

# **Elective Home Education** Information Booklet for Parents/Carers



Children's Services - Education

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# Introduction

This booklet is designed to help parents/carers who are considering educating their children at home.

The information enclosed relates to the legal position of parents and guardians taking on this responsibility, as well as the duties of the Local Authority who must ensure that children educated at home receive a suitable education.

If you require clarification on any matter, or would like to discuss the implications of opting to educate at home, please do not hesitate to contact:

Walsall Children's Services – Education, using the address below, by telephoning the Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education on **01922 652860** or by emailing:

**Zelpher Ferguson** on <u>zelpher.ferguson@walsall.gov.uk</u> (for primary and primary-aged children with secondary-aged siblings)

Please address any correspondence to:

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# Throughout this booklet the word "parents" will be used to indicate anyone with parental responsibility, including guardians and carers.

# Frequently asked questions by parents deciding to educate at home

**Elective home education** is the term used by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) when parents decide to educate their children at home instead of sending them to school. This should not be confused with **home tuition** provided for children unable to attend school through illness or disability or with what is sometimes called education **other than at a school**, such as provided by Walsall Children's Services in hospital settings or our pupil referral units such as The Shepwell Centre.

These guidelines refer only to elective home education and aim to clarify the balance between the right of the parent to educate their child at home and Walsall Children's Services' responsibilities.

Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children receive a suitable education and when parents have chosen to home educate we want this to be a positive experience for their children. We believe this is best achieved when parents and Walsall Children's Services recognise each other's rights and responsibilities and work together.

There are a number of questions which families might consider when thinking about home education and the following questions and answers are intended to help parents to make an informed decision about what is in the best interest of their children.

#### Do children have to go to school?

Education is a fundamental right for every child and it is the duty of all parents to secure an appropriate education for their children. In England, education is compulsory, but school is not and we recognise that parents have the right to educate their children at home.

#### Can I get guidance and advice before making the decision?

Yes, you can contact the Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education at the Education Development Centre on 01922 652860, who can arrange to visit you and discuss any queries or questions you may have.

#### Do I need anyone's permission to educate my child at home?

It is the parent's legal right to make this decision.

If your child is registered at a maintained or an independent school you must inform the Head Teacher formally and in writing of your intention to teach your child at home. Your child's name will be deleted from the school roll and the Head Teacher must inform Walsall Children's Services within 10 working days of removal, giving your child's full name and address. Once we have received this information from the school your child's details will be entered onto the Elective Home Education Database. Failure to notify the school in writing of your intentions to educate at home could result in prosecution for failing to ensure your child's attendance.

We also ask that you inform the Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education by telephoning 01922 652860 so that s/he can arrange to visit you in the first instance.

There is one exception however. If the child who is withdrawn from school is a pupil at a special school, the special school must inform Walsall Children's Services before you can remove your child from the school roll and we will need to consider whether elective home education is a suitable option.

# What is the Parent's duty? Home Education and the Law

The responsibility for a child's education rests with its parents and although parents have a right to educate their children at home, the law states that:

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

- a. to his/her age, ability and aptitude
- b. to any special educational needs he/she may have either by regular attendance at school or otherwise'

This means that parents/carers have a legal responsibility to ensure that their children are educated but this does not have to be in school. Education can take place at home. The law requires a child to be educated from the age of five to the age of 16. The school leaving date for all children, whether 'at school or otherwise' is the 'last Friday in June in the school year in which the child reaches age 16.

# What is 'efficient', 'full-time' and 'suitable' education?

The Education Act 1996 does not define what it means by an 'efficient' education but the term has been broadly used to describe educational provision that 'achieves that which it sets out to achieve'.

There is currently no legal definition of 'full-time' when it comes to education. Children normally attend school for between 22 and 25 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year, but this is not relevant to elective home education where there is often almost continuous one-to-one contact and education may take place at any time.

In the same way, the word 'suitable' is not defined in the Act. However, it is now generally agreed that a 'suitable' education is one that 'primarily equips a child for life within the community of which he/she is a member, rather that the way of life in the country as a whole, as long as it does not foreclose the child's options in later years to adopt some other form of life if he/she wishes to do so.'

