safe?

If a child is left with a carer who is under the age of 16, the parents remain legally liable for the safety of the child.

You may also want to consider discussing E-Safety, Health and Safety and Fire Safety with your child to ensure that they are always safe .

## What support is there for more able children?

We suggest that you investigate provision in the local area using the links at the end of this pack. You could also look at NACE (<http://www.nace.co.uk/>) for information and support relating to more able children in education.

## Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Children

As a local authority, we understand and are sensitive to the distinct ethos and needs of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities. Families in these communities who are educating their children at home will be treated in the same way as any other family. If you are a parent in a Gypsy, Roma or Traveller family with children of school age and you have just moved into Coventry, we encourage you to contact the Traveller Education Support Service on 024 7668 9250.

## Where can I get more support and advice?

**Disclaimer:** Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that the details below are correct, Coventry LA has reproduced these in good faith, and does not guarantee their accuracy. Coventry LA is not responsible for the content of the websites listed below.

Follow the [Coventry City Council Elective Home Education page](#) for information on what's on, advice and support:

<https://www.facebook.com/coventrycchomeeducation/>

## Home Education Support

### Education Otherwise Association Limited

A group that supports home based education

**Tel:** 0300 1245690

**Website:** <https://www.educationotherwise.org/>

### Educational Freedom

A Home Ed support and advice service. With information about the law, home-education styles, local groups, discounts and much more. Online and phone support and advice is available.

**Website:** [www.educationalfreedom.org.uk](http://www.educationalfreedom.org.uk)

### Home Education Advisory Service

A website that offers viewpoints on home education and a list of national events taking place for the home educating community.

P.O. Box 98,

Welwyn Garden City,

Hertfordshire

AL8 6AN

**Tel:** 01707 371854

**Website:** [www.heas.org.uk](http://www.heas.org.uk)

### Christian Home Education Support Service (CHESS)

A Christian Home School website.

**Website:** <http://www.thehomeservice.org/>

### Guardian: Home Education

A site where all articles about home-education are collated.

**Website:** <https://www.theguardian.com/education/homeschooling>

### Organic Ed

A blog written by a home-educator in the West Midlands. **Website:**

<http://www.organiced.co.uk/>

### Our Muslim Home School

A blog and website set up by a Muslim mother to support other Muslim home educators in the community.

<http://ourmuslimhomeschool.com/>

### Coventry Home Education Facebook Group

This is a closed group and you must request to join.

## **CHEWS: Christian Home Education Warwickshire**

This is a closed group and you must request to join.

## **Home Edventurers:**

This is a closed group and you must request to join.

## **Events and free activities**

An online calendar of all events happening across the city, including arts clubs, sports clubs etc: <http://www.coventry.gov.uk/events> and <https://www.coventryrocks.co.uk/>

Specific information about what is going on in Libraries across the city:

[http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/126/libraries/2684/whats\\_on\\_in\\_libraries](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/126/libraries/2684/whats_on_in_libraries)

**Please note that there is a drop in available at Coventry Library on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month where other home educators in the city are available to answer questions, offer advice and support. It takes place between 1-2.30pm. PLEASE CONTACT CHEWs via Facebook.**

## **Examinations and Careers Support**

Students who are home-educated are part of a group of students considered 'private candidates' from the perspective of exam boards. Searching for 'private candidates' on the exam board website will direct you quickly to the appropriate pages.

**There are 2 centres in Coventry where you can sit examinations in a range of qualifications:**

**Tutors and Exams Ltd**, 45 Blondvil Street, Coventry, CV3 5EQ

**Website:** <https://www.tutorsandexams.uk/>

**Bablake School**, Bablake School, Coundon Road, Coventry, CV1 4AU

**The LA can negotiate discounts with Tutors and Exams by getting groups of parents together. The LA will write to you to find out your intentions regarding examinations or you can contact us to let us know. Further financial support may be available for those struggling with the cost. Please let us know and we can see what we can do to help.**

## **Prospects – National**

Careers and Further Education Advice. We work closely with Prospects and can offer support for families with children with SEN.

**Website:** <http://www.prospects.ac.uk>

## **OCR Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations**

1 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB1 2EU

**Tel General Qualifications:** 01223 553 998

**Tel Vocational Qualifications:** 02476 851 509

**Website:** [www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk)

**Details on sitting examinations:** <https://www.ocr.org.uk/students/private-candidates/>

### **Cambridge IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education)**

A wide range of information on IGCSE's including learner guides and syllabuses are available via the cie website: [www.cie.org.uk/i-want-to/resource-centre/](http://www.cie.org.uk/i-want-to/resource-centre/)

**Tel:** 01223 553 554

**Website:** [www.cie.org.uk](http://www.cie.org.uk)

**Details on sitting examinations:** <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/exam-administration/private-candidates/>

### **AQA (Assessment and Qualifications Alliance)**

Entry for GCSE and 'A' level courses and syllabuses will be made through one of four AQA offices: Guildford, Manchester, Harrogate and London. This website also lists exam centres that will take home-educated students.

