

# Elective Home Education

Barnet Education & Learning Service

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## **The EHE cohort is currently made up of:**

- 454 registered EHE children.
- This is made up of 210 Primary, 234 Secondary & 10 Early Years children
- There are 57 children with EHCP's
- This is made up of 20 Primary, 36 Secondary & 1 Early Years child
- There are 3 children open to social care & 7 children open to Early Help

# EHE Developments:

EHE was transferred to the Education Welfare Team in September 2020. Since then we have:

- Developed an EHE policy
- Developed a close partnership with Social Care & Early Help
- Created a dedicated EHE website: [www.ehebarnet.org.uk](http://www.ehebarnet.org.uk)
- Created an EHE safeguarding Video for children
- Delivered practitioners workshops on safeguarding EHE children to Health, Family Services, Emergency Services and Housing
- Delivered a lunchtime briefing to GP's on information sharing with EHE Children
- Deliver regular updates at Network Meetings for school staff on EHE practices and safeguarding.

# What does the EHE policy mean for schools?

When a child leaves a school to be home educated there are some best practice examples we ask schools to do:

- Share any concerns they have with parent and discuss reasons for this choice.
- Make a referral to MASH when there are safeguarding concerns
- Notify EHE team of ANY concern no matter how small.
- Notify all practitioners involved with the family
- Arrange meeting with all involved and parent to discuss Home Education option.
- Off roll child when all parties agree that this is a suitable option.

## Continued:

The Policy also states:

In the interests of the family, recommended good practice would be for the school to allow a period of 10 school days after deletion of the name from the school register, for the parents to reflect on their decision, having sought further advice and support and to change their mind if they so wish.

Why is the 10 day grace period important:

- When a parent home educates they are able to refuse entry to the home, to interaction with the child and any communication with EHE team.
- We encourage schools to keep a child on roll for the 10 days as it allows for schools safeguarding processes to continue such as home visits, communication and welfare checks.
- It allows time to arrange a meeting with professionals or make MASH referrals that can be actioned within the 10 days and have the child return to school.

# Off Roll Notification Forms

Information sharing is a key component in keeping children safe, particularly when it comes to EHE children, due to the parents capacity to not engage with educational professionals or any other professionals once a child becomes home educated.

The off roll notification form is a way of information sharing with BELS any concerns about a child where it doesn't meet MASH threshold.

There is now a new, more detailed off roll notification form for schools to use which has been shared via the school circular, it will also be shared at the next three meetings for school staff and by the EWT when visiting their schools.