



Elective Home Education – Planning and Resources Pack

There is no one form of education; children learn in many different ways.

These planning sheets have been designed to help you, as parents and guardians of home educated children, to think about and plan how and what to include in a programme of education for your child(ren).

You do not have to complete any of the forms. The forms are optional and intended to be of help to you. Your home education will not necessarily follow a set timetable, but most parents find that keeping some record is very helpful.

The records can take any form. We have included some blank copies you could fill out if you wish and some examples for you to look at.

To help you provide a suitable education programme for your child(ren), we have included a range of resources that could be used to support learning. There is no requirement to use these. It is up to you, as the educating parents, to decide what best supports your child's education.

Keeping a record of learning can be a helpful revision tool for your child(ren). Looking back on learning supports children in their education progress, helping them know and remember more.

Some ideas to help you plan your child's learning:

Areas of learning:

- Art
- Science
- Computing
- Design and Technology
- PE
- PSHE
- Mindfulness
- Drama
- History
- Geography
- Music
- Modern Foreign Languages

Resources:

- Text books accompanied by exercise books (e.g. CGP)
- Internet
- Fiction and non-fiction books
- Library
- TV
- Art and craft materials
- Tools
- Games/ puzzles
- Models
- Activity kits

Please note: *These are just ideas of what could be taught. They do not have to all be taught. They do not have to be taught as separate subjects. They do not have to be taught as part of a project. Choose what works for you and your child.*

Elective Home Education

Can you provide these opportunities?

Core Skills:

- Maths/Numeracy
- English/Literacy

Visits:

- Buildings (e.g. Historical)
- Museums & Galleries
- Theatres
- Libraries
- Rivers/canals
- Parks
- National Trust centres
- Tourist attractions
- Farms
- Religious buildings
- Businesses
- Shops

Social:

- Sport: dance, football, etc.
- Clubs: art, photography, drama, etc.
- Network groups
- Guiding groups: Rainbows, Brownies, etc.
- Scout groups: Cubs, Beavers, etc.
- Faith Groups

Weekly Timetable

Home Education Programme for:.....

Week commencing:

If you are going to have a regular timetable, or even a changing one, it may be useful to complete the weekly planner/timetable below to have a clear idea of the week ahead for both you and your child/children. Timetables can also provide good evidence of the education that you are providing at home.

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
AM					
PM					

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An example of what it may look like:

Weekly Timetable

Home Education Programme for: Alex Jones

Week commencing: 20th January 2019

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	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
AM	<p>3 hours focused study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hour of maths • Mini break • 1 hour English • 30 minutes reading • 30 minutes of science 	<p>Gardening.</p> <p>Shopping for groceries.</p>	<p>2.5 hours focused study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hour maths • Mini break • 1 hour English • 30 minutes reading 	<p>2.5 hours focused study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hour maths • 1 hour English • Mini Break • 30 minutes reading 	<p>2.5 hours focused study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hour maths • 1 hour English • 30 minutes reading
PM	<p>Trip to the park together with another home educating family.</p> <p>Creative activities.</p>	<p>3 hours focused study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hour maths • 1 hour English • Mini Break • 30 minutes reading • 30 minutes science 	<p>Cooking activities.</p>	<p>Music lesson with an external teacher.</p>	<p>Scrapbook based on a topic chosen from personal interest: current topic is footballers.</p> <p>Football club.</p>

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Planning and Resources

Children learn in many different ways. Resources can be used to develop learning/ gather information and then apply it. Learning is successful when it is applied, e.g. using maths knowledge to calculate the cost of a family outing. Resources can take a range of forms as listed below:

- Text books – To gather information
- Exercise books – To apply learning
- Computer research – To gather information
- Interactive activities on the internet – To gather and apply learning
- Library study – To gather information
- Educational applications on tablets – To gather and apply learning
- Practical equipment
- Visits and outings – To gather and apply learning
- TV and radio programs – To gather information

It can be beneficial to use a range of these resources to engage the learner effectively.

These are only suggested resources that you could use for your child's education. This is not a comprehensive list and they are not endorsed by Solihull Council. It is up to you to decide the suitability of them for your child's age, ability and aptitude as stated in the DfE guidance. A wide range of other resources are available. Some will require a payment and others are free.

If you enter a website and click on links, you must be wary of any malicious content and computer viruses that you could get as a result of clicking on them.

It is vitally important for you as the educating parent to check the safety of online resources (including links accessed here) and to teach your children about e-safety so they are able to keep themselves safe online.

Having so many resources to choose from can be overwhelming; choose a few that work for you and use them. You do not have to change the resources you use daily. If you find an effective resource, keep using it! If a resource is not working for you and your child, try a different one.

