

FREE INFORMATION SHEET

HOME EDUCATION

Some parents may, for various reasons, consider or actively choose to home educate their child with DLD or a related condition. Sometimes, too, parents may feel pressured to withdraw their child from school or feel this is their only option. If this applies to you, you might want to consider the following steps instead:

Move your child to another, more supportive, school

If your child is likely to qualify for an EHC Plan, request an EHC Needs Assessment.

If the existing EHC Plan is inadequate, ask for the Annual Review to be brought forward, or request an EHC Reassessment.



SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

This is usually delivered to children over 5 through their school. Some therapy services will arrange to see home educated children at home or at a local clinic, but not all. Independent (private) therapy is an option, but may prove expensive.

EHC PLANS

These are only valid if they specify that the child is being educated at home or 'otherwise'. In the case of children with EHC Plans who are removed from school, local authorities usually add a clause to say that 'parents have made their own arrangements'. They then have no obligation to provide any of the support specified in the Plan.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Sometimes it is possible to negotiate the provision of at least some of the support specified in the EHC Plan. But do approach the local authority before withdrawing your child from school.

RESOURCES FOR HOME EDUCATION

Afasic has lots of resources designed for parents to help their child at home: [Helping your school age child and toddler to talk – Afasic](#)

Further useful resources that may also be helpful can be found here: [Helping your child at home](#)

LINKS TO OTHER INFORMATION ON HOME EDUCATION

THE HOME EDUCATION ADVISORY SERVICE

The Home Education Advisory Service has lots of information and resources for home educators: Home - Home Education Advisory Service (heas.org.uk).

ED PLACE

Ed Place: The Smartest Revision App - Improve Grades - Build Confidence (edplace.com) has an app and lots of resources for children at all ages and levels

BRIGHTER FUTURES FOR CHILDREN

The Brighter Futures for children has lots of resources and information for parents.

EDUCATION OTHERWISE

Education Otherwise www.educationotherwise.org is a charity that supports parents who are home-schooling or are considering it. It has lots of information on its website and also has an advice line and email enquiry service.

IPSEA

IPSEA has information on their website about the law and home educating children with SEN, especially those with EHC Plans: Home schooling and 'education otherwise' | (IPSEA) Independent Provider of Special Education Advice



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