

# EAP-Future Communities

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# Definition Elective Home Education - EHE

1. Elective home education is a term used to describe a choice by parents to provide education for their children at home - or at home and in some other way which they choose - instead of sending them to school full-time
2. Parents who choose to educate a child in this way rather than sending the child to school full-time take on financial responsibility for the cost of doing so
3. There are no specific legal requirements as to the content of home education, provided the parents are meeting their duty in s.7 of the Education Act 1996
4. Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 states that: "The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause them to receive efficient full-time education suitable: (a) to his/her age, ability and aptitude and (b) to any special education needs he/she may have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise."
5. There is no obligation to follow the 'school day' or have holidays which mirror those observed by schools

# Process - Elective Home Education

- **All parents have to submit a Home Education Plan ( HEP).** If they do not send in a HEP or we are not satisfied that education is happening, we can use a School Attendance Order (SAO) to place the children back in school. The LA has powers to prosecute parents who are in breach of a School Attendance Order
- We have no rights to visit the family or see child but **we offer a home visit** and ask for an updated plan every year.
- On notification of Social Care Involvement the **EHE officer will email the Social Worker** to complete a safeguarding form asking for information about the current situation and concerns they have regarding education. This enables EHE officer to be fully aware of the needs of the family when supporting them.
- **EHE officers attend social worker meetings-** all Initial Child Protection conferences and all reviews. Also core groups. This is to ensure that the parents have the ability /means to educate. We provide advice support for those parents to enable to return to school. **Joint Visits-** also offered and take place with social workers. These measures ensure that children kept safe and are supported.
- **Follow through with Schools to ensure pupil are on reintegrating school so that they can be additional support can be given where needed**
- **LA fund the career support (prospects) for EHE transitioning at KS4 .** Prospects have 1 to 1 session with families. Prospect support submitting of applications and interview preps. **Working with Health** we contacted families for COVID vaccinations working with the nursing team.

# Checks

The policy for supporting EHE pupils is currently being revised with the support of the safeguarding team

- All pupils are RAG rated based on vulnerability
- All pupils with social care involvement are discussed with the Trust before agreeing EHE
- All EHE pupils with EHCP are discussed and supported by the EHCP Team
- Pupils who do not satisfy the LA with a Home Education Plan are given a School Attendance Order
- We are in the process of reviewing our safeguarding procedures for EHE pupils with colleagues from Safeguarding in Education

# NNC EHE Comparison

		2022/23 Autumn term	2022/23 Spring term	2022/23 Summer term	2023/24 Autumn term	2023/24 Spring term	2023/24 Summer term	2024/25 Autumn term
England	Number of EHE children on census date	80,900	86,200	97,600	92,000	103,500	117,900	111,700
	Rate of EHE children on census day by population	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.1%	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%
East Midlands	Number of EHE children on census date	7,460	8,140	9,070	8,930	9,810	10,840	10,320
	Rate of EHE children on census day by population	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%	1.6%	1.5%
North Northamptonshire	Number of EHE children on census date	660	750	860	820	930	1,070	1,030
	Rate of EHE children on census day by population	1.2%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.7%	1.9%	1.8%

# EHE Primary Reason (October 24 census)

EHE Primary reason	Physical health	25
	Mental health	228
	Health concerns relating to COVID-19	24
	Did not get school preference	26
	Permanent exclusion	1
	Risk of school exclusion	19
	Difficulty in accessing a school place	5
	Philosophical or preferential reasons	183
	Religious reasons	17
	Lifestyle choice	69
	Suggestion/pressure from the school	5
	Dissatisfaction with the school - general	99
	Dissatisfaction with the school - SEND	56
	Dissatisfaction with the school - bullying	76
	Parent/guardian did not give a reason	19
	Other	3
	Unknown	174

# EHE- Vulnerable Groups

REPORT 2nd Jan 2025	Total	Female	Male	N/K
Current EHE children	1111	571	540	0
Open to Social Care	21	6	15	0
EHCP	92	17	75	0

# Current Actions

- Review and monitor vulnerable EHE pupils on a weekly basis
- Develop support for pupils with additional Safeguarding Thresholds.
- Develop a new multi-agency process for agreeing EHE based on the risk and vulnerability of the pupils
- Develop **better** information sharing on the needs of pupils with our local agencies for pupils requesting to go on EHE
- Challenge and support the schools with highest EHE
- Scrutinise Home Education Plans to ensure they are fit for purpose