All Subjects		
Resource/ organisation	General information:	Relevant web links:
BBC Bitesize (Free)	This is a website that covers a range of topics within most primary subjects. The children are able to learn and apply learning here through texts, questions and quizzes.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn
BBC Super Movers (Free)	This website has an array of learning songs that cover a range of subjects including Maths, English and PSHE. These could be used as a way of including movement into the day.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers
National Curriculum	Although you are not required to follow the National Curriculum, this document may help	https://www.gov.uk/national-curriculum/key-stage-

(Free)	you plan a curriculum suitable for your child's age and ability. It will give you an indication of what your child would be learning in school.	1-and-2
YouTube (Free)	This site contains a range of videos that can be used to give tutorials or gather information. This is not always a child friendly website so please check the videos you are using before your child watches them.	https://www.youtube.com/
Seneca (Free/ pay for upgrade)	This website is great for supporting revision in a range of subjects for Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6.	https://www.senecalearning.com/
Education Quizzes	This website has a range of quizzes for different age groups to help children practice and apply their knowledge.	https://www.educationquizzes.com/
Pearson	Pearson's website has a range of resource books to buy for the primary curriculum with a focus on English, maths and science. Some of the education books are by Longman, Heinemann and Ginn.	https://www.pearsonschoolsandcolleges.co.uk/Primary/Primary.aspx
Collins	Collins publishes a range of educational materials to use for all subjects, including languages. The 'Letts' revision books provide children with activities for various age ranges in English, maths and science.	https://collins.co.uk/pages/collins4parents-primary https://collins.co.uk/pages/letts-revision
TES (Free)	This site contains a range of resources often created by teachers that you can access by registering for free. The downloadable resources cover a variety of subjects and topics but will need checking before you use them. Most resources are free but some now require a payment to access them. The resources are usually organised by age and year groups.	https://www.tes.com/teaching-resources
Twinkl	This is a website full of resources that you can access by registering for free. It contains worksheets, activities and PowerPoints. Some of the resources are free and some you will need to have a paid subscription to access. The resources are usually organised by key stages and year groups.	https://www.twinkl.co.uk/ https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/home-education
Primary Resources (Free)	This is a website full of resources that can be downloaded for free. A range of subjects are covered and the work is often marked with the year group it is appropriate for.	http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/
IXL	This site covers the English and maths curriculum for all year groups. You can join for free to gather some of the resources or pay to get extra privileges on the site such as individualised learning.	https://uk.ixl.com/
Every School (Free)	This website provides a range of resources in a variety of subjects. There are PowerPoints, plans, videos and interactive games to support learning.	https://www.everyschool.co.uk/

Crickweb (Free)	This website provides a range of interactive activities in a variety of subjects for your children to complete online. It is a sister website for 'Every School'.	http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html
Teach It Primary	Teach It has a range of resources (such as worksheets) for all subjects taught at primary level. The resources are organised by age.	https://www.teachitprimary.co.uk/
Teaching Ideas	Teaching Ideas contains thousands of free classroom activity ideas, downloadable resources, display photos and other educational content that can be used to educate primary school children. They have ideas for a range of primary subjects.	https://www.teachingideas.co.uk/

Maths		
Resource/organisation	General information:	Relevant web links:
Nrich (Free)	This sight contains a range of challenging problems for children to solve. The problems are for a range of ages and abilities. The difficulty rating of a problem is indicated by the stage.	https://nrich.maths.org/primary
National Strategies Problem Solving (Free)	This is a resource that was given to schools many years ago. The problem solving activities are still fun and relevant today. There are logic puzzles and problem solving activities.	https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20110204203722/https://nationalstrategies.standards.dcsf.gov.uk/node/64356?uc=force_uj
Snappy Maths (Free)	Snappy Maths provides mathematics worksheets, interactive activities and other resources specifically aimed at helping students learn number facts and improve their number and calculation skills.	http://snappymaths.com/
The Mathematics Shed (Free)	The Mathematics Shed have collected some videos that will help present a range of maths topics in a fun way.	http://www.mathematicshed.com/about.html
Mathletics	You can sign up to Mathletics for a fee. This will provide children with interactive opportunities to apply their maths skills through a range of questions. The questions are set out in different maths topics. There is a free trial on offer but please read the terms and conditions.	https://www.mathletics.com/uk/
Target Your Maths books (Years 3 – 6)	These are books that you can buy. Throughout each book, the National Curriculum for that year group is covered. Every maths topic has questions for the application of learning. The questions are organised into sections A, B & C (with C being the more challenging questions). There is no space for working out, so a separate workbook may be beneficial.	https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=Target+Your+Maths+books&ref=nb_sb_noss_2 (Amazon is not the only place to buy these)
Maths No Problem textbooks and exercise books	'Maths No Problem' follows the Singapore style of teaching for National Curriculum maths objectives. For each year group, there are textbooks which teach the content and exercise books where the children can apply their learning.	https://mathsnoproblem.com/mathematics/primary-key-stage1-and-key-stage-2.html
CGP books (From reception to Year 6)	You can buy maths workbooks for children to work in. As the children progress with their maths learning, more workbooks become available for different topics such as arithmetic, algebra, geometry, etc.	https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/primary-books
Oxford Owl (Free)	This is a helpful website for those who are teaching. It gives guidance and support about what to teach. It also has links to learning videos for children to watch and exercise books that can be bought through Amazon.	https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/welcome-back/for-home/reading-owl/maths