#### Can I educate my child part-time at school and part-time at home?

'Flexible schooling attendance' or 'flexi-schooling' is an arrangement between the parent and the school, where the child is registered in the normal way but attends the school only part-time, perhaps for particular lessons. The school will continue to receive full funding for the child being educated this way. As the child remains on the school register they must be taught the national curriculum and the school will be responsible for ensuring that the education the child receives overall meets the necessary standards. Such children should sit attainment tests and exams along with their peers, and they count towards school performance targets. The granting of this leave of absence by schools is governed by the Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 1995, 1996, and 2006. A Governing Body could be deemed to be acting unreasonably if they should grant leave of absence for a child under a 'flexi-schooling' arrangement without establishing that the child would be receiving an efficient full-time education.

Absence from school under this arrangement can be recorded in the school register as 'authorised absence' or 'approved educational activity' at the discretion of the Head Teacher.

It has to be emphasised that Walsall Children's Services or the Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education have no influence over this decision. The negotiation has to be between the parent, the school and the Governing Body who may at their discretion demand evidence that the child is indeed receiving a full-time education in combination with attending lessons in school. It will be up to parents to negotiate this provision and provide evidence that this is the case, if required, to the Head Teacher and the School's Governing Body if the school is amenable to 'flexi-schooling'.

# At what age is it compulsory for a child to receive education?

A child educated at home must receive education from the start date of what would be the school term following their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, if they were at school. Compulsory education continues until the last Friday in June of year 11, i.e. any child who is aged 16 between September and 31<sup>st</sup> August, is of compulsory school age until the last Friday of June in that year, after which employment can begin.

#### Is there a formal curriculum for education at home?

No, and you will not have to follow the National Curriculum which only applies to children educated in state schools. You may wish to have some knowledge or awareness of the content that it provides, and it may be advantageous to match home education with school age-specific standards to facilitate successful reintegration especially if your child may re-engage with formal schooling at some time in the future.

National Curriculum information is available online at <u>www.education.gov.uk</u> or from the Department for Education.

#### Can I get help any financial support or help to plan lessons?

Walsall Children's Services receives no funds from central government to support Elective Home Education. We cannot accept any responsibility to plan your child's education and cannot provide books or any other equipment you may require. Neither can we fund or organise access to public examinations. (See list of support agencies and useful information on pages 12 to 18). Support can, however, be given with suggestions for resources to plan the curriculum.

If you wish to employ a teacher to privately tutor your child in a specific subject or subjects, please ensure that you are satisfied with appropriate references and have sight of a recent **Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) check**.

# **Qualifications Options**

You and your child will need to consider long-term job/career aspirations before deciding whether he/she needs to study GCSE's. Making contact with one of the home education support organisations for advice can be useful (see page 15).

Careers advice is also offered through **Prospects Services** 

http://prospects.co.uk/ContactUs/CorporateHeadOffice/ProspectsinWalsall.aspx for all 13-19 year olds. The telephone number for Prospects Services in Walsall is 01922 636333. If your child is over 13 years old you can contact Prospects Services and speak to the team leader who will explain how they can help.

# Will my child be able to sit GCSEs?

It is possible for your child to take GCSEs as an external candidate at various exam centres. A registered centre is usually at a local school or college. As a home educator you will have to contact them directly. It would also be advisable to contact the individual examination boards to discuss the arrangements for private candidates. Because of compulsory internal assessment components, there are many subjects which are not available to external candidates unless an appropriate arrangement can be made with an approved centre which meets with the examining board requirements. You will have to pay for the examination registration fee for each subject your child will take and for the assessment of coursework by an accredited person.

# Correspondence Courses

Correspondence courses can be an option for children who prefer to work independently, though they will be required in most cases to follow a structured curriculum and programme of work.

Correspondence courses offer a wide range of qualifications at different levels and the organisations offering these courses will advise about arrangements which will need to be made for registering with an examination centre and for marking and authenticating course work. Lessons are planned in the subject(s) you have chosen to study and there is usually a personal tutor at hand to who is available online and/or by phone. The cost of this option varies depending on the organisation and the courses or qualification chosen but can prove to be expensive (see pages 18 and 19).

# Enrolment at a Further Education college

Some colleges may, at the discretion of the principal, be willing to accept children of school age for full or part-time courses. This approach has the advantage that all the work and entry for qualifications is organised by the college, but it does require at least some attendance at classes which will not appeal to all home-educating families. It is up to parents to approach the college and agree the terms and conditions of their child's registration. Parents will normally be liable to pay all the course fees themselves.

