

HOME EDUCATION

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS



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What rights do parents/ carers have?

You have contacted Education and Families to express an interest in or intention to educate your child at home rather than at a local authority school.

You are within your rights to make this request, and the education authority has a duty to respond to your request.

'It shall be the duty of the parent of every child of school age to provide efficient education for him, suitable to his age, ability and aptitude either by causing him to attend a public school regularly or by other means.'

Education (Scotland) Act 1980 – Section 30

Consent is granted on the basis that the provision you intend to make will be efficient and suitable for your child's age, aptitude and ability and for any additional support needs they may have.



What happens next?

If you wish to proceed after you have read these notes, you should complete the Request to Withdraw from Education form on the North Lanarkshire Council website [Home education | North Lanarkshire Council](https://www.northlan.gov.uk/home-education) or by emailing the Inclusion Section asking for the form to be sent to you.

Email: ef.sfl@northlan.gov.uk

It is understandable that at the early stages of your proposals that you may not be able to provide detailed information, but you should try and add as much detail as possible.

Where reasonably practical, this should be completed in advance of the date that you wish to withdraw from school.

You will receive an acknowledgement of request. You may be contacted to discuss your plan. This will be done using your preferred method of contact selected on your request form.

Should further support be required, a meeting can be arranged with the Education Development Officer to discuss the outline plan or answer any questions you may have.

Education Development Officer

Inclusion,

Education and Families, North Lanarkshire Council, 2nd Floor, Civic Square,

Windmillhill Street, Motherwell,

ML1 1TP

Tel: 01698 403140- Option 6 or Email ef.sfl@northlan.gov.uk

Once your educational plan has been received:

- The Education Development Officer will respond as soon as possible and within the 6-week period from receipt of your request. Information from the child's school, the authority's own records and possibly other services or agencies will be considered when reaching a decision.
- If there is any existing information which may cast doubt as to whether an efficient education can be provided, further enquiries may need to be made. If this is the case, you will be given an indication of the timescale on which a decision is likely to be reached. You will then be notified as to whether consent has been granted.
- If the education for your child is not considered to be suitable, then the Education Development Officer or his/ her representative will wish to talk to you about possible improvements to your child's educational provision. Advice and assistance will be available in these circumstances.

How does support continue after consent?

- Ordinarily on an annual basis, when a meeting or an updated report of the educational provision being offered will be requested.
- The Education Development Officer may be contacted at any time (contact details on page 10).
- If you no longer wish to continue with home education at any point, it is important that you advise the Education Development Officer, in writing, of your intention to re-register your child at a local authority school.



What is efficient education?

- How the education will help prepare the child for life in a modern society and reach their full potential
- The approach to how the child will be home educated, and how the education provided will consider and support the child's individual needs, learning strategies, attitudes and aspirations
- The opportunity for the child to be stimulated by their learning experiences
- Involvement in a broad spectrum of activities appropriate to the child's stage of development
- Access to appropriate resources and materials
- The opportunity for an appropriate level of physical activity
- The opportunity to interact with other children and adults

What about the curriculum?

North Lanarkshire Council acknowledges that parents' educational provision will reflect a diversity of approaches and interests and therefore does not specify a curriculum which parents must follow.

The Curriculum for Excellence, for learners aged 3-18, is followed in Scottish Schools. If you wish to adopt an educational programme which follows the curriculum offered by the school your child has left,

This would ordinarily cover a broad general education to the end of S3. The following subjects would be covered, although the subjects do not necessarily have to be studied separately:

Expressive Arts, Health and Wellbeing, Languages (including Literacy and English), Mathematics, Sciences, Social Studies and Technologies. Religious and Moral Education.

You may provide religious education for your child according to your wishes.

The senior phase of the Curriculum for Excellence covers the later years in secondary education from S4-S6 (from around ages 15 -18).

The curriculum in the senior phase comprises more than programmes which lead to qualifications. There is a continuing emphasis, for example, on health and wellbeing appropriate to this phase, including physical activity and opportunities for personal achievement, service to others and practical experience of the world of work.

Information on Curriculum for Excellence can be found at:

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/curriculum-in-scotland/>





What else should I consider?

Access to resources/materials - a suitable room for quiet and sustained work, paper/pens, books, arts and crafts material, ICT opportunities. The style of work set would need to promote active learning – the mere copying out of information would not be considered suitable.

There should be access to a variety of clubs, social activities and educational visits, for example, to libraries and museums.

The provision of physical education might involve, for example, regular attendance at swimming or dancing lessons.

Any activities of a practical nature must be properly supervised, and first aid provision must be available.

You may wish to employ a tutor, but as parents/carers you must be aware that you are still responsible for your child's education and should ensure that any person you engage is a suitable person to have access to children. You should ensure you have sought satisfactory and appropriate references, for example. You could ask the potential tutor to provide a Basic Disclosure check.

Contact:

**Disclosure Scotland,
P.O. Box 250,
Glasgow G51 1YU
(This building is not open to the public)**

www.disclosurescotland.co.uk

Email:

customerengagement@disclosurescotland.gov.scot

Helpline: 0300 020 0040

How will I know if my child is making progress?

All good education demands careful assessment of a pupil's learning and achievement. You should monitor your child's progress, record it and be able to change the teaching programme if steady progress is not being achieved. In schools there is a requirement to report annually to parents – it may be useful for you to carry out a similar annual review of your child's progress.

Throughout the period of home education, although North Lanarkshire Council has no legal duty to provide resources, it will undertake to provide you with as much support as possible. It is hoped that a positive working relationship may be established in the early stages so that you as parents/carers are working together with the Education Development Officer to ensure that your child receives an education appropriate to their needs.

Right of appeal - there is no statutory right to appeal against an authority's decision to withhold consent to withdraw a child from school. However, all decisions will be reviewed by the Education Development Officer on request. Decisions made under statutory powers are also subject to external review by the Court of Session through the judicial review process.

Parents may also choose to pursue matters with the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman by accessing:

www.spsso.org.uk or contact 0800 377 7330.

Contact for support and advice on Home Education:

Inclusion Section Tel: 01698 403140- Option 6

Email: ef.sfl@northlan.gov.uk

If after reading this information you decide that education at home may prove difficult, please contact the Education Development Officer without delay to discuss a suitable school placement. This contact may be made by telephoning or by writing to:

**Education Development Officer
Inclusion,
Education and Families,
North Lanarkshire Council,
2nd Floor, Civic Square,
Windmillhill Street,
Motherwell,
ML1 1TP**

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