Times Table Rockstars	This is a fun website and app that allows children to practice quick-fire times table questions. For each correct answer, they earn coins that can be used to create a character with. As a parent, you can set which times tables your child should work on and challenge your children. You can get a family plan for about £6 per year where two adults and three children can access the site.	https://trockstars.com/page/purchase
Khan Academy (Free)	Khan Academy is a non-profit educational organisation. The organisation produces short lessons in the form of videos. Its website also includes supplementary practice exercises and materials for educators. All resources are available for free.	https://www.khanacademy.org/
Mathsframe	Mathsframe has more than 200 interactive maths games and 300 maths worksheets and assessments linked to the new curriculum. Some games and resources are free while others must be paid for.	https://mathsframe.co.uk/

English – Writing, Spelling & Grammar		
Resource/organisation	General information:	Relevant web links:
Pobble 365 (Free)	This website uploads a picture every day. Along with the picture, there are a range of suggested activities for writing. You can see all previous pictures and activities and use them as a stimulus for writing.	http://www.pobble365.com/
Literacy Shed (Free)	This website has a range of interesting and engaging videos relating to different topics and genres so they can be used as stimuli for writing activities. The videos are accompanied by suggestions for what could be written in response to them.	https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html
Spellingframe	Spellingframe includes all the words from the National Curriculum for Spelling for Year 1 to Year 6. Choose a spelling rule and each word is read aloud and provided within a sentence for context. Students can choose to practise a set of words, take a test, or play a game with those words (games are available to registered users only).	https://spellingframe.co.uk/
Literacy Shed +	This is a sister website that Literacy Shed has created to provide quality resources and unit plans for writing and reading. You can pay for a subscription each year to access these resources.	https://www.literacyshedplus.com/en-gb/memberships
Spellodrome	This is a spelling program online that gives children a list of spellings to learn each week, and they can practice them using a range of games and activities. Parents are in control of what the children access on this. There is a free trial on offer but please read the terms and conditions.	https://uk.spellodrome.com/?_ga=2.226945309.1286676047.1578998011-1649915302.1578998011#/ home
CGP	You can buy a range of English books for your children to work in. As they progress through the books, more exercise books become available for different topics such as grammar, spelling and punctuation.	https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/primary-books
Oxford Owl (Free)	This is a helpful website for those who are teaching. It gives guidance and support about what to teach. It also has links to learning videos for children to watch and exercise books that can be bought through Amazon.	https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/welcome-back-for-home/reading-owl/english--1
KS1 Resources (Free)	This website has a range of resources for writing and reading in Key Stage 1 that can be downloaded for free.	http://www.ks1resources.co.uk/page7.html
Teacher assessment exemplification	Writing paragraphs of work, such as letters, stories, diaries, non-chronological reports, biographies, shopping lists and instructions, are an important part of learning English. It is sometimes helpful to look at examples of work that are produced by other children. If you look at the Key Stage 1 work, they have been produced by 6 and 7 year olds. If you look at the Key Stage 2 work, they have been produced by 10 and 11 year olds.	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2018-teacher-assessment-exemplification-ks1-english-writing https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2018-teacher-assessment-exemplification-ks2-english-writing

Reading – Early reading/phonics		
Resource/organisation	General information:	Relevant web links:
Letters and Sounds (Free)	This is a document released by the Department for Education about how to teach children sounds so they can begin to read words. It goes through phases as the children learn and can identify the sounds securely. This does not cover the understanding of the words. There are specific ways to say certain sounds. You can hear these sounds on YouTube but remember that YouTube content is not always child-friendly.	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letters-and-sounds http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/
Teach Your Monster to Read (Free Website/ Paid App)	This is a game that supports your children to learn to read from the beginning. It starts with learning letters and sounds and progresses to reading short sentences. You do not have to start from the beginning if your child knows some of the letters and sounds.	https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com
Oxford Owl	This website has access to a few free eBooks for your child to read. It also has links to a reading scheme for children. They have a variety of books and exercise books to buy. The exercise books take the children from early readers to more fluent readers. There is phonics support on here as well.	https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/
Phonics Bloom	Phonics Bloom contains a range of interactive online phonics games that relate to all the phases from the 'Letters and Sounds' document. Some games are free but others require a subscription to gain access to them.	https://www.phonicsbloom.com
Starfall (Free)	This website contains a range of reading activities for children. There are interactive books and games for children to read and play. As an American website, some of the sounds may be pronounced differently, but the activities and books are decodable using phonetic skills in any accent.	http://more.starfall.com/
Phonics Play	This website has a range of free games and activities for your children. They are organised into games and activities based on the phonetic stages. You can subscribe for a fee to access more resources.	https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm
CBeebies Alphablocks (Free)	This website has a range of phonics videos and interactive games. They are all based around a TV series called 'Alphablocks' that your children can watch on the site (provided that you have a TV licence).	https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks?page=2

