



Information for Elective Home Educators



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Elective Home Education - Information for Parents¹

The following notes for guidance have been written to help parents who are considering educating, or are already educating their children² outside the school system. If you have any further queries, please contact the **Lead Elective Home Education (EHE) Officer, Elective Home Education Team, Education Inclusion Service, Oxfordshire County Council, 3rd Floor, Unipart House, Garsington Road, Oxford, OX4 2GQ on Tel. 01865 810605.**

The Law

The responsibility for a child's education rests with their parents. Parents have a duty to secure an appropriate full-time education for their children. Most parents choose to send their child to school, some choose to do this by educating their child at home. Parents are responsible for making sure that their children are educated during compulsory school years (between five and 16).

Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 provides that:

“The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause him to receive efficient full-time education suitable:
a) to his age, ability and aptitude, and
b) to any special educational needs he may have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.”

Home-based education is the 'otherwise' part, and parents have the right to educate their children at home. Oxfordshire Local Authority (LA) recognises that there are many, equally valid, approaches to educational provision. To ensure that children of statutory school age in Oxfordshire access their fundamental right to an education, we promote the building of effective relationships between the Local Authority and families who home educate.

Further information regarding statutory responsibilities in relation to home education can be found in the Department for Education document “Elective Home Education – Guidelines for Local Authorities” <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/elective-home-education>

Alternatively, please contact the Lead EHE Link Worker to request a copy of this document.

¹ Throughout this document, 'parent' is intended to refer to 'parent or carer'

² Throughout this document, 'children' is intended to refer to 'children and young people'

What is full time education?

Children in home education are taught in very different conditions and there is no direct comparison with school based timetables or educational arrangements.

What is efficient and suitable education?

Efficient has been broadly described in case law as an education that achieves that which it sets out to achieve, and a suitable education is one that primarily equips a child for life within the community of which he is a member, rather than 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 wishes to do so (Department for Education EHE Guidelines Nov 2007, section 2.3).

It is up to parents to fulfil their duty according to any reasonable interpretation of the term. Certainly what is provided need not be the same kind of 'lessons' as are provided at school.

What about compulsory subjects?

For home educated children there are no compulsory subjects. The National Curriculum applies only to children of compulsory school age in maintained and foundation schools, including community special schools and voluntary aided and voluntary controlled schools. A number of home educating parents ask us about the National Curriculum and use it to support their education plans. It is helpful to be aware of the National Curriculum if you wish your child to go to school, college, university or some other training at a later stage. Further information about the National Curriculum is available on the internet on the Department for Education website <https://www.gov.uk/topic/schools-colleges-childrens-services/curriculum-qualifications>

What is 'Raising the Participation Age'?

The Education and Skills Act (2008) places a duty on all young people to participate in education or training until their 18th birthday. From summer 2013 young people were required to continue in education or training until the end of the academic year in which they turn 17. From 2015, they are required to continue in education or training until their 18th birthday. The DfE has accepted elective home education as one way for young people to comply with this legal duty, i.e. home education can continue after the end of compulsory school age. Please see appendix 1 for further information about support available to 14-16 year olds in Oxfordshire looking for work, training and education courses.

How do I go about it?

If your child is registered at a school you must first inform the Headteacher, in writing, who will de-register your child from that school. If your child has never been to school or you are new to the area you don't have to inform the Local Authority. However, we believe you would find it valuable to register your child with us to receive the support the Local Authority has to offer its home education community (please see below).

What if my child has a statement of special educational needs/Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan?

You are within your rights to educate a child with special educational needs otherwise than at school. The Special Educational Needs Team will continue to coordinate an annual review for each child with a statement of special educational needs/EHC plan. For children who are registered at a Special School and have a Statement of Special Educational Needs/EHC plan the situation is different: consent from the Local authority must be sought before removing your child from school to home educate. The Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations g (2) 1996 state:

'a child who has under arrangements made by a Local Authority become a registered pupil at a Special School shall not be removed from the admission register of that school without the consent of the Authority or, if that Authority refuse to consent, without a direction of the Secretary of State'.

