



ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION (EHE) in SHROPSHIRE

Flowchart for schools

A parent/carer is thinking about EHE for their child



The parent/carer must alert the Head Teacher. Our school should offer the family a meeting to discuss this decision. It is helpful to contact EAS at this stage so there is awareness and advice for the family can be sought. Other advice is here - [Elective home education | Shropshire Council](#) and from the Early Help and Support Team [E-HAST \(Early Help and Support Team\) | Shropshire Council](#)



Our school must not persuade parents or influence the decision to educate their child at home as a way of avoiding exclusion, poor attendance, challenging behaviour and/or potential poor academic success. In the case of exclusion, statutory guidance must be followed. If the child has a poor attendance record, our school and LA must seek to address the issues behind the absenteeism and use other interventions available to them.

If a parent/carer decides to EHE their child, they must now put this in writing to the Head Teacher.



Everyone has a duty to keep children safe so the school **must** alert EAS to any safeguarding concerns/risks and complete the EHE Notification Form [Elective Home Education | Shropshire Learning Gateway](#)

School must **not** delete the child's name from the admissions register at this point if there are safeguarding concerns. EAS will contact the School's DSL to have a discussion around these.

The school **must** delete the child from the admissions register if there are no safeguarding concerns.



The LA will hold a multi-agency case discussion to determine the appropriate pathway for the child. If a child is being supported under a Child Protection Plan or significant safeguarding situation then the LA is not likely to agree EHE and is likely to decide the child must continue their education at our school.

EAS will schedule a home visit as a priority for any EHE child on a CIN or Child Protection Plan or where there is a current Section 47 investigation for example. Non-compliance from a family on this is likely to be seen as an additional risk factor when reviewing the Plan and the child could be identified as a 'child missing education' (CME) or experiencing 'educational neglect'. Potential use of an Attendance Order will be used when relevant.



If a child becomes EHE then EAS will be in touch with the family to make a home visit as the local authority has a duty to ensure the education provided is suitable. If preferred parents can choose to provide a report to the local authority instead. They will receive a written report from the local authority on the education the family provide.



If the child has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) our school should also contact the EHCP Team on EHCPTeam@shropshire.gov.uk or 01743 254267

LA approval is required before removing a child with an EHCP from specialist provision.

Please find Shropshire's EHE Policy here [Elective home education | Shropshire Council](#)

The contact for advice and support from Early Help and the First Point of Contact is 0345 6789021.

In case of an emergency where a child is in immediate danger call 999

The Shropshire Safeguarding Partnership page can be found here - [Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership](#)