Reading		
Resource/organisation	General information:	Relevant web links:
Read Theory (Free)	This is a reading comprehension (understanding what you have read) site that will give your child a text with multiple-choice questions to answer. Your child will be given an appropriate text for their ability based on their previous comprehension results. This is an American resource, so some of the language may be different.	https://readtheory.org/
Reading Explorers (Years 2 – 6)	You can buy a book for each year group. The books are filled with a variety of texts (including fiction, non-fiction and poetry). The texts are accompanied by a range of questions to support comprehension.	https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=reading+explorers&ref=nb_sb_noss_2 (Amazon is not the only place to buy these)
CGP	These exercise books provide comprehension activities for your children to work through. As the children progress with their reading, more exercise books become available for different text types such as non-fiction, fiction and poetry.	https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/primary-books
Every School (Free)	This website has a range of free interactive and printable comprehension activities for Key Stage 2 children.	https://www.everyschool.co.uk/english-key-stage-2-comprehension.html
The Centre for Literacy in Primary Education	CLPE are a children's literacy charity working with primary schools. Their work aims to raise the achievement of children's reading and writing. There are some free resources to access on their website and information for parents to support teaching.	https://clpe.org.uk/
Reading Eggs	Reading Eggs provides a comprehensive range of research-based online reading lessons, activities and books that teach children between the ages of 2 and 13 the literacy skills needed for reading. You must pay for access to this.	https://readingeggs.co.uk/

Science		
Resource/organisation	General information:	Relevant web links:
TigTag	This website contains a huge range of informative videos about science topics and some lesson plans with worksheets to accompany them. You will be required to pay for it, but there is a free trial available to try before committing. Please read the terms and conditions.	https://www.tigtagworld.com/clil
Mystery Science (Free)	Contains a range of free science lessons to follow.	https://mysteryscience.com/
Crash Course Kids (Free)	This is an American company. It produces a range of high quality science videos from which to learn.	https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids?app=desktop
Science Kids (Free)	This website has a range of teaching ideas and resources. There are experiments to do, games, videos and information about a vast range of science topics.	http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/
CGP	These exercise books are for children to work in. As children progress with their science learning, more exercise books become available for the different topics covered in the National Curriculum.	https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/primary-books/science
Science Museum (Free)	This site brings together resources from museums, including activities, games and videos. Discover activities to support a range of curriculum topics.	https://learning-resources.sciencemuseum.org.uk/
NASA	This is a NASA website aimed at children. It has lots of space-related information and games.	https://www.nasa.gov/kidscub/index.html
STEM	Resources are organised into topic areas and year groups. There are pictures, videos, PowerPoints and worksheets to download. They provide tips for educators, highlight common misconceptions and offer further suggestions for teaching.	https://www.stem.org.uk/primary-science
Crest Award	CREST is a nationally recognised scheme for student-led project work in the STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and maths). There are different awards to take part in dependent on age. It is subsidized in the UK.	https://www.crestawards.org/what-is-crest

Computing		
Resource/organisation	General information:	Relevant web links:
LightBot (Free)	This is a great way to introduce learners to computing and creating algorithms. You have to input instructions to move a robot around a grid and light up the blue boxes. There are different levels for children to work through. The levels get harder as they progress.	https://www.lightbot.com/flash.html
Blockly Games (Free)	This website has a series of educational games that teach programming. You do not need any experience of programming.	https://blockly.games
Scratch (Free)	Scratch is a program you can download to your computer for free. Your child will then be able to program their own interactive stories, games, and animations.	https://scratch.mit.edu/
Kodu (Free)	Kodu lets children create games on the PC via a simple visual programming language. Kodu can be used to teach creativity, problem solving, storytelling, as well as programming.	https://www.kodugameplay.com/
UK Safer Internet Centre	There is a range of resources on this website to teach your children about staying safe on the internet.	https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-3-11s

Resources for a range of subjects:		
Resource/organisation	Subjects and general information:	Relevant web links:
Duolingo (Free App)	This is an app and website that can help beginners learn up to 30 different languages.	https://www.duolingo.com/
The Kid Should See This	This website contains a range of free educational and interesting videos on science, space, animals, technology, nature and more.	https://thekidshouldseethis.com/
Freddies Mummy Blog (Free)	This is a link to a blog from a parent for a home educated child. She often refers to home education as home schooling (which is the same thing). She has linked a range of helpful resources and websites on this page, and she shares her ideas through her blog.	https://freddiesmummyuk.com/homeschooling-websites-uk/
Toy Theater	This is an American website with a range of educational games to play that relate to maths, reading, art and music.	https://toytheater.com/
DK Find Out	On this website, there is a huge range of information on different subjects (history, geography, animals, etc.). Within each subject, there are topics you can research. There are also activities and quizzes.	https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/
National Geographic Kids	Learn about animals, science, history and geography on this website. There are also related resources, activities and quizzes.	https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/
World Geography Games (Free)	This website has a range of educational geography games for the children to play.	https://world-geography-games.com/world.html
Garage Band App	Garage Band is an app that enables you to create and record musical pieces using a range of instruments that you can layer over each other. The instruments are all electronic on the app and will introduce your child to a range of instruments. This is only available on Apple products. You can get alternatives by searching 'Garage Band alternatives for Android'. Check the safety of these links before you use them.	
TED Ed (Free)	There is a range of educational videos about a vast range of subjects usually delivered by experts in their field.	https://ed.ted.com/
Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC)	There is a range of resources linked to the work the RSC have done on a range of shows. These are free to download.	https://www.rsc.org.uk/education/teacher-resources
History Learning Site	This site contains information about a range of historic periods and events. Make sure to check the appropriateness of information for your child's age.	https://www.historylearning-site.co.uk/
Tinkercad (Free)	Tinkercad is a free, easy-to-use app for 3D design, electronics, and coding. It's used by teachers, kids, hobbyists and designers to imagine, design and	https://www.tinkercad.com/