**Website:** [www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)

**Details on sitting examinations:** <https://www.aqa.org.uk/student-and-parent-support/private-candidates>

### **Edexcel (Pearson)**

This website also lists exam centres that will take home-educated students.

**Telephone:** 08456180440

**Website:** <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/home.html>

**Details on sitting examinations:** <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/understanding-our-qualifications/where-can-i-take-edexcel-exams.html>

### **Correspondence Courses**

Correspondence courses are completed at home with resources and support from a distance learning tutor. A booklet with a list of courses can be obtained from the ODLC Quality Council and a selection of other providers can be found below.

#### **ODL Quality Council (Open and Distance Learning Quality Council)**

79 Barnfield Wood Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 6ST

**Web:** [www.odlqc.org.uk](http://www.odlqc.org.uk)

#### **Learn Direct**

Hundreds of online correspondence courses with advice on many others.

[www.learnirect.co.uk](http://www.learnirect.co.uk)

#### **Oxford Home Schooling**

An online learning provider with access to tutors, lessons, resources and a flexible timetable.

Oxford Open Learning, 4 Kings Meadow, Oxford, OX2 0DP

**Tel:** 0800 0111 024

**Web:** [www.oxfordhomeschooling.co.uk](http://www.oxfordhomeschooling.co.uk)



### **Cloud Learn**

An online learning provider for GCSE's and A Levels. Paid for privately.

**Web:** <https://cloudlearn.co.uk/>

### **Net school**

An online learning provided which ranges from primary to A Level. Paid for privately.

**Web:** <https://net-school.co.uk/>

### **National Extension College**

Cater mainly for adults but will take 14 – 16 year olds, offers GCSE, 'A' levels and courses leading to vocational qualifications and leisure interests.

Michael Young Centre, Purbeck Road, Cambridge, CB2 2HN

**Tel:** 0800 389 2839

**Web:** [www.nec.ac.uk](http://www.nec.ac.uk)

### **Nuneaton College**

A specialist home schoolers programme of English Language and Literature and Maths GCSEs which is fully paid for by the government.

**Web:** <https://www.nwslc.ac.uk/courses/home-education/>

### **Warwickshire College**

Based at the Leamington site. Offers some L1 courses and GCSE English and Maths as is able to draw down some funding for home educators 14-16. Please contact the college for further details.

**Web:** <https://blob.wcg.ac.uk/pdf/w124-ec-schools-course-guide-2021-22-mar21-web-614135ccbdf95b356d840bda56cf003b.pdf>

## **Paid for Teaching: Tutors**

### **Groundmark Learning**

Offer tutoring in Maths GCSE, IGCSE and Functional Skills.

44 Holly Walk, Leamington, CV32 4PX.

**Tel:** 01926 935 635

**Web:** <https://www.groundmarklearning.com/>

### **The Art and Design Room**

Art and Textiles specialist: <https://www.facebook.com/theartanddesignroom/>

### **The Art Shed**

Art and Design specialist: <https://www.theartshed.net/>

### **Tutor Hunt:** <https://www.tutorhunt.com/>

An online list of registered Tutors who can visit the home or conduct online tutorials. These Tutors can often be teachers and graduates. Please check individual profiles for details. Please ensure relevant DBS Safeguarding checks are in place and are presented before hiring.

**Web:** <https://www.tutorhunt.com/>



## **Additional Information and Support**

### **Coventry School Library Service**

A subscription scheme is available to parental tutors registered with Coventry LA, living within the city boundaries, to borrow books from the School Library Service, upon payment of a small charge. Books for pupils from Key Stages 1-4 are available, both fiction and non-fiction.

Central Library, Smithford Way, Coventry, CV1 1FY

**Tel:** 02476 83 2314

**Web:** [www.coventry.gov.uk](http://www.coventry.gov.uk)

### **GoCV**

This is a free loyalty card for Coventry residents. Register and you can collect a card from any GoCV venue or the council's customer service centre, and you can benefit from discounts and events across the city such as events at leisure centres and Coventry Transport Museum.

**Web:** <https://go-cv.co.uk/go-cv-offers/>

### **Special Educational Needs: Statutory Assessment and Review Service**

For information and advice contact:

**Tel:** 0247 683 1614

**Web:** [www.coventry.gov.uk](http://www.coventry.gov.uk)

### **SENDIASS**

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information and Advice Support Service.  
Limbrick Wood Centre, Thomas Naul Croft, Tile Hill, Coventry, CV4 9QX

**Tel:** 024 76 69 4307

**Website:** <http://www.coventry.gov.uk/iass>

### **The following businesses in Coventry offer Home Education rates for group or individual activities:**

Planet Ice

Ballroom Climbing

Let's Animate Fargo Village

Beatle Woods – Balsall Common

Nettle Hill Forest School – Ansty

Please see the [Facebook page](#) for when details of new offers become available.