Once your child reaches the age of 16 he/she can enrol in a wide range of further education courses, including A/AS level exams.

Universities do not automatically discriminate against home educated applicants. If your child wishes to go onto higher education, universities do not necessarily expect GCSE's; A level grades are more important.

# Will Walsall Children's Services - Education decide if the education I am providing is appropriate?

We hope to establish a good working relationship with you as soon as we receive the information that you intend to home educate.

If you are new to home education and your child is registered with a school, our Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education will contact your family and a convenient time will be offered for an *Initial Visit*. We hope that this meeting will take place within one or two weeks. The Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education will offer guidance and advice, try and resolve any issues which you may have and give you a copy of the *EHE Information Booklet* and a copy of the *EHE Home Education Plan* for you to complete. The Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education will need to be satisfied that there are no specific concerns such as:

- The child has been referred to social services or the police for child protection reasons and the matter is under investigation.
- The child is on the child protection register.
- The child is the subject of a supervision order.
- There is a history of condoned absence, unmanaged truancy, exclusions or other concerns that may require further LA intervention either by Education or Social Care professionals.

In such a situation the Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education will work closely to obtain information from parents, so as to be satisfied that an 'efficient and suitable' education can be provided by parents. The parent will be given the opportunity to discuss any specific concerns the LA has and the child will also be given the opportunity to attend meetings and express his or her views if he/she is able to do so.

Within three months of parents choosing EHE another visit will be arranged. The *Interim Visit* allows for this space in time as Walsall Children's Services are aware that some parents need time to develop their education plans which demonstrate all the characteristics of an 'efficient and suitable' education.

Where parents agree to a home visit the Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education will meet the parents and the child to offer informal advice and guidance on EHE if requested and to inform parents about the monitoring process. The parents will be requested to complete the EHE Parent/Carer Home Education Plan if they have not already done so and any supporting information by a mutually agreed date.

Where parents decline a home visit, the Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education may offer to meet the parents at an alternative venue and will inform parents of alternative appropriate ways of satisfying Walsall Children's Services that an efficient, suitable, full-time education is being delivered. The Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education will continue to make regular contact with parents, at least on an annual basis, in order to ascertain that this is the case.

During this visit the Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education will discuss your philosophy for educating your child at home and expect you to show signs of commitment and enthusiasm, and evidence that you are consistently involved in your child's education. Also, that you recognise your child's needs and aspirations and provide opportunities for your child to be stimulated by his or her learning experiences.

The Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education will hope to see examples of involvement in a broad spectrum of activities to cater for a wide range of interests appropriate to your child's stage of development, as well as access to resources required to meet your objectives. The Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education will also enquire about physical activity and the opportunities for interaction with other children and adults. If the advisor is satisfied that you are providing, or have clear plans to provide, an appropriate education for your child a follow up visit will be made approximately nine months later called *The S7 Review of Educational Provision*. The Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education will complete a report which you will be asked to sign and a copy will also be kept for your records.

Walsall Children's Services recognises that there are many approaches to educational provision, not just a 'school at home' model. What is suitable for one child may not be suitable for another, but all children should be involved in a learning process appropriate to their needs and abilities.

It is the responsibility of parents to be able to show Walsall Children's Services that they have a programme of work in place that is helping their child to develop according to his or her age, ability and aptitude and any special educational needs he or she may have and which 'achieves that which it sets out to achieve.'

Because we recognise that there are many, equally valid, approaches to educational provision, Walsall Children's Services will consider a wide range of evidence from home educating parents and in a range of formats. This could include specific examples of learning such as pictures, paintings, models, diaries, projects, assessments, samples of work, books and evidence of educational visits such as photographs.

The Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education will also expect the provision to demonstrate the following characteristics as described in the Department for Education guidelines:

- Consistent involvement of parents or other significant carers. It is expected that parents or significant carers will play a substantial role, although they may not necessarily constantly or actively be involved in providing education themselves.
- Recognition of the child's needs, attitudes and aspirations.
- Opportunities for the child to be stimulated by their learning experiences.
- Access to the resources and materials required to provide home education such as paper and pens, books and access to libraries, arts and crafts materials, as well as to physical activities, ICT facilities where appropriate and
- Opportunities for appropriate interaction with other children and adults.