By April 2018 all children and young people with statements will have transferred to EHC plans. For further information please refer to the new SEND Code, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25> and Oxfordshire's SEN and Disability (SEND) Local Offer, which brings together information about education, health and care services for children and young people with SEND, <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/special-educational-needs-and-disability-local-offer>

What happens next?

Once informed of your decision to home educate, the Lead EHE Officer will forward a copy of the booklet 'Information for Elective Home Educators'. You will be asked to provide some basic information regarding the education of your child and offered an appointment with an EHE Link Worker to talk about your proposed arrangements for your child's education and address any initial queries you may have about home education. Many people find a home visit helpful, but parents may wish to meet at another venue, with or without their child. This meeting, however, is not compulsory.

What support is available from the Local Authority?

The Local Authority is able to offer parents advice and support through home visits conducted by a team of specialist EHE Link Workers as well as on going telephone and email correspondence. The team will refer to other agencies/colleagues where support for children/parents is required. The team liaises with colleges to facilitate the running of courses for 14-16 year old home educated young people and the health service to arrange drop in immunization sessions for home educators and ensure up-to-date health information is passed on to EHE families.

Support not available from the Local Authority

Oxfordshire Local Authority is unable to offer direct teaching or provide materials for children being educated at home. You will also be responsible for organising, and insuring for, any work experience placements, should you wish this. Similarly, should you wish your child to take formal qualifications, you would have to find an exam centre willing to take a private candidate and pay for any associated costs.

If you choose to employ a private tutor it is your responsibility to ensure that this person has the right knowledge and skills to take on this role. It is entirely appropriate that any tutor should also be able to demonstrate Disclosure and Barring Service clearance and provide references.

How is the EHE Team involved in education at home?

The EHE Team has a duty to intervene under section 437(1) of the Education Act 1996 if it appears that parents are not providing a suitable education at home. The EHE Team will offer a home visit to discuss your child's education. We appreciate that you may not wish to meet an EHE Link Worker and instead may prefer to let us know about the education you are providing in other ways. For instance, you may choose one or more of the following:

- Meeting with an EHE Link Worker, with or without your child being present at a mutually acceptable venue.
- Sending in information or an educational philosophy.
- Setting out your educational plans with examples of work.
- Demonstrating education provision in some other mutually acceptable way.

The main advantages of a home visit are that our team can offer support and guidance face to face and it allows you to present a wide range of work in context and to discuss your child's work in a comfortable and private environment.

What if the EHE Link Worker has concerns or reservations about our education at home programme?

If the EHE Team believes that a suitable education is not taking place then further information will be sought and further visits, consultations and/or a referral to an early intervention hub for support may be offered with the aim of helping you to overcome the difficulties within a mutually agreed time scale. If, in the end, the EHE Team still considers that your child is receiving a less than suitable education then it is Oxfordshire County Council's duty to issue a School Attendance Order. This will require you to send your child to a school named on the Order (Section 437, Education Act 1996).

Can my child attend school part-time?

Government guidance states that "Schools should not mark a pupil as attending school, using the attendance code B for off-site education activity, unless the school is responsible for supervising the off-site education, and can ensure the safety and the welfare of the pupil off-site. Schools are ultimately responsible for the attainment of every child registered on their roll. Whilst being home educated, parents and carers are responsible for pupils, not schools. Where parents have entered in to flexi-schooling arrangements, schools may continue to offer those arrangements. Pupils should be marked absent from school during periods when they are receiving home education." Flexi-schooling arrangements are agreed between headteachers and parents. The local authority is not involved with these arrangements.

Can my child attend a Further Education College?

Colleges can claim the cost of course fees on an individual basis for home educated young people under 16. Please contact your local college for further information about courses

available (see appendix 2 for contact details). Abingdon and Witney, City of Oxford, Banbury and Bicester, and Swindon Colleges offer courses to 14-16 year old home educated young people. However, places on these courses are limited.

What will happen if we decide to move?

We would be grateful if you let us know your new address by writing to, or phoning, the Lead EHE Officer (please see contact details below).

What if I decide to educate at home and then change my mind?

If at any time you should wish your child to enter or re-enter the school system the Admissions Team can offer advice and support as required. Please see appendix 2 for contact information.

