Returning to school

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Where a pupil is withdrawn from school to be electively home educated, it is Blackpool Council's position that the child should return to their most recent school if elective home education is found to be unsuitable or unsustainable.

Within 20 school days

As part of the locally agreed protocol, schools are expected to retain the child's place for 20 school days following de-registration to allow time for discussion and for families to reconsider their decision.

During this period, if the family decides that elective home education is not the right option, the child may return and take up their place with appropriate support without the need to reapply.

After 20 school days

Where a child returns to school at any point after this period, the locally agreed protocol is that they will return to their most recent school. This approach is intended to promote stability for children and to prevent the use of elective home education as a means of changing school.

If you decide at any time that you want your child to return to school, or to go to school for the first time, contact the school admissions team by email admissions@blackpool.gov.uk or 01253 476637.

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