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## Educating your child at home

We believe that generally, the best place to educate a child is in school. But we do acknowledge your right to decide to educate your child at home.

Some parents choose to educate their child at home because they feel it to be the best way to carry out their duty to educate their child.

Dissatisfaction with your child's current school is not the best reason for considering to educate your child at home.

Schools do vary and we may well be able to find an alternative school that you feel is better suited to your child's needs.

Please contact school admissions team on 01253 476713 they may be able to help you to resolve any difficulties you may be experiencing.

Educating your child at home is a big commitment and there's a lot to think about.

## Application process, costs and timescales

### Costs

If you choose to educate their children at home you must be prepared to assume full financial responsibility. This includes bearing the cost of any public examinations.

As a guide, the approximate fee per:

- GCSE and per IGCE is from £200
- Functional Skills (English, Math and IT) are £90 per subject, plus administration costs and invigilator costs where applicable
- AS and A-levels start from £200 per paper

[More details on examination centres](#) can be found on our examination centres page

If you decide to educate your child outside of mainstream education does not have to be a "once and for all" decision: you may move your child back into school after a time of educating at home.

### Process

**If your child is already registered as a pupil at a Blackpool school**

You **must** inform the head teacher **in writing** of your intention to take full responsibility for your child's education from a particular date and request that your child's name is removed from the school roll.

You should ask for written confirmation that this has been done.

If you do not do this, your child's absence from school will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and will be treated as such.

Once a de-registration letter has been received by a school, the school will inform school admissions of your intention.

It is helpful if you could contact school admissions on 01253 476713 to tell us of your intention to educate your child at home. Please give your child's name, date of birth and the name of the school concerned.

A member of the team, usually the elective home education officer , will contact you to discuss your decision, offer advice and guidance and arrange a meeting.

[If your child is already being educated at home and you have just moved into Blackpool](#)

Please tell us of your child's name, date of birth and your previous and current address. We will contact you and you will be asked to complete a form to give an outline of your planned educational provision.

## More guidance

If you are considering educating your child at home please download our parent information pack.

- [Blackpool elective home education policy](#)
- [Elective home education information pack](#)

For any further information, advice or guidance about choosing to educate your child at home please complete our enquiry form or to telephone the head of access and inclusion directly.

[Make an enquiry](#)

## Contact

Elective home education officer

School admissions, PO Box 4, Blackpool, FY1 1NA

**Telephone** 01253 476713/01253 476721

**Email** [electivehomeeducation@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:electivehomeeducation@blackpool.gov.uk)

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