Further considerations

There are a wide variety of reasons why parents choose to home educate, but if it is due to an unresolved dispute with a school, the EHE Team strongly suggests a dialogue first with the school to attempt to resolve any dispute. It is also well worth talking to someone who has experience of the highs and lows of home education before finally making the decision. Experienced Oxfordshire home educators can be contacted via the Oxfordshire Home Educators Yahoo Group <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/OxonHE/info> (please see appendix 1 for further information about this and independent support agencies).

Education at home can be a happy and constructive experience for both you and your child. If you decide to home educate the EHE Team wishes you well and will do what it can to help you to ensure that a suitable education is provided.

Comments and Complaints

We can only improve our service to you if you inform us about those areas that you are pleased with and those areas that you feel need improvement. Please discuss any comment or complaint you may have with the EHE Link Worker. If you have an unresolved complaint, please send your complaint, in writing, to the Lead EHE Officer who will investigate and respond within 15 working days. If you are still not satisfied, then please follow the Oxfordshire County Council complaints policy.

How to contact us:

Address: EHE Team Phone (for general EHE advice): 01865 810605
Education Inclusion Service
Oxfordshire County Council
3rd Floor
Unipart House Email: eotas@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Garsington Road
Oxford
OX4 2GQ

Website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/being-educated-home

Please check the local authority's webpages for updates and details of local events.

APPENDIX 1

Useful Sources of Information and Support

The Local Authority has no direct link with any of the sources listed below. These sources are not quality controlled by the Local Authority but are provided merely as contacts for potential support/resources. The Local Authority accepts no responsibility for the content or quality of material provided by these contacts. There are many free resources available to home educators.

Abingdon and Witney College

☎: 01235 216286

✉: cathy.king-spooner@abingdon-witney.ac.uk
www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk

Advisory Centre for Education Limited

Independent advice to parents/carers of children in state-funded schools who are experiencing difficulties such as bullying, SEN, admissions to, and exclusions from, school.

✉: enquiries@ace-ed.org.uk
www.ace-ed.org.uk

Adviza

A registered charity providing impartial information, advice and guidance to young people as they move through their teenage years into adulthood and working life.

www.adviza.org.uk

Aidis Trust

Computer equipment for children with special needs.

☎: 0808 8000009

✉: support@aidis.org
www.aidis.org

Aquila Magazine

By subscription, for children (8 - 13 year olds) who enjoy challenges.

☎: 01323 431313

www.aquila.co.uk

Banbury and Bicester College

☎: 01865 551754

✉: Lesley.wood@ActivateLearning.ac.uk
www.banbury-bicester.ac.uk

BBC

www.bbc.co.uk/schools
www.bbc.co.uk/learning
www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

Bullying UK

www.bullying.co.uk

Channel 4

www.channel4.com/explore

Children's Legal Centre

Legal advice and information on areas of child, family and education law. To access this advice and information please visit www.childrenslegalcentre.com and follow the link to the Child Law Advice Service where you will be able to view a range of factsheets and how to guides. Should you have clarifying questions following your visit to their website, their helpline number is available at the end of each factsheet.

City of Oxford College

☎: 0800 612 6008

✉: Paul.Stallard@ActivateLearning.ac.uk
www.cityofoxford.ac.uk

Conquermaths.com

Online maths tutor
www.conquermaths.com

Co-ordination Group Publications

☎: 0870 750 1262
www.cgpbooks.co.uk

Khan Academy

Not for profit education resources for parents
www.khanacademy.org

Department for Education

☎: 0370 0002288

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

EdPlace

Education resources for parents.

☎: 020 71839818

www.edplace.com

Ed Yourself

Clear, up-to-date analysis and information regarding key areas of elective home education practice and policy in England and Wales.

www.edyourself.org

Educational Freedom

Not for profit organisation providing information about covering all of the UK and all styles of education.

www.EducationalFreedom.org.uk

Education Otherwise

Information and resources for home educating families and those considering home education for the first time.

☎: 0845 4786345

www.educationotherwise.net

Future School Online Learning Systems

Maths and English online package for home educators

www.futureschool.com

HE Special

Information on home education and children with special needs.

www.he-special.org.uk

Home Education Advisory Service

Charity providing advice and support for families for home educators.

