

## Home Tuition Factsheet

This factsheet aims to give an overview of what provision is available to support families who wish to educate their children at home in preference to sending them to school. We try to ensure that the information is current and up to date but accept no responsibility for inaccurate information.

### HEAS

Home Education Advisory Service  
P.O. Box 98  
Welwyn Garden City  
Herts AL8 6AN  
Tel: (0) 1707 371854  
Fax: (0) 1786 831066  
Email: [admin@heas.org.uk](mailto:admin@heas.org.uk)  
Web: <http://www.heas.org.uk>

HEAS is a national home education charity based in the United Kingdom. It is dedicated to the provision of advice and practical support for families who wish to educate their children at home in preference to sending them to school. Interest in home education is increasing and HEAS recognises that reliable information should be available for everyone.

### Education Otherwise

PO Box 7420  
London N9 9SG  
Tel: 0870 7300074  
Email: [enquiries@education-otherwise.org](mailto:enquiries@education-otherwise.org)  
Web: <http://www.educationotherwise.org>

Education Otherwise is a UK-based membership organisation which provides support and information for families whose children are being educated outside school, and for those who wish to uphold the freedom of families to take proper responsibility for the education of their children.

### Education Now

113 Arundel Drive  
Bramcote Hills  
Nottingham NG9 3FQ  
Tel: 0115 925 7261  
Web: <http://educationnow.gn.apc.org/>

Education Now is an organisation that is concerned to help develop arrangements for learning that will be flexible enough to provide 'alternatives for everybody, all the time'. It supports individuals and initiatives that try to make the best out of the present system as we work for a better learning system.

### Home Education Resources and Learning Development (Herald)

Herald  
Kelda Cottage  
Lydbrook  
Gloucester GL17 9SX  
(To Contact please write to the address above).

Provides a similar service to Education Otherwise, but also provides ready-made Unit Studies.

## A Summary of the Law Relating to Home Education

### In England and Wales School is not compulsory

In England and Wales parents have the primary responsibility for ensuring that their children receive an effective education. Although this responsibility is usually delegated to schools, some parents choose to exercise it directly by providing an education based at home.

The legal responsibilities of parents and local education authorities in relation, to elective home education of children of compulsory school age. The responsibility of parents is clearly established in section 7 of the Education Act 1996 (Previously section 36 of the Education Act 1944):

The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause he/she to receive efficient full-time Education suitable:

- (a) To his/her age, ability and aptitude, and
- (b) To any special educational needs he/she may have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.

### **Other Useful contacts:**

#### **Advisory Centre for Education (ACE)**

The Advisory Centre for Education (ACE) is an independent advice centre for parents, offering information about state education in England and Wales for 5-16 year olds. We offer free telephone advice on many topics like exclusion from school, bullying, special educational needs and school admission appeals.

Tel Exclusion line: 020 7704 9822.

General line (freephone): 0808 800 5793

## National Curriculum Online

Web: <http://www.nc.uk.net/index.html>

This site links every National Curriculum programme of study requirement to resources on the Curriculum Online.

## National Extension College

The National Extension College (NEC) was set up over 40 years ago as a charity to help people of all ages fit learning into their lives. We believe there should be more than one way to get a good education.

Tel: 01223 400 200

Email: [info@nec.ac.uk](mailto:info@nec.ac.uk)

Web: <http://www.nec.ac.uk/>

## National Grid for Learning

Welcome to the National Grid for Learning, the gateway to educational resources on the internet.

The NGfL provides a network of selected links to websites that offer high quality content and information. Whether you are learning, supporting, teaching or managing, there are resources on the NGfL for you.

Tel: 024 7684 7019

Email: [content@ngfl.gov.uk](mailto:content@ngfl.gov.uk)

Web: <http://www.ngfl.gov.uk/>

## Parent Information Network

Parents Information Network (PIN) is an independent service helping parents to support their children's learning through the use of computers, software and the Internet.

Established in 1994, PIN provides a wide range of advice on educational and safety issues for parents with children of toddler age through to 18. PIN also operates the UK's respected and trusted evaluation service for digital resources (software and websites), which support learning at home.

Email: [post@pin.org.uk](mailto:post@pin.org.uk)

Web: <http://www.pin.org.uk/>

## Home Education

Home education is a long established legal right, currently exercised by around 90,000 (1.0%) UK children of compulsory educational age. This web site seeks to support those families and inform others as to their legal rights and responsibilities.

Web: <http://www.home-education.org.uk>

## Publications

Home educating: Pathsave made for walking.

Published by Jessica Kingsley.

116 Pentonville Road

London N1 9JB

Tel: 0207 833 2307

Fax: 0207 837 2917

Email: [post@jkg.com](mailto:post@jkg.com)

Web: <http://www.jkg.com>

## Home Educating Our Autistic Spectrum Children

Essential reading for any parent with a child on the autistic spectrum considering to home educate their child/children. Includes chapters consisting of accounts by parents describing the reasons that drove them away from the school system.

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