	make anything!	
Access Art	Access Art has a range of art activities for children. Some are free but many require a paid membership to access.	https://www.accessart.org.uk/
The Artful Parent (Facebook)	This page has a range of free art activities you can do with your children.	https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/
Red Ted Art	This website has a range of arts and crafts activities. There are also ways to explore different artists.	https://www.redtedart.com/

Trips & Visits		
Trips are a great way to engage and excite your learner about an upcoming topic and gather initial information. Alternatively, they can be used to enhance current learning or to recap and apply prior learning.		
Name of place	Subjects and general information:	Relevant web links:
Thinktank	The Thinktank is a science museum. It has a range of activities for all ages including MiniBrum, (a new interactive gallery for under 8s), a new 4k Planetarium, Science Garden and Smethwick Engine.	https://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank
Umberslade Adventure	Umberslade Adventure is open to the general public to provide a large outdoor facility for educational, leisure and physical activities for all ages. They are encouraging the participation of outdoor activities for families to have some fun and learn new skills at the same time.	http://www.umbersladeadventure.com/
Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery (Free)	The Birmingham Museum and Art gallery is famous for Pre-Raphaelite art and for the Staffordshire Hoard (related to the Anglo-Saxons). There are over 40 galleries to explore that display art, applied art, social history, archaeology and ethnography. Limited- time exhibitions are held in the museum. You can find out what's on by checking their website.	https://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag
Core Theatre Solihull	There is a range of events happening at the Core (attached to Solihull library) throughout the year. There are courses, classes, clubs, exhibitions and shows in their theatre. You can see what's happening on their website.	https://www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk/
Creswell Crags	Creswell Crags is an education centre attached to a ravine, where people from the Ice Age lived thousands of years ago in caves. There are opportunities to go in the caves to see where they once lived and to learn about their life, hunting, artwork and the animals around the UK at the time through a range of activities.	https://www.creswell-crags.org.uk/
MAC (Midlands Arts Centre)	There is a range of events happening in the MAC each month. There are courses (predominantly in the creative arts, such as drama, arts and crafts and photography), exhibitions, shows in their theatre and films. You can see what's happening on their website.	https://macbirmingham.co.uk/
National Trust Centres	The National Trust is responsible for a range of sites, including stately homes, all over the country. Home educators can benefit from educational group family membership. This will cost £50 per year for use during normal school hours in school term time.	https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/education-group-membership
Botanical Gardens	The Birmingham Botanical Gardens is a 15-acre botanical garden situated in Edgbaston, Birmingham - perfect for sketching natural forms, learning about nature and different plants.	https://www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk

Dudley Zoo	Dudley Zoological Gardens is a 40-acre zoo located within the grounds of Dudley Castle in the town of Dudley, in the Black Country region of the West Midlands.	https://www.dudleyzoo.org.uk
Conkers	Conkers sells itself as an attraction at the heart of the National Forest where there is a unique mix of indoor and outdoor experiences.	https://www.visitconkers.com/
Ackers Adventure	Ackers Adventure is an outdoor activity centre located in Birmingham. It includes a dry ski slope.	https://www.ackers-adventure.co.uk/
Warwick Castle	Warwick Castle is a medieval castle developed from a wooden fort. On a day trip to the castle, you can learn about the thousand year history of the castle, see inside it, go down to the dungeons, go up and take a look at the whole of Warwick and watch a range of shows.	https://www.warwick-castle.com/
Black Country Museum	Black Country Living Museum is an open-air living museum that tells the story of the world's first industrial landscape with buildings, vehicles, objects and costumed characters for you to interact with and explore.	www.bclm.co.uk
English Heritage Sites (EH)	Home educators can visit the 400+ sites free of charge – subject to conditions. Teaching resources are available onsite and on the website.	https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn
Forestry Commission	All forests are open and accessible 24/7 and can provide classrooms without walls for learners of all ages. On the website, you can access resources include tree name trails, activity packs, free learning resources and lesson plans for children from early years to secondary.	https://www.forestryengland.uk/learning
Planet Ice (Ice skating)	This is an ice skating rink in Solihull. You can pay for admission with or without skate hire (if you have your own skates). It is a chance to try something new and get active. You could also enrol your children in skating classes at the rink. Look on the website for information on family skating times.	https://planet-ice.co.uk/locations/solihull/
Warwickshire Wildlife Trust	There is a range of events for children and families put on by the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust that you can join in with. Some of these take place in Brueton Park at the Parkridge Centre. Look on the website for more information.	https://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events

