



## Elective Home Education

Whether you're just starting your home education journey or have been navigating it for a while, we'd like to thank all families who continue to engage positively with our team. Our aim is to support you in providing a suitable and enriching education for your child at home – acknowledging the time, care and commitment you give to your child's learning.

### Key Reminders:

- **Contact:** Our Home Education Link Officers (HELOs) will continue to offer yearly contact via your preferred method – home visits, telephone and video calls, or written reports. This is a great chance to celebrate your child's progress.
- **EHC Plans:** if your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan, SEND colleagues will be arranging their statutory 'annual' reviews.
- **Health Services:** you can still access the 0–19 *Public Health Nursing Service*, which supports all children's health needs in the community.

### 0-19 Public Health Integrated Nursing Service



- **Exam Costs:** please remember EHE families remain responsible for all resources and fees.
- **Thinking about EHE:** speak with a HELO for impartial advice before making a final decision.

## Support & Resources

EHE can be both rewarding and challenging - we're here to help you access useful tools and support.

### Learning Resources

- **BBC Bitesize** – free lessons/revision materials for all key stages: [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

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- **Oak National Academy** – online lessons and curriculum support: [www.thenationalacademy](http://www.thenationalacademy)



### Local Learning Opportunities

- **Libraries** – free access to books, audiobooks, and learning / reading events – some offer STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Maths) and craft activities, study spaces and free Wi-Fi.



- **Museum/Heritage Sites** – Look out for home educator days at places like Crich Tramway Village, Bolsover Castle, and Derby Museum.

If you know of a great resource or group you'd like to share with other families, please let us know—we'd love to include it in future newsletters.

## Events / Workshops

We offer parental online and face-to-face support learning/development via Family Learning Courses:

- ✓ Supporting your neurodiverse child
- ✓ Family literacy / numeracy / internet safety
- ✓ First aid for parents and carers
- ✓ Cooking healthy family meals
- To find out more or book a place, email: [cs.dacesfamilylearning@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:cs.dacesfamilylearning@derbyshire.gov.uk)

## Local Meetups & Groups

Many home-educating families connect through independently run community activities, which may require joining via Facebook or email – often organising shared learning experiences, including:

- Nature walks and outdoor learning
- Museum / creative workshops and visits
- Peer-led learning sessions



## Learning Spotlight

We want to shine a light on the amazing learning journeys happening across Derbyshire's home educating community. This time, we're featuring a creative science project from an EHE family:

### Growing Curiosity - Home Science Experiment:

Exploring biology by growing beans in different conditions – light, dark, and water-only. They tracked growth, made predictions, and created a chart to show their findings. A brilliant way to combine science, maths, and observation skills.



**Learning Tip - Create a Learning Journal:** Keeping a simple scrapbook of your child's learning can be a great way to reflect, celebrate progress, and build confidence. It doesn't need to be formal – photos, drawings and notes can work wonderfully.

**Want to be featured?** We'd love to showcase your child's project, creative work, or learning journey in future newsletters. If you'd like to share something, please do email us at [cs.ehe@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:cs.ehe@derbyshire.gov.uk)

## FAQ & Guidance

### Do I need to follow the National Curriculum?

No – not required, but your child should receive an education that is suitable to their age, ability, aptitude and any special educational needs.

### Can I access support from the Local Authority?

Yes – our team is here to offer advice and guidance, happy to discuss every form of education.

### Will someone contact us?

Yes – we offer annual contact to discuss your child's education – whichever way suits you best.

### Can my child sit exams?

Yes – but you'll need to arrange this privately via exam centres and/or online providers.

### What if I decide to return my child to school?

You can apply for a school place at any time – contact the Admissions Team for guidance.



## Contact & Feedback

We can support home education journeys – see:

[Elective home education - Derbyshire County Council](#)  
[Elective Home Education \(EHE\) - Derbyshire Local Offer](#)

If you have any questions, need advice or would like to share feedback, please contact via:

[cs.ehe@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:cs.ehe@derbyshire.gov.uk) or [01629 533720](tel:01629533720)

Please share your tips, resources, or achievements with us – together, we can make this newsletter a valuable resource for all home educating families.

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