✉: PO Box 98, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, AL8 6AN

☎: 01707 371854

www.heas.org.uk

Interhigh

Independent school on the internet

www.interhigh.co.uk

Literacy Planet

Online Program to Improve Literacy Skills

www.literacyplanet.com

Learndirect

☎: 0800 101901

www.learndirect.co.uk

Mohawk

Multi-functional day centre, just outside Wargrave, Berkshire, for children with special needs, providing a range of activities, facilities and natural space to encourage children with a variety of special needs to play, socialise and learn in a secure and caring environment.

<http://www.campmohawk.org.uk/>

Muddle Puddle

Resources and information for home educating families

www.muddlepuddle.co.uk

Potential Plus UK

Charity support for children with high learning potential (gifted and talented)

www.potentialplusuk.org

National Extension College (NEC)

✉: Michael Young Centre, Purbeck Road, Cambridge, CB2 8HN

☎: 0800 3892839

✉: info@nec.ac.uk

www.nec.ac.uk

NRICH Maths

www.nrich.maths.org.uk

Oxfordshire Dyslexia Association

Support for children with dyslexia

☎: 01865 721130

✉: oxford.dyslexia@gmail.com

www.oxdys.org.uk

Oxford Home Schooling

Speciality in KS3 and GCSE.

☎: 0800 0111024

www.oxfordhomeschooling.co.uk

Oxford Owl

Website to help support children's learning

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Physics.org

Science for 6 years+

www.physics.org

Single parent online support group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/EO-SingleParent/info>

Lone parents wishing to join will need to send an email to eo-singleparent-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Swindon College

Work related courses and training for 14-16 year olds

☎: 01793 498322

✉: 14-16team@swindon-college.ac.uk

www.swindon-college.ac.uk

The Happy Scientist

www.thehappyscientist.com

The Royal Institution of Great Britain

Free science lectures.

www.rigb.org.uk

TheSchoolRun.com

National curriculum resources.

www.theschoolrun.com

Wiki for home educators – exams

Discusses the practicalities of gaining formal qualifications as a home-educated young person. Links to the home educators' exams yahoo group.

www.home-education-exams.org.uk

Wits End Curriculum Solutions

Offer a comprehensive, fully-timetabled plan and resources needed from Foundation to GCSE.

☎: 01329 310 071

www.witsendcs.com

Wolsey Hall

A not-for-profit organisation providing Key Stage 3, iGCSE and A Level distance learning courses for all ages. Students are assigned a tutor who gives support via email and Skype and who also marks and grades all assignments.

☎: 0800 6226599

www.wolseyhalloxford.org.uk

Local Groups

Yahoo Groups: provide information and support for those currently home educating or considering home education. Members of the groups can make initial contact with local home educators.

Oxfordshire Home Educators <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/OxonHE/info>

North Wiltshire Home Educators [https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/NWiltshire HE/info](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/NWiltshire_HE/info)

Berkshire Home Educators

https://uk.groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Berkshire_Home_Education/info

Facebook Groups: Oxfordshire home educators, Gloucestershire home educators, home education Wiltshire, home education West Berkshire. In order to join these groups you need to be known in person (these are not anonymous groups).

Local Home Educating Contacts

Jenna Saunders, Milton-under-Wychwood, Tel. 01993 831338,
saundersjenna@hotmail.com

Penny Manning, penny.manning@btinternet.com

Suzi Coul, Tel. 07775 464349, coulsuzi@aol.com

Activities

Some of the current activities organised (more details and dates can be found on the OxonHE Yahoo list):

Large monthly Home Ed meet up in Woodstock. On a Thursday 10.30am-2.30pm, for all ages. Contact Jenna Saunders.

Carterton Country Park, every other Tuesday, 11am-2pm, all ages. Most families come earlier, rather than later. Contact Suzi Coul

Home Ed NICAS Climbing Group, at Far Peak, Northleach, Glos. Every other Wednesday at 12.30pm. This is for 8yrs+, regular/experienced climbers or those that have recently completed an introductory course.

SOAP, South Oxford Adventure Playground. Every Monday, last minute cancellations posted on OxonHe Yahoo list (can be busy), for all ages.

