

## The legalities

Home Education, whether you are in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland is perfectly legal.

If your child has never been to school or registered with a school then you do not have to inform anyone about your decision.

If your child attends a school then you do need to formally deregister by sending a letter. The actual process varies depending on the area of the UK so please check out our site for full details.

As long as you deregister properly then you will not be prosecuted for truancy.

Special schools require you to write to the Local Authority to request consent for the child's name to be removed from the register. We can support you through this process.

## Support

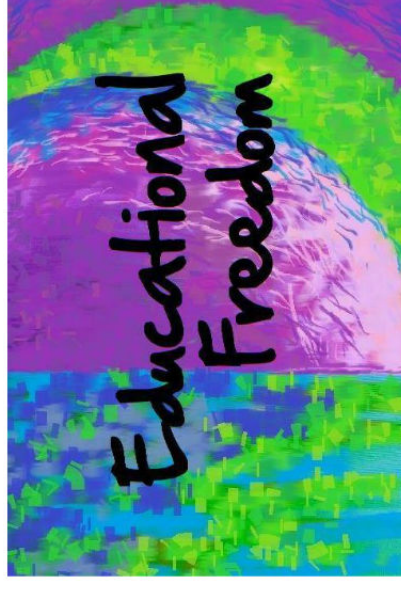
Educational Freedom is a non-profit organisation created primarily for supporting Home Educators around the UK.

We have volunteers around the UK who will be more than happy to chat with you, to share their local knowledge of meet ups and offer ideas and information about Home Education.

We offer support and advocacy for families with issues with their Local Authority.

Our website has lots of information so please do have a browse and contact us should you require support or more information.

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## Home Education

The facts and benefits explained.

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

# What is Home Education?

Simply put, Home Education can be anything you want it to be, more importantly it is what your child needs it to be.

There are no legal requirements to follow curriculums, lesson plans or school times.

Home Education means the child has freedom to learn in a way that suits them best.

Our website has information on different styles from unschooling to fully structured and everything inbetween.

*'My son is autistic, I didn't like how he was accused of being trouble. Since deregistering him from school he is calmer, happier and achieving so much more.'*

## FAQ

What about socialising?

There are clubs all around the country including Home Ed meet ups, activities such as Scouts, dancing etc. There's no reason your child would miss out on making friends.

If you consider spending all day with the same 30 children versus a wide range of people of all ages, which would you pick?

What about special needs?

Home Education suits children with SEN or disabilities as you can adjust the education to meet their needs, Whether this means scribing for them, allowing them to rest often, creating an environment they feel safe in etc.

What support is there?

Lots. From online websites like ours, online forums on social media, to local social meetings, There is always someone happy to chat.

Can anyone Home Educate?

Absolutely! You do not need to be a teacher, or even have gained any qualifications.

How do I know what to teach?

Home Educating parents tend not to teach, facilitating a child's learning would be a better description of what happens. There are no rules on what a child has to learn, as long as the education is suitable to their age, ability and aptitude you can do what interests the child.

Do we have to be assessed?

No, the law states that it is the parents responsibility to ensure the education is suitable. The local authority have no duty to monitor the provision. We offer support and advocacy in this,

*' Home Education has stopped me from being bullied because I liked to read.'*