**Children Not In School Implementation Forum - Application Form**

**What is this for?**

We are the team at the Department for Education who are responsible for working on Elective Home Education policy for England. The Children’s Wellbeing Bill will include legislation regarding the introduction of local authority Children Not In School registers, including home educated children. The Bill will also create a new duty for all local authorities to provide support to home educating families who request it. We want to hear from home educating families, as part of our policy development processes, to ensure that we take into account all views.

We are setting up a Children Not In School Implementation Forum and looking for home educating parents to take part in a productive discussion about our implementation considerations. Meetings will be run by policy officials.

**Timings and attendance**

We hope to arrange 3 to 4 meetings, lasting 1 hour - 1.5 hours each. All meetings will be held virtually. The first meeting will be held in early December (tbc) and future meetings will be spread across the remaining 2 years (approximately) of the implementation process.

**Why are we collecting data?**

The form below asks for some personal information from you. This is to help us ensure that the broadest range of home educating families is represented on the implementation forum, including families with varying lengths of experience of home education, reasons for home education, children of different age groups, and geographical locations etc. The questions asked in this form are to inform us about the balance of home educating experience across the group selected.

If you are interested in participating but are not selected for the implementation forum, we may be able to offer other opportunities for you to share your views.

If you are a home educating parent or guardian and wish to participate, please complete the form below.

**Section 1: Applicant Information**

Name:

Email Address:

Name of your Local Authority:

**Section 2: Home Education details**

Number of Children Being Home Educated at present:

Ages of Children:

How long have you been home educating at least one of your children? (please tick)

Less than 1 year

1-3 years

3-5 years

5+ years

Reason(s) for choosing to home educate: (Please select all which apply)

Ideological reasons

Mental Health

Lifestyle

School dissatisfaction- general

School dissatisfaction - bullying

School dissatisfaction – SEND

Physical Health

Did not get school preference

Difficulty accessing suitable school place

Religious

Risk of school exclusion

Permanent exclusion

School suggestion

Other, please state:

**Section 3: Experience and Interest**

Why are you interested in being part of the Children Not In School implementation forum?

(Please provide a brief explanation, maximum 150 words please)

**Section 4: Availability**

Are you available to attend the meetings throughout the implementation phase (December 2024 – March 2027)?

Would you like to be considered for other engagement opportunities, if not selected for the implementation forum?

**Section 5: Declaration**

I confirm that the information provided in this form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that participation in the Children Not In School implementation forum is voluntary, and that I can withdraw my consent and/or participation at any time.

I understand that the purpose of this forum is to participate in productive discussions around the implementation of government policy regarding the introduction of Children Not In School legislative measures.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section 6: Submission Instructions**

Applications must be received by Wednesday 27 November.

Please submit your completed form via email to: [elective.homeeducation@education.gov.uk](mailto:elective.homeeducation@education.gov.uk)

Please include “CNIS Implementation Forum application” in the subject line of your email to help us ensure that email applications are correctly identified.

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Thank you for your interest in joining the Children Not In School Implementation Forum!