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Dear

Education of Children Otherwise Than at School (Elective Home Education)

Thank you for notifying us that you will be home-educating your child. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss in person the educational provision that you are hoping to make for .---
--- Please find enclosed some guidance and information that hopefully you will find useful.

Completion of the Parent Plan or an Educational Philosophy is essential to show that you have considered the educational provision that you are hoping to make for your son/daughter. This is available online at: [Home education – Herefordshire Council](#) or you can write your own educational philosophy and return this to us.

Parent Plan Form

This form is designed to help you think about some of the issues you will need to consider if you are to successfully educate your child/children at home. In planning your child's/children's education you might wish to consult the National Curriculum guidelines. It would be beneficial to establish clear routines for study and keep records or copies of all work. It is important to include opportunities for your child/children to have regular contact with other adults and children and to be able to take part in physical activities.

Educational Philosophy

Belief Statement. This is your "philosophy of education" or the values which are important to you and your family

List of Resources you intend to use in your day to day home education

Working with schools and settings to improve continuously

How are you going to put your beliefs into practice; give examples of how your home education will work in practice.

The Initial Parent Plan or the Educational Philosophy needs to be completed either online or returned to the Elective Home Education Officer, Plough Lane, Hereford, HR4 0LE or emailed to home-education@herefordshire.gov.uk.

The education of a child at home is permitted subject to certain conditions imposed by the Education Act 1996. Section 7 of the Act states:

“The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause him/her to have efficient full-time education suitable:

- a) to his/her age, ability and aptitude, and
- b) to any special educational needs he/she may have

either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.”

The last phrase “or otherwise” covers proposals for the education of children at home. Special educational needs cover a very wide spectrum of educational difficulties.

Under Section 437 of the Education Act 1996, the Local Education Authority has a responsibility to check that parents are carrying out the duties imposed on them by Section 7 referred to above.

If you require additional support or advice please contact me either by email at home-education@herefordshire.gov.uk or by telephone on 01432 261584.

Yours faithfully,

Elective Home Education Officer