Cotswold Forest School, South Cerney. Monthly, on a Friday, 10am-2pm. 7yrs+.

Chess club, Kennington Village Hall, every week on Friday, 11am-12noon. Followed by the Family Pub afternoon across the road.

Family pub afternoon, The Tandem Pub, Kennington. 12-2pm. Every Friday, after chess club.

Bury Knowle (Oxford) play afternoon. Thursday every week 12.30-3.30pm. Bury Knowle Park, Headington. For all ages.

Ice Skating, Oxford, every other Thursday 10am-12noon, tuition available for the first hour.
For all ages.

Fencing, Swindon, every other Thursday 10.30-12pm. 7yrs+

Social evening for parents, every other Monday 8-11pm, Kings Head and Bell pub,
Abingdon.

Kangaroo Outdoor Play, every Wednesday 11.45am-1pm, Barracks Lane Community
Garden

APPENDIX 2

Local Authority Sources of Support and Advice

Admissions Team

☎ 01865 815175

✉: admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/schools

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a programme aimed at teenagers and young people aged 14 to 24 years old. You can choose whether you want to go for the bronze, silver or gold awards. The bronze award is six months, the silver is twelve months (less if you have already done your bronze) and the gold is eighteen months (less if you have already done your silver).

What participants do for their programme is entirely up to them, though four sections must be covered (Five if you are taking on the Gold award) these are: volunteering, physical activities, skills and an expedition, if you are going to go for the gold there will also be a residential as a fifth activity.

To find out more contact the DofE Award Office:

☎: 01865 328908

✉: dofe@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Website: <http://oxme.info/cms/life/duke-edinburgh>

Early Intervention Service Hubs

Seven Early Intervention hubs across Oxfordshire support children, young people and families with additional and complex needs through delivering services flexibly to meet families' requirements including outreach support. The Hubs work with children and young people from birth to 19 and their families, providing intensive support to enable their needs to be met. The hubs are committed to trying to prevent problems from worsening or reaching crisis point.

For further information visit:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/earlyinterventionhubs

Or contact your local hub on the numbers below:

Abingdon, The Net, Stratton Way, Abingdon, OX14 3RG

☎: 0845 6029279 / 01865 328400

✉: EIAbingdon@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Banbury, Banbury Youth Centre, Hilton Road, Banbury, OX16 0EJ

☎: 0845 6029288 / 01865 328440

✉: EIBanbury@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Bicester, The Courtyard Youth Arts Centre, Launton Road, Bicester, OX26 6DJ

☎: 0845 6029298 / 01865 328470

✉: EIBicester@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Didcot, The Vibe Youth Centre, Park Road, Didcot, OX11 8QX

☎: 0845 6029299 / 01865 328480

✉: EIDidcot@oxfordshire.gov.uk

East Oxford, Union Street Centre for Young People, Union Street, East Oxford, OX4 1JP

☎: 0845 6029315 / 01865 328490

✉: IEEastOxford@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Littlemore, Oxford Academy Campus, Sandy Lane West, Littlemore, Oxford, OX4 6JY

☎: 0845 6416424 / 01865 816202

✉: ELittlemore@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Witney, Witney Youth Centre, Witan Way, Witney, OX28 4YA

☎: 0845 6029284 / 01865 328730

✉: EIWitney@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Oxfordshire Family Information Directory

Information on registered childcare, early education, family support and activities for children and families.

<http://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/fsd/home.page>

Oxfordshire Libraries for Young People

- FREE
- Confidential
- On-line 24/7
- Wide, varied, popular choices
- Friendly staff
- County-wide (43 branches, 5 mobile libraries, 2 Children's Mobile Libraries, 1 Children's Centre mobile)

Young People can borrow:

- Books and e-books for leisure, learning and hobbies
- Graphic novels, Manga and comic books
- DVDs and music CDs
- Downloaded audible books onto MP3 players

Young People can use:

- Study spaces
- Computers with free high-speed access to the internet and colour scanners (small charge for printing)

- Reference On-line – 24/7- the best way to find out trustworthy information: from biographies and art to music, news and sport.
- On-line help by volunteers at certain times at the library
- Wi-fi in some of the larger branches

Other special interests/areas:

- Large print books
- Dual language books
- Easy-reads, quick reads and specific series for dyslexic readers
- Bibliotherapy (books to help with specific concerns)
- A library card for Young People with special educational needs is available – allowing free borrowing of DVD's and CD's.