# What will happen if the Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education does not consider the home education suitable?

In the experience of Walsall Children's Services, the vast majority of home education visits result in finding the parents arrangements to be appropriate.

If the Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education is not satisfied with your provision they will discuss this with you, specifying their grounds for concern. You will be kept fully in the picture if we are not satisfied and you will be advised by letter what it is that does not satisfy us. If you wish, the Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education will make some practical suggestions as to how you might improve the education concerned in the best interests of your child. We will give you a reasonable time to rectify the situation and then ask for a further meeting or for further information to be submitted. A further contact will be arranged within three months time to give you time to develop the provision or even sooner depending on the circumstances.

If we are still not satisfied then there is a duty under Section 437(1) of the 1996 Education Act which states that:

"If it appears to a local education authority (Walsall Children's Services) that a child of compulsory age in their area is not receiving suitable education, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise, they shall serve a notice in writing on the parent requiring him to satisfy them within the period specified in the notice that the child is receiving such education."

If the education is not considered efficient and suitable after this time, the Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education will refer the matter to Children Missing Education (CME) or Education Welfare who will apply for a School Attendance Order (sections 437-443, 1996 Education Act), which will direct you to register your child at a school specified by Walsall Children's Services.

This order means that a parent must register their child at a school named in the order. If the parent does not comply and register their child, or if the child does not attend the school regularly, the parent may be prosecuted for a criminal offence under the *Education Act 1996.* 

A School Attendance Order will only be served after all reasonable steps have been taken to try to resolve the situation and even after an order has been issued parents may still present evidence to Walsall Children's Services that they are now providing an appropriate education and apply to have the School Attendance Order revoked. If Walsall Children's Services decides to prosecute the parents for not complying with the Order, then it will be for a court to decide whether or not the education being provided is suitable and efficient.

We hope that these guidance notes make it clear that Walsall Children's Services does not wish to appear threatening in any way, and we would do all we can to prevent such serious action. In the interests of the child however, this is the responsibility placed on us by the Education Act and we must ensure that we fulfil this.

Where Walsall Children's Services imposes a time limit on parents to provide evidence that a suitable education is being provided every effort will be made to make sure that both the parents and the Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education are available throughout this period. We will endeavour to make sure that the time limit does not expire during or near to the school holidays when there may be no appropriate point of contact for parents.

At any stage where the Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education or parent identifies concerns about a child's welfare or progress, the frequency of meetings may be increased to address particular issues about the child's education and other agencies may be contacted by the Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education.

# <u>What if my child has a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Disabilities</u> (SEND) or an Education Health Care (EHC) Plan?

The fact that a child has Special Educational Needs does not affect the parent's right to educate their child at home. However when a child has been issued with a "statement of Special Educational Need" or EHC (Education Health Care) Plan, Walsall Children's Services has a duty to ensure that these needs are met even when the child is home educated.

If the education provided at home does not meet the needs of the child, as set out in the statement, Walsall Children's Services will judge that the parents are not making 'suitable arrangements.' In these circumstances Walsall Children's Services still has a duty to make sure that the child's needs are met and will have to take actions to ensure that this happens.

Walsall Children's Services has a duty to review all statements annually, following procedures set out the SEND Code of Practice and this duty still applies to children educated at home. It will, therefore, be necessary to hold an Annual Review Meeting which will be arranged in consultation with the parents. Walsall Children's Services should make it clear to parents that they are welcome to attend, but are not obliged to do so.

If your child is on roll at a special school, please contact the Special Educational Needs (SEN) Team on 01922 652871, before taking any action about home education. The Head Teacher of a Special School cannot take your child's name off roll for you to pursue home education without the agreement of the local authority. We will not withhold your request unreasonably but will work closely with you and the SEN department to outline a plan suited to your child's needs. You can access more information about how your child or family may be affected at: <u>http://ehe-sen.org.uk/</u>

# How do I go about home educating?

If your child is not yet of school age you do not need to do anything, though it would help us to keep in contact with home educating families if you were to write to us, stating that you intend educating your child at home from a particular date and giving the following information:

- Your child's name and date of birth.
- Your home address.
- Your telephone number and email address.

