



## Elective Home Education

## Parent Information: 2-minute-read January 2025

### What is the law?

Parents must make sure their 5-16 aged children receive an efficient full-time education - suitable to each child's age, ability, aptitude and special educational needs.



### Main parent role in education?

To provide their children with an education which is a significant proportion of their school-aged life, including different opportunities for progress in areas of learning: knowledge, skills and understanding.

### Elective Home Education (EHE) parent role in Derbyshire?

To openly acknowledge the full responsibility for their children's education, with appropriate engagement with schools and Derbyshire County Council.

### Derbyshire County Council's EHE role?

To identify children who are being provided with EHE, and then promote positive relationships in order to protect children's educational entitlement, including:

- **Safeguarding** – to help prevent the likelihood of a child's development suffering from significant harm.
- **Guidance** – to offer constructive signposting.





## Essential questions for parents considering EHE?

- Do I acknowledge there is no allocated funding for EHE and no obligation to keep my child's school place open?
- Have I considered all transition / GCSE issues for my child?
- Does my child, family and school staff all agree, after discussing concerns?
- Have school staff encouraged me in any way into thinking about EHE?
- Am I waiting for a preferred school, preventing penalty or exclusion?
- Is EHE a positive choice and the best option for my child?
  
- Can I provide sustained enthusiasm, funding, patience, space, support, time, well-being and commitment to all elements of learning and individual prospects – providing the best life-opportunities for my child?



Parents **must** provide an education → suitable to their child's age, ability, aptitude and any SEN.

Parents **should** weigh-up all opportunities → the best for each and every one of their children.

Parents **can** work in real partnership → EHE families and DCC.

## Any further questions about EHE?

- email: [CS.EHE@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:CS.EHE@derbyshire.gov.uk)
- telephone: 01629 533720



## Please do remember:

Parents have a legal duty: to make certain their child receives an efficient full-time education suitable to age, ability, aptitude and any special educational needs (SEN) – the Local Authority (LA) must also discharge their duty, by means of a reasonable and proportionate approach, to ensure a child's development is progressing well.