For more, go to: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

OXME website for young people

Information about services, news and projects for young people are listed and promoted on this website www.oxme.info

Please let us know if your child is continuing in home education post-16, or doing something else, such as entering college or an apprenticeship, by registering online at www.oxme.info/register.

Oxfordshire Health Teams

All children and young people (5-19 years) are entitled to health services, many of which are routinely offered through school, to complement primary care based practice. In order to ensure that home educated children and young people access these services, the EHE Link Worker sends out correspondence on behalf of the health teams.

School Health Nurses are qualified nurses with further specialised training in the health needs of children and young people. They work as part of a team consisting of community staff nurses, associate practitioners and assistant school health nurses. School Health Teams implement the Healthy Child Programme and lead on the schools immunisation programmes. These include the following vaccines:-

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) to girls in year 8 and Tetanus, diphtheria and polio (TdP) for all year 9 students. They will also offer Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) to year 9 students if required.

School Health Team contact details:

Team Name	Address	Tel.	Team Email
EOHC	East Oxford H/C Manzil Way Oxford OX4 1XD	01865 904225	oxfordhealth.OxfordCitySchoolNurses@nhs.net
Banbury	Orchard Health Centre, Cope Road, Banbury OX16 2EZ	01865 904234	oxfordhealth.BanburySchoolNurses@nhs.net

Bicester	North Bicester Surgery, Bure Park, Bicester OX26 3HA	01869 324496	oxfordhealth.bicester.shns@nhs.net
Carterton	Broadshires H.C., Broadshires Way, Carterton, OX18 1JA	01993 867149	carterton.SHNs@nhs.net
Witney	Oxford Health Suite, 12 Cogges Hill Road, Witney, OX28 3FS	01993 866120	oxfordhealth.WitneySHNs@nhs.net
Abingdon	Abingdon Hospital, Marcham Road, Abingdon OX14 1AG	01865 904890	oxfordhealth.abingdonSHNS@nhs.net
Didcot	Didcot Health Centre, Britwell Road, Didcot OX11 7JN	01235 515503	didcot.shns@nhs.net
Wallingford	Wallingford Hospital, Reading Road, Wallingford OX10 0DU	01865 904845	oxfordhealth.wallingfordSHN@nhs.net
Wantage / Faringdon	Wantage Health Centre, Mably Way, Wantage OX12 9BN	01235 774548	oxfordhealth.wantageandfaringdonSHNTeam@nhs.net

School Vision Screening Service: School vision screening is an assessment of a child's vision and eye position during their first year at school. Most children will be seen between the ages of 4-5^{1/2} years old. The test identifies any anomalies with reduced vision, and binocular vision (3D and eye movements). 10 percent of children can be affected by these eye conditions. All children are now offered a vision screening appointment in school time during their first year at school.

To book an appointment please contact the Orthoptic Department on Tel. 01865 234160, 9am-1pm. Alternatively, please take your child to a High Street Optometrist.

SENDIASS (SEN and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service)

SENDIASS offers impartial information, support, advice and training to parents to enable them to make informed decisions about their child's special educational needs.

☎: 01865 810516

✉: sendiass@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sendiass

Special Educational Needs Support Services (SENSS)

SENSS offers advice to parents of children and young people with SEN and/or a disability (Autism, Speech, Language & Communication Needs, Hearing Impairment, Visual Impairment, Multi-Sensory Impairment, Physical Disability, Downs and Complex Needs). SENSS also offers assessment and advice relating to SEN ICT AAC (Alternative and Augmentative Communication) needs. ✉: SENSS@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Enquiries ☎:

SENSS Central - 01865 456702 SENSS North - 01865 816970

SENSS South - 01865 456702

APPENDIX 3

INFORMATION ON ACCESSING EXAM CENTRES IN OXFORDSHIRE

As part of our work to support home educating families we have located some exam centres in Oxfordshire who are able to accept private candidates. We will continue to update this list, but in the meantime some families may find the following details helpful.