Clubs & Social Activities		
Name of place	Subjects and general information:	Relevant web links:
The Scout Association (Mainly boys attend this, but girls are allowed to join some groups)	These clubs are for children to learn skills, join in with fun activities, help the community and socialise with others their age. You can find your local Beavers (6 - 8 year olds), Cubs (8 - 10 ½ year olds) and Scouts (10 ½ - 14 year olds) group on this website by putting in your postcode. You will then find a contact name and number or email option to sign up for the club.	https://scouts.org.uk/
Girlguiding (This is purely for girls)	These clubs are for girls to learn skills, join in with fun activities, help the community and socialise with others their age. You can find your local Rainbows (5 - 7 year olds), Brownies (7 - 10 year olds) and Guides (10 - 14 year olds) on this website by putting in registration details. You will then find a contact name and number or email option to sign up for the club.	https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/
Solihull Active	This website will help you find a range of sports activities/clubs within Solihull. If you use the drop down tab to find an activity and press search, it will list all of them in the borough. Otherwise, put in your postcode to find clubs that are nearer to your home.	https://www.solihullactive.co.uk/
Football clubs	For specific sports, such as football, there are organisations that can help you find a club in your area. You can put your postcode into the FA website and they will list all the clubs nearby.	http://www.thefa.com/play-football
Gymnastics clubs	For specific sports, such as gymnastics, there are organisations that can help you find a club in your area. You can put your postcode into the British Gymnastics website and they will list all the clubs nearby.	https://www.british-gymnastics.org/discover/club
Solihull Family Information Service Directory	This website will help you find a range of clubs (such as arts and craft clubs, music classes or drama classes) within Solihull. If you use the drop down tab to find an activity and press search it will list all of them in the borough. Otherwise, put in your postcode to find clubs that are nearer to your home.	https://socialsolihull.org.uk/localoffer/family-information-service-directory/?wpbdp_view=search
Solihull Music Service	Solihull Music Service is able to provide music tuition for a range of instruments such as brass, woodwind, string, piano, guitar, etc. They also offer ensemble groups and choirs that children can join.	https://solihullmusicservice.com/about/

Leisure Centres

Leisure centres offer a range of clubs and activities that your children can get involved in, including times for swimming or the hire of rooms and courts for certain sports (such as badminton and squash). They may also put on events that you can join in with too.

Name of place	Facilities:	Address & Contact details:
North Solihull Sports Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 33m swimming pool• teaching pool• group exercise class studio• 6 court sports hall• Astroturf pitch• 100 station gym• athletics track• café bar• crèche	North Solihull Sports Centre Conway Road Chelmsley Wood B37 5LA Website: www.everyoneactive.com/centre/north-solihull-sports-centre Telephone: 0121 770 3822
Tudor Grange Leisure Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25m, 8 lane, pool• learner pool• dance studio• sports hall• full size 3G Astroturf pitch• 150 station gym• grade 1 track and field• 3 indoor tennis courts• diving pool• sauna, steam & spa• café	Tudor Grange Leisure Centre Blossomfield Road Solihull B91 1NB Website: www.everyoneactive.com/centre/tudor-grange-leisure-centre Telephone: 0121 705 6371

Libraries

The library is an excellent place to conduct or prepare for learning. It provides a quiet learning space for focusing. There are opportunities to loan books, CDs and other materials to support learning at home. There are also computers that can be used to access educational sites. In addition, printing and photocopying can be done at the library.

Name of place	Address & Phone Number:	Opening Times:
Balsall Common	283 Kenilworth Road Balsall Common Coventry CV7 7EL Telephone: 01676 532590	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday and Thursday 10.00am to 6.00pm• Tuesday 10.00am to 5.00pm• Wednesday – Closed• Fridays 2.00pm to 5.00pm• Saturday 10.00am to 4.00pm
Castle Bromwich	Hurst Lane North Castle Bromwich Birmingham B36 0EY Telephone: 0121 747 3708	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday and Thursday 10.00am to 5.00pm• Tuesday and Friday 10.00 to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 5.00pm• Wednesday – Closed• Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm
Chelmsley Wood	10 West Mall Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre Chelmsley Wood Birmingham B37 5TN Telephone: 0121 788 4380	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday and Thursday 9.30am to 7.00pm• Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9.30am to 5.00pm
Dickens Heath	Old Dickens Heath Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 2.00pm to 6.00pm