## **Where can I find learning resources?**

As a home-educating parent, you are not under any obligation to use the websites suggested here. However, you may find them useful for resources to use with your child.

## **BBC Education**

A wide range of resources from KS1 to KS5, including videos, games and activities as well as a bank of free lessons from early years to GCSE uploaded for all subjects during the lockdown. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

BBC Class Clips is a series of short educational videos that are useful for numerous topics. Most of these are now archived but can be found on YouTube.

## **Oak National Academy**

As with BBC Bitesize, search through an archive of lessons by subject and by year group, a good supplement or starting point to wider learning and free.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

## **Jolly Learning**

A site with resources to purchase to help parents to teach children to read using phonics from the providers of Jolly Phonics.

<http://jollylearning.co.uk/>

## **Oxford Owl**

Resources from 'Oxford University Press' to support parents, with a specific section relating to teaching children at home.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/>

## **Reading Eggs**

An online scheme helping children to learn to read.

<https://readingeggs.co.uk/>

## **Maths Seeds**

An online scheme helping children to learn basic maths skills.

<https://mathseeds.co.uk/>

## **Twinkl**

A variety of resources from KS1 to KS4. There is a small subscription fee to get access to more resources. Specialist SEND resources also available.

<http://www.twinkl.co.uk/>

## **Khan Academy**

Free educational resources.

[www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

## **Theatre of Science**

Live online free Facebook science lessons with experiments. Archived onto YouTube:

[theatreofscience.co.uk](http://theatreofscience.co.uk)

<https://www.youtube.com/theatreofscience>

### **The National Archives:**

A great free resource with online learning regarding all eras of history for different key stages.

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/sessions-and-resources/>

### **Country Reports**

260 countries profiled, with historical. Geographical and political information, maps, opportunities to join online discussions.

[www.countryreports.org](http://www.countryreports.org)

### **Ed Helper**

An American subscription site providing a range of literacy and numeracy worksheets based on themes.

[www.edhelper.com](http://www.edhelper.com)

### **Primary Resources**

Lots of ideas on every National Curriculum subject

[www.primaryresources.co.uk](http://www.primaryresources.co.uk)

### **Teaching Ideas**

Primary phase activities, plus book reviews.

[www.teachingideas.co.uk](http://www.teachingideas.co.uk)

### **Duolingo**

Learn Languages for free

<https://www.duolingo.com/>

### **Raising Little Shoots**

Website with resources for exploring nature. Based on the Charlotte Mason philosophy

<https://raisinglittleshoots.com/>

### **CGP Revision Guides**

Revision Guides from KS3 onwards.

[www.cgpbooks.co.uk](http://www.cgpbooks.co.uk)

### **Spark Notes**

Suitable for older children. Website has translations of Shakespeare, notes to accompany key GCSE texts and support for GCSE English.

<http://www.sparknotes.com/>

### **Conquer Maths**

A subscription website for Maths education.

<https://www.conquermaths.com/>

### **White Rose Maths**

Curriculum plans (free), worksheets, how to videos – some free some paid for. All year groups available.

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/home-learning?year=year-1-new>

### **Dr Frost Maths**

Website created in pandemic by maths teacher with instruction videos and how to's  
<https://www.drfrostmaths.com/>

### **Martin Lewis Financial Matters Education**

Free pdf textbook download on budgeting, opening a bank account. Or purchase online.

<https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/resources/your-money-matters-financial-education-textbook/>

## **Keeping Children Safe and Healthy**

You may wish to use some of the following resources to teach your child how to stay safe. There are also some useful tips for parents and carers as to how to keep children safe in a variety of settings.

### **Staying Safe Online**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

### **Bullying**

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/advice/advice-for-parents-and-carers>

### **Safety in the Home**

<https://www.rospa.com/resources/hubs/keeping-kids-safe/>

### **Tips for supporting children with autism in staying safe**

US Website: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/autism-safety-project>

Support for parents/carers: <http://www.autism.org.uk/About/Family-life/Parents-carers>

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page as we will promote sessions on Autism that are organised by the Complex Communications Team that home educated parents are able to attend.

### **Supporting your child's mental health**

Mental Health Support: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>

Eating Disorders: <https://www.b-eat.co.uk/about-eating-disorders>

The NHS in Coventry and Warwickshire have developed the dimensions tool which will signpost you to appropriate advice and support. This can be completed yourself or with the support of a professional: <https://dimensions.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/>

## Healthy Lifestyle

<http://www.nhs.uk/LiveWell/Childhealth6-15/Pages/Childhealth615home.aspx>

## Safety outside the home

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/>

## Advice for how parents could discuss difficult topics

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/>