Elective Home Education

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Advice on Elective Home Education:

What-should-I-do-if-I-want-to-educate-my-child-at-home

Customer Resolution Centre
Open Monday to Friday – 8am to 5.30pm
Tel: 01609 780780

IASS Network:
The Information, Advice and Support Services Network (IASS Network) supports and promotes the work of Information, Advice and Support (IAS) Services across England. We are based at the Council for Disabled Children. We were previously known as the National Parent Partnership Network (NPPN). www.iassnetwork.org.uk

North Yorkshire SENDIASS :
Provides information for families in North Yorkshire who have a child with special educational needs. This includes the “Local Offer”, support and advice services and your local SENDIASS advisor
www.northyorks.gov.uk/send

North Yorkshire Family Information Service:
Available for parents and carers of children 0-19 and for young people with additional needs up to the age of 25 this provides comprehensive, up to date information and advice on all services for children, young people and families in North Yorkshire. This includes where you can find out about childcare, parenting and family support, money advice, getting into work or training, holiday and weekend activities, working in early education and childcare, health, the location of childrens centres, support and activities for disabled children and young people and where to access help for families in distress eg illness, divorce and bereavement. www.northyorks.gov.uk/nyfamilies
Tel: 01609 533483
Email : fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk

North Yorkshire Library Service
Including access to a 24 hour digital library service with ebooks, audio books, online reference sources; where you can find your local library and reservation service for books, CD, DVDs and the mobile library service. www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries

Sources of Information and Resources

Useful websites and information can be accessed via the EHE Room on Fronter (North Yorkshire’s Virtual Learning Environment)
https://fronter.com/northyorks
username: homeguest
password: Fronter123

This area is updated on a regular basis and includes an online forum area which provides opportunity for families to recommend resources to each other.

Useful websites, links and publications for independent study and distance learning
New website resources are being developed and made available constantly and therefore the list below is only representative of some of those which are available at the time of producing this guidance. Please note that North Yorkshire is not responsible for the content of any of the external websites listed and is not making any recommendations

Elective Home Education: Information and Contacts
www.direct.gov.uk – Government information about Home Education
http://edyourself.org – links with other home educating families
www.parentsintouch.co.uk – education and schooling information for parents; downloadable worksheets for all National Curriculum Key Stages
www.educationotherwise.net/ – Provides support and information for home educating families
www.heas.org.uk - Home Education Advisory Service, an independent support network producing a monthly informative newsletter. Good on resources and teaching materials.
www.home-education.org.uk - Home Education UK, good range of information, including a list of other support groups and mailing lists.
www.dyslexia-inst.org.uk - The Dyslexia Institute, information regarding this specific learning difficulty.

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e-safety
The internet is an excellent tool for learning, particularly for children and young people who are experiencing education is an environment outside of school. However, it is essential that sites accessed by the child are checked by an adult on a regular basis. The main reason for this is to protect the young person from undesirable materials, but it is also necessary to make sure the site’s content is relevant to the child’s needs. This list of websites, contacts and publications has been compiled to save parents/carers time in finding suitable sites. Further advice on e-safety can be found at:

www.childnet-int.org/ - Childnet International, a non-profit organisation working with others to help make the Internet a great and safe place for children
http://ceop.police.uk/ - Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre
www.nspcc.org.uk/HelpAndAdvice – tips and advice from the NSPCC on how to keep children safe online
www.kidpower.org/resources/articles – fun, practical and positive safety tips for children
www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/websafety – learn e-safety through cartoons, videos and games
www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/e-safety - North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board e-safety resources and information

Distance learning and tutoring links
www.nec.ac.uk – National Extension College: Distance Learning courses, GCSE and A Level, Tel: 0800 389 2839
www.oxfordhomeschooling.co.uk – Key Stages 3 – 5 specialists
www.catherinemooneytutoring.co.uk – iGCSE English tutoring
www.kipmcgrath.co.uk – tutors to support spelling, reading, comprehension, English and Maths

Accreditation
www.aqa.org.uk The Assessment and Qualifications Alliance (AQA), examining board
www.oocr.org.uk - Oxford and Cambridge & RSA (OCR), examining board
www.edexcel.org.uk – Edexcel, examining board
www.cie.org.uk - Cambridge International Exams, examining board
www.odlq.org.uk - Open and Distance Learning Quality Council (ODLQC)
An independent body which accredits open and distance learning courses. Free information listing all approved organisations and courses.

www.homestudy.org.uk - Association of British Correspondence Courses (ABCC), voluntary association of colleges which comply with a code of ethics.

General information and curriculum topics
www.qca.org.uk - Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), information about the National Curriculum, including tests and assessment arrangements.

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North Yorkshire County Council
www.schoolsnet.com - free online lessons for children 11-16 years

inputing “academic tutors online uk” into your search engine

**English**

www.worldstories.org.uk – a fun site with a growing collection of stories in English and 21 languages spoken in the UK. Listen, read and be creative- activity ideas and lesson plans

www.literacytrust.org.uk – reading and writing resources

http://storynory.com – free audio stories, classic and new

www.writingfun.com – subscription text organisers for writing development

www.thenewspaper.org.uk – news for children, by subscription

http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews – news for children- hear the story, watch the video

www.kidsonthenet.org.uk – invites children to submit their own writing, plus lots more to explore

Letts Key Stage 3 Maths, Science & English Revision Guides and Workbooks

Letts Basic Skills in GCSE English for AQA A

Letts GCSE English for AQA A

**Maths**

www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com – interactive maths dictionary

www.conkermaths.org – maths activities

www.conquermaths.com – full curriculum online tutoring by subscription

CGP/ Letts Maths textbooks, Key Stage 4

Letts GCSE Maths for AQA

**Science**

www.science museum.org.uk/onlinestuff – wide range of information and resources

www.planet-science.com – Key Stages 2 – 4 games, activities and resources

www.agriculture-4-u.co.uk – resources and information about where food comes from and how it is produced

http://science.howstuffworks.com – mostly Key Stage 3 and 4
Contact us
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email: customer.services@northyorks.gov.uk  web: www.northyorks.gov.uk
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Tel: 01609 780 780  email: customer.services@northyorks.gov.uk