If your child is of statutory school age and already attends a Walsall school, simply write to the Head Teacher of the school stating that you intend to educate your child at home. The Head Teacher is then required to notify Walsall Children's Services. We would also like you to inform us of your decision to home educate as soon as you have read this booklet so that we can arrange a home visit and offer guidance and advice.

If your child is registered at a school because a School Attendance Order has been issued, you must first get the order revoked on the grounds that arrangements have been made for the child to receive suitable education otherwise than at school. Once this has been done your child can be deleted from the school's register and educated at home.

Parents may choose to employ other people to educate their children, but they will still continue to be responsible for the quality of the education provided. They will also be responsible for making sure that the people they employ are suitable by taking up appropriate references, including a **Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) check**.

# What if I don't inform Walsall Children's Services and just keep my child at home?

Walsall Children's Services has a legal responsibility to satisfy itself that parents are fulfilling their duties. If you do not provide evidence of this, Walsall Children's Services may conclude that your child's education is not efficient. The Education Welfare team will then become involved and, if necessary, take steps to ensure that your child receives an efficient, full-time education suitable to his of her age, ability, aptitude and special educational needs. This could mean issuing a School Attendance Order (see page 9).

#### Can I change my mind about home education?

If you wish your child to return to formal full time education you can approach a school directly or contact the School Admissions Team at Walsall Children's Services for advice, guidance or assistance. The telephone number is 01922 652585. You will need to be aware that the normal admissions procedure will apply and will be subject to a place being available in the appropriate year group at any particular school. You will also need to inform the Specialist Officer for Elective Home Education.

# Child Protection

The health, welfare and protection of all children are of paramount concern and the responsibility of the whole community. As with school- educated children, child protection or issues of health, welfare or social concerns may arise in relation to home-educated children. If the advisor has major health, welfare or social concerns about your child which come to light in the course of engagement with children and families, or otherwise, these concerns will be immediately referred to the appropriate Social Services department/Safeguarding Officer using established procedures.

#### Child Employment

There are rules that apply to all children of compulsory school age whether they attend school or are home educated. Children may not work until they are 13 years of age and then not work during normal school hours. Before your child is able to start any form of employment they must have a work permit. You can get more information by contacting the Education Welfare Service on 01922 652860.

#### Children in Entertainment

Rules for children in entertainment apply to all children of compulsory school age whether they attend a school or are home educated. You will need a performance license if your child is involved in paid work in theatre, in a film or television, in modelling or sport or if the performance is during normal school hours. You can get more information by contacting the Education Welfare Service on 01922 652860.

#### Points we ask parents to consider.

- Think long and hard about your decision to educate your child at home. It is a major commitment in terms of your time and energy.
- Look at the costs involved, including the cost of visits, books and other resources.
- Talk to your child about the decision and find out what they want to do.

- Involve your child in the decision-making process regarding Elective Home Education. We recommend that you research home education by reading books, websites, contacting support organisations and meeting or talking with other home educators if possible.
- Consider the social side of growing up, the need to provide opportunities for your child to be involved in social activities and benefit from the stimulus of seeing other children's work. The benefits from such activities may provide a source of motivation for your child to succeed.
- Keep your options open as your child's needs my change at different ages and stages. Walsall Children's Services will always be willing to work with parents to find a suitable place for your child in a Walsall school.
- It would not be in your child's best interests if you decide to educate him or her at home because of a disagreement with a teacher or a school. Talk through the problem, or meet with the Governors of the school or to Walsall Children's Services in getting it resolved.
- Home education should not be seen as a solution to the problem of getting a reluctant child to school. This should be discussed with the school staff, with the support of the Education Welfare Officer, if necessary.

# Where can I find more help and information?

The Department for Education (DfE) <u>www.education.gov.uk</u> provides information for parents about Elective Home Education. Some documents are also available from the Stationary Office site at <u>www.tso.co.uk</u>, telephone 0845 602 2260.