	Dickens Heath Solihull B90 1SD Telephone: 0121 744 6078	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 2.00pm to 5.00pm • Wednesday and Friday - Closed • Thursday 10.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 5.00pm • Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Hampton in Arden	39 Fentham Road Hampton in Arden Solihull B92 0AY Telephone: 01675 442 629	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday - Closed • Tuesday 10.00am to 12.00pm and 1.00pm to 6.00pm • Friday 1.00pm to 5.00pm
Hobs Moat	Ulleries Road Solihull B92 8EB Telephone: 0121 743 4592	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, Tuesday and Friday 10.00am to 5.00pm • Wednesday – Closed • Thursday 10.00am to 6.00pm • Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm
Kingshurst	Marston Drive Kingshurst Birmingham B37 6BD Telephone: 0121 770 3451	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, Tuesday and Friday 10.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 5.00pm • Wednesday – Closed • Thursday 10.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 6.00pm • Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm
Knowle	Chester House 1667-1669 High Street Knowle Solihull B93 0LL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, Tuesday and Friday 10.00am to 5.00pm • Wednesday – Closed • Thursday 10.00am to 6.00pm • Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm & 1.00pm to 3.00pm*
Marston Green	Land Lane Birmingham B37 7DQ Telephone: 0121 779 2131	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday and Thursday 10.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 6.00pm • Tuesday and Friday – Closed • Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm* • Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm
Meriden	Arden Cottage The Green Meriden CV7 7LN Telephone: 01676 522717	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday and Thursday 10.00am to 6.00pm • Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – Closed • Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm
Olton	169A Warwick Road Olton Solihull B92 7AR Telephone: 0121 706 3038	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 10.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 6.00pm • Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am to 1.00 pm and 2.00 to 5.00pm • Wednesday - 11.00am to 2.00pm* • Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm
Shirley	22 Parkgate Stratford Road Shirley Solihull B90 3GG Telephone: 0121 704 6300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 9.30am - 7.00pm • Tuesday 9.30am - 5.00pm • Wednesday 10.00am - 5.00pm • Thursday 9.30am - 7.00pm • Friday 9.30am - 5.00pm • Saturday 9.30am - 5.00pm
Smith's Wood Neighbourhood	Smith's Wood Village Centre Elmwood Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm (excluding bank holidays).

Library	37 Burtons Way Birmingham B36 0UG Telephone: 0121 779 1700	
The Core Library	Homer Road Solihull B91 3RG General enquiries/library reception: 0121 704 6965	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday and Thursday 9.00am to 8.00pm • Tuesday, Friday 9.00am to 6.00pm • Wednesday 10.00am to 6.00pm • Saturday 9.00am to 5.00pm

Your Planning and Resources

*To help you plan your child's education you could begin to identify what you would like your child to learn about and, where appropriate, the project, topic, theme, textbooks, websites, courses or other resources and approaches you plan to use. **Please remember: these areas of learning do not have to all be taught. They do not have to be taught as separate subjects. They do not have to be taught as part of a project. Choose what works for you and your child. There is also no requirement for you to make plans.***

Areas of learning	✓	RESOURCES
English	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>	
History	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RE	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Modern Foreign Language	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Design & Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Art	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Computing	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	
PE	<input type="checkbox"/>	

If you wish, you could make a note here if you plan to use any of these resources and add a few details.

APPROACH	✓	FURTHER INFORMATION
Exercise Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Computer programs/ Internet	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Local Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	
TV and Radio Programmes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Visits and Outings	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Practical Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	

What arrangements are you going to make so that your child has social contact with other children and adults?

What clubs/groups are you likely to use?

You could list the people who are regularly involved in the education of your child and the areas of your planned programme which they teach.

Name	DBS seen (✓ / X)	Areas involved in

**The Local Authority has a duty to safeguard all the children and young people who live in Solihull.
Have all the people who are regularly involved in the education of your child had enhanced checks through the Disclosure and Barring Service?**

Please contact the Elective Home Education Team if you need any advice about this.

Tel: 0121 704 6959

Email: ehe@solihull.gov.uk

Record Keeping

How will you know that your child is making progress? How will you provide them with feedback about this?	
Will you keep a diary or a record of the work completed by your child?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
How and where will you store past work?	
Will you keep your child's work and indicate the date when it was completed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you expect that your child will want to be entered for examinations (GCSEs/ IGCSEs/ A Levels) and courses to gain qualifications?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>If so, what examinations and qualifications? How will you organise this aspect of their education?</p> <p>Please be aware that you need to register with an examination centre (such as a school or a private exam centre) where an exam officer must register your child for an exam. Make sure to check what exam board your exam centre uses for each subject. The same exam boards will not be used for all subjects in the same centre, and you will need to ensure learning fulfils the requirements/specifications of the exam board being used.</p>	

Useful Contacts

Resource/ organisation	General information:	Relevant web links:
The Home Education Advisory Service (HEAS)	<p>HEAS 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. HEAS provides a number of resources for example:</p> <p>The Home Education Handbook This is an 80 page booklet filled with practical advice on home education to purchase. It is helpful reading for anyone contemplating home education. Topics covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • making the decision • home education and the pre-school years • withdrawing your child from school • setting up the home curriculum • ideas for learning at home • the inspection • the teenage years • special educational needs • the challenge of home education • research into home education <p>There is also advice about registering as an external student for exam entries.</p>	<p>https://www.heas.org.uk/</p> <p>https://www.heas.org.uk/subscriptions/</p>
Home Education UK	This site has many useful pages and links including the EHE guidance documents and the National Curriculum.	https://www.gov.uk/home-education
Advisory Centre for Education (ACE)	ACE provides independent advice and information on state education in England for parents and careers, including school admissions and appeals, SEN, tackling bullying and attendance.	<p>http://www.ace-ed.org.uk General Advice Line (Mon-Wed 10am-1pm, term time): 0300 0115 142 Email: enquiries@ace-ed.org.uk (admin only)</p>
Education Otherwise	Education Otherwise is a membership organisation which provides support and information both locally and nationally for families with children who are being educated outside school.	<p>https://www.educationotherwise.org/ Helpline No: 0845 478 6345</p>
Otherwise-Engaged	This site is an online diary of group activities and cultural events, workshops, resources and projects for Shropshire and West Midlands based families engaged in home education.	http://www.otherwise-engaged.org.uk/
Ed Yourself	This website is the work of Fiona Nicholson. Fiona has given evidence to Government Committees on the subject of elective home education and can provide you with a clear up-to-date analysis of the key areas of elective home education practice and policy in England and Wales.	http://edyourself.org/
Home Education UK	This site contains information about EHE and has links to articles, forums, events and resources that you can use.	http://www.home-education.org.uk/