The application process, costs and timescales for exam entry may be different for each centre, so please contact them direct to discuss your requirements.

Examination Centre	Contact details	Exams	Awarding Bodies	Fees
Abacus College, 116-120 London Rd, Oxford, Oxon OX3 9AX	Dr R Carrington, Exams Officer Tel: 01865 240111 Email: RCarrington@abacuscollege.co.uk	GCSE, AS, A Level	AQA, Edexcel, OCR,CIE	GCSE £150, AS £150, A2 £150
Chenderit School, Archery Rd, Middleton Cheney, Banbury OX17 2QR	Alison Knight, Examinations Manager Tel: 01295 711567 Email: aknight@chenderit.northants.sch.uk	GCSE, AS, A Level	Edexcel, OCR, AQA, WJEC	Varies
Cheney School, Cheney Lane, Oxford OX3 7QH	Miss Joanne Simpson, Exams Manager Tel : 01865 755270 Email: JSI@cheney.oxon.sch.uk	GCSE, AS, A Level	Contact school for more information	Contact school for more information
Chipping Norton School, Burford Rd, Oxfordshire OX7 5DY	Mrs Zoe Townsend, Curriculum & Exams Office Manager Tel: 01608 642007 Email: exams.4010@chipping-norton.oxon.sch.uk	GCSE/AS/A2 with no coursework involved	AQA, CIE, Edexcel, OCR and WJEC	Entry fee + very small admin fee and an invigilation fee if don't already have students sitting exams.
Greene's Tutorial College, 97a St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BT	Dr Alan Kirby, Tutor in Economics and Registrar of Examinations Tel: 01865 248 308 Email: examsofficer@greenes.org.uk	A levels, IGCSEs, GCSEs, and some other exams of an equivalent level	AQA, CIE, Edexcel, OCR and WJEC	Ref to: www.greenes.org.uk fees section

Centres outside of Oxfordshire

Faregos Exam Centre, Hampshire	Contact exams@faregos.org or www.faregos.org Faregos is an exam centre run by home educators for the benefit of home educators.	IGCSEs (various, please see website) ,any GCSE without coursework (except GCSE classical civilization, offered from Sept'14), A levels	Edexcel and CIE exam boards. Hope to offer all exam boards by summer 2015	Charge the exam board entry plus a small fee for administration
3A Tutors Ltd, 1A High Street Staple Hill Bristol BS16 5HA	Bradley Henson, Examinations Officer Tel: 0117 9109931 Email: bradley.henson@3at.org.uk	Functional Skills Numeracy, GCSE/IGCSE, A Level	AQA, CIE, Edexcel, OCR & WJEC	Number of variations, but core prices are as follows: Functional Skills Numeracy: £75 GCSE/IGCSE: most subjects fall into the £150 per subject category A-Level: full A-Level prices start from £290

Access arrangements, reasonable adjustments and special consideration

Access arrangements are pre-examination adjustments for candidates based on evidence of need and normal way of working. These arrangements allow candidates/learners with special educational needs, disabilities or temporary injuries to access the assessment without changing the demands of the assessment. For example, readers, scribes and Braille question papers.

Further information can be found on the [Joint Council for Qualifications website](#) . Some of the exam centres listed above may be able to facilitate access arrangements, so please contact them to discuss individual requirements.

Additional information for private candidates wishing to take examinations may also be found on the relevant examination board website:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/>

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/>

<http://www.edexcel.com/i-am-a/student/Pages/home.aspx>

<http://www.wjec.co.uk/index.php?nav=98>

<http://www.cie.org.uk/cambridge-for/learners-and-parents/>

<http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/youngpeople/qandlearning/skills/a0064058/functional-skills>

The home educators' exams wiki is also a valuable resource for private candidates

<http://www.home-education-exams.org.uk> and <http://edyourself.org/articles/exams.php> is a useful link.

If you are aware of any other centres in Oxfordshire that accept private candidates, or have any other information that may be helpful to home educating families we would like to hear from you so that we can include these in our literature and on our website. Please email: eotas@oxfordshire.gov.uk. Thank you.