Education Welfare Service Walsall Children's Services Education Development Centre Pelsall Lane Rushall Walsall WS4 1NG 01922 652860

School Admissions Service Walsall Children's Services The Civic Centre Walsall WS1 1TP 01922 652585

Educational Psychologists Walsall Children's Services Education Development Centre Pelsall Lane Rushall Walsall WS4 1NG 01922 652860 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Walsall Children's Services Education Development Centre Pelsall Lane Rushall Walsall WS4 1NG 01922 652871

# <u>Further information can be gained through the following websites. However,</u> <u>Walsall Children's Services can take no responsibility for their content.</u>

Home Education Advisory Service is a national home education charity based in the United Kingdom. It is dedicated to the provision of advice and practical support for families who wish to educate their children at home in preference to sending them to school. Interest in home education is increasing and HEAS recognises that reliable information should be available for everyone.

#### **Home Education Advisory Service**

PO Box 98 Welwyn Garden City Hertfordshire AL8 6AN Tel: 01707 371 854 Website: **www.heas.org.uk** 

#### www.prospects.co.uk

Prospects Services provides support to all 13 to 19 year olds and to young people who have not yet reached 25 years if they have a learning difficulty, in order to encourage, enable or assist their effective participation in education or training.

#### Prospects Services: 30 & 30a Station street, Walsall WS2 9JZ Tel: 01922 636333

#### www.educationeverywhere.co.uk

An information sharing service, based primarily around a Helpline.

#### Cambridge Information Ltd

Combs Tannery Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 2EN Tel. 01449 774658 www.caminfo.co.uk

#### **Casebourne Home Tuition**

4 Rushbrook Way Rivermead Shrewsbury SY2 5TQ Tel. 01743 289277 Email: **youngdavies@mcmail.com** 

KS3 Pack, 3 x 12 week terms with assessments

# Catholic Home-Schooling Network (CHSN)/Catholic Home School UK

P.O. Box 52 Skegness PO52 1UE

An informal network for Catholic families educating their children at home. For newsletters and a membership list send a stamped addressed envelope.

# **Christian Education Europe**

PO Box 77 Highworth Swindon Wiltshire SN6 7TU Tel. 01793 783 783 www.christian-education.org

Help for Christian families with the education of children aged 5-16 years.

# **Contact for Muslim Families**

Mrs. Z.N. Yahya 20 Page Street Swansea SA4 4EY

# **Co-ordination Group Publishing**

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GCSE revision and SATs material catalogue

#### **Education Otherwise**

PO Box 325 Kings Lynn PE34 3XW Helpline: 0845 478 6345 www.education-otherwise.org.uk

#### **Open & Distance Learning Quality Council**

16 Park Crescent London WB1 1AH Tel. 020 7612 7090 odlgc.org.uk

Publishes free lists of accredited colleges

# Personalised Education Now

113 Arundel Drive Bramcote Nottingham NG9 3FG Tel: 0115 925 7261 www.personalisededucationnow.org.uk

A co-operative devoted to developing more flexible forms of education and more educational diversity.

International GCSE

1 – 5 Hills Road Cambridge CB1 2EU Tel. 01223 553311

# **Oxford Home schooling**

4, Kings Meadow Oxford OX2 0DP Tel:0800 0 111 024 www.oxfordhomeschooling.co.uk

Offers a variety of flexible, correspondence, home schooling courses: Key Stage 3, GCSEs, A Levels. A tutor is available by phone to enable regular contact with the student.

#### Nasen

Nasen House, 4/5 Amber Business Village Amber Close Amington Tamworth Staffordshire B77 4RP Tel: 01827 311500 nasen.org.uk

Nasen is the leading organisation in the UK which aims to promote the education, training, advancement and development of all those with special and additional support needs.

# **National Extension College**

The Michael Young Centre Homerton Business Park Purbeck Road Cambridge CB2 2HN Tel. 01223 400 321 www.nec.ac.uk

A variety of correspondence courses are available from the college.

# NorthStar UK

37 Balmoral Crescent Dronfield Woodhouse Dronfield S18 8ZY Tel: 01246 410 122 www.northstaruk.org

Christian on-line tutorial service for all ages and levels. **Rapid Results College** Tuition House 27/37 Georges Road London SW19 4AD Tel. 020 8944 3100 www.rapidresultscollege.com

Correspondence courses are available from the college.

# The Student Support Centre

Freepost MB2038 Beckenham Kent BR3 1BR Tel: 0800 13 22 77 www.simply-education.co.uk

The Student Support Centre is the largest supplier of home-based learning materials in the UK specialising in home-based tuition in Mathematics and English.

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