

On 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 10pm, the Education Select Committee (ESC) published its [Strengthening Home Education Report](#). It is 67 pages long, and is meant to be the conclusion to the Home Education Inquiry, however only half the submissions have been published (488 out of "over 900") including many that did not ask to remain anonymous. Of those that have been published over 76% are against a register and only 9% are for one.

The report continues to use incorrect statistics from the ADCS (Association of Directors of Children's Services) even though the ESC have been given the correct data repeatedly. There is also a lot of opinion, conjecture and a repetition of "considerable evidence" that a register is a necessity without that evidence ever being produced. The research that actually does exist, however, has been ignored by the ESC. Dr Harriet Pattison, Liverpool Hope University, volunteered to give evidence direct to the ESC and not only was that turned down, her written submission was one of those not published.

#### Summary Recommendations:

1. A Statutory register for children out of school
2. Supporting children with SEND and home education
3. Assessment of a 'suitable' education
4. Better data on outcomes
5. A level playing field on access to examinations

Educational Freedom maintains its position of being against a national register of home educated children and are working closely with others as part of the Elective Home Education Alliance in order to disseminate the facts about home education in contrast to unfounded rhetoric.

Now, we need **YOUR** help: Write to your MP.

Remember to be polite, to the point, and write in your own words.

Suggestions of what to include can be found [HERE](#).