

The Education Department is committed to realising the potential of all children, young people, communities and staff by:

- putting people at the heart of all we do
- nurturing an ethos of achievement
- striving for sustainable improvement
- working co-operatively.



If you require any further information on this subject please contact:

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## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



## CHILDREN EDUCATED AT HOME



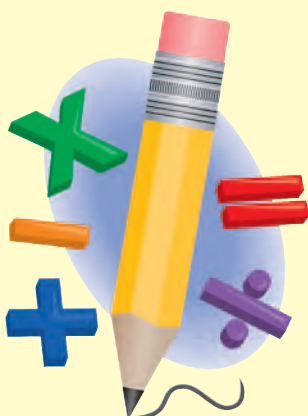
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Parents are legally responsible for ensuring that their children receive an efficient education which is suited to their age, ability and aptitude either by having them attend school regularly or by some other means.

The vast majority of parents fulfil this responsibility by sending their children to school but a small number choose instead to provide home-based education.

There are several reasons why parents might wish to exercise this right including:

- Religious or cultural beliefs;
- Philosophical or ideological views;
- As a short term intervention for a particular reason;?
- Dissatisfaction with the system;
- A child's reluctance to go to school.



### If I want to educate my child at home what should I do?

If your child is already in attendance at school, you should write to:

The Director of Education  
Angus House  
Orchardbank Business Park  
Forfar DD8 1AE  
Tel: 01307 476300

to request permission to withdraw your child from school and to confirm that you wish to assume responsibility for educating your child at home.

The Director of Education will arrange for a member of staff to meet with you and your child to discuss the planned arrangements and to prepare a report for his consideration (you will also receive a copy of the report).

### You are not required to seek the consent of the Authority to educate your child at home if:

- your child has never attended a public school
- your child has never attended a public school in that authority's area
- your child is being withdrawn from an independent school
- your child has finished primary education in one school but has not started secondary education in another
- the school your child has been attending has closed.

### In the last two illustrations parents require to notify the Director of Education that they intend to educate their child at home.

Whether or not you had to seek approval to educate your child/ren at home you are responsible for ensuring that your child/ren receive an appropriate education. The Local Authority must also be satisfied that an efficient education is being provided and staff will remain in contact by meeting with you and your child (usually once per year) to discuss and monitor progress.



Local Authority staff may offer advice to families but it should be noted that other forms of support such as equipment, books or expendable resources will not normally be made available.

In certain circumstances approval to educate your child at home may not be granted but there is an appeals process available. If you require this facility you will be provided with detailed information about your rights and the procedures to be followed.

This leaflet contains a limited amount of information about the issue of home education. A copy of the Scottish Government publication "Home Education Guidance" can be obtained from their web site at:

[www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/207380/0055026.pdf](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/207380/0055026.pdf)

and further information can also be accessed at: [www.schoolhouse.org.uk](http://www.schoolhouse.org.uk), the web site of the Schoolhouse Home Education Association.

If you have any comments, compliments or complaints, please contact ACCESSLine on 08452 777 778.