Coram Children's Legal Centre (CCLC)	CCLC provides free legal information, advice and representation to children, young people, their families, carers and professionals, as well as international consultancy on child law and children's rights.	https://www.childrenslegalcentre.com/ E-mail: info@coramclc.org.uk (for general queries only) Tel: + 44 (0)1206 714 650
Contact	'Contact' are a charity for families with disabled children. They support families with the best possible guidance and information. They bring families together to support each other. Finally, they help families to campaign, volunteer and fundraise to improve life for themselves and others.	https://contact.org.uk/
HE-Special	This is a website for families who home educate children with special educational needs and disabilities.	http://www.he-special.org.uk/
Independent Provider of Special Education Advice (IPSEA)	IPSEA offers free and independent legally based information, advice and support to help get the right education for children and young people with all kinds of special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities.	https://www.ipsea.org.uk/
SOS SEN	SOS SEN is a national charity aiming to empower parents and carers of children and young people with SEN and disabilities. They offer advice, workshops, SEN updates and events.	www.sossen.org.uk
Information Advice Support Services Network	This website is a national network which you can use to find local parent SEND support services.	https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/information-advice-and-support-services-network
The British Dyslexia Association	The British Dyslexia Association (BDA) aims to be the voice of dyslexic people. They aim to influence government and other institutions to promote a dyslexia friendly society that enables dyslexic people of all ages to reach their full potential. They offer help, advice, assessment information and courses.	https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/ Helpline: 0333 405 4567 (Monday-Friday: 10am-1pm and 1.30pm-4pm)
Afasic	Afasic supports parents and represents children and young people with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN). For enquiries about membership, publications, local groups and fundraising, or for general information about speech and language impairments, please contact Afasic or look at their website.	https://www.afasic.org.uk/ Helpline: 0300 666 9410 (9.15am -2.30pm - Monday and Tuesday, 10.30am -2.30pm - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). Enquiries: 020 7490 9410
I Can	'I Can' provides advice on children's speech, language and communication.	www.ican.org.uk
Kidscape	Kidscape is a charity. Their vision is for all children to grow up in a world free from bullying and harm, with adults who keep them safe and help them to reach their full potential. Therefore, their mission is to provide children, families, carers and professionals with advice, training and practical tools to prevent bullying and protect young lives.	https://www.kidscape.org.uk/ Phone: 020 7823 5430
Bullying UK	This website provides advice and resources about	https://www.bullying.co.uk

(part of Family Lives)	bullying.	/ Helpline: 0808 800 2222
Childline	Childline is here to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they are going through. Children can talk about anything. Whether it is something big or small, their trained counsellors will support any child. Childline is free, confidential and available any time.	https://www.childline.org.uk/ Helpline: 0800 1111
Young Minds	This website offers advice and information on young people's mental health and well-being.	www.youngminds.org.uk/
Potential Plus (for Gifted Children)	Potential Plus is a charity which gives advice on social, emotional, learning needs of children with high learning potential.	www.potentialplusuk.org Tel: 01908 646433 (open Monday to Thursday 9am - 1pm).
The Traveller Movement	This website offers education advice and advocacy for the traveller community.	https://travellermovement.org.uk/
Friends, Families and Travellers (FFT)	FFT is a national charity that works on behalf of all Gypsies and Travellers regardless of ethnicity, culture or background. They provide advice and consultancy, promote health and wellbeing, work on research and policy, deliver training and much more.	https://www.gypsy-traveller.org/
Social media	There are various Facebook support groups for home educating parents, such as HELM, as well as a Yahoo group. Being part of a community can be helpful. You can share resources and ideas and organise meet ups. Twitter and Pinterest can also provide you with lots of education ideas.	
National Extension College (NEC)	The NEC has information for pupils who wish to sit external examinations, including GCSEs and A-levels. They offer a range of GCSE courses from their website.	https://www.nec.ac.uk/
Exam Information	These links contain some information about how to organise for your child to sit examinations to gain qualifications, such as A-levels, GCSEs and iGCSEs.	https://home-ed.info/gcse https://he-exams.wikia.org/wiki/Quick_Start_Guide
Exam Centres	This link identifies exam centers in the West Midlands. This is a Wiki page where members of the public can update the page so it contains relevant and up-to-date information. However, there is a risk that the information could be misleading or incorrect. Please be mindful of this.	https://he-exams.wikia.org/wiki/Midlands_Exam_Centres