



## **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 records 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:

### **Creativity:**

- Art
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- History
- Geography
- Music
- Modern Foreign Languages

### **Resources:**

- Text books accompanied by exercise books (from publishers, e.g. Collins, Schofield & Sims, CGP)
- Internet
- Library
- TV

## Elective Home Education

**Can you provide these opportunities?**

### **Core Skills:**

- Maths/Numeracy
- Problem-solving
- English/Literacy
- Science
- Computing

### **Visits:**

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

### **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: .....

**I**f 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:** 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
AM	<p><b>3 hours focused study:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 hour maths</li> <li>• 1 hour English</li> <li>• 30 minutes reading</li> <li>• 30 minutes science</li> </ul>	<p>Gardening.</p> <p>Shopping for groceries.</p>	<p><b>2.5 hours focused study:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 hour maths</li> <li>• 1 hour English</li> <li>• 30 minutes reading</li> </ul>	<p><b>2.5 hours focused study:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 hour maths</li> <li>• 1 hour English</li> <li>• 30 minutes reading</li> </ul>	<p><b>2.5 hours focused study:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 hour maths</li> <li>• 1 hour English</li> <li>• 30 minutes reading</li> </ul>
PM	<p>Trip to the park together with another home educating family.</p> <p>Creative activities.</p>	<p><b>3 hours focused study:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 hour maths</li> <li>• 1 hour English</li> <li>• 30 minutes reading</li> <li>• 30 minutes science</li> </ul>	<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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## 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.***

All Subjects		
Resource/ organisation	General information:	Relevant web links:
BBC Bitesize (Free)	There is KS3 and KS4 revision information on here separated into different subjects. There are diagrams, videos and pictures to support understanding of information. There are opportunities to practice learning.	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn</a>
BBC Teach (Free)	This website predominantly contains videos endorsed by the BBC to support learning in a large range of subjects.	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/secondary/zkqp47h">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/secondary/zkqp47h</a>
National Curriculum (Free)	Although you are not required to follow the National Curriculum, this document may help 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.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/national-curriculum/key-stage-3-and-4">https://www.gov.uk/national-curriculum/key-stage-3-and-4</a>

YouTube (Free)	This site contains a range of videos that can be used to give tutorials or gather information. This is <b>not</b> always a child friendly website so please check the videos you are using before your child watches them.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/">https://www.youtube.com/</a>
Seneca (Free/ pay for upgrade)	This website is great for supporting revision in a range of subjects, especially for GCSE and A-level.	<a href="https://www.senecalearning.com/">https://www.senecalearning.com/</a>
Future Learn (Free/ Fee option)	There is free access to a range of courses on this website. If you want to receive a certificate for the course, you will need to pay to upgrade. Pupils who are 14+ can have an account.	<a href="https://www.futurelearn.com/">https://www.futurelearn.com/</a>
Education Quizzes	This website has a range of quizzes to help practice and apply knowledge.	<a href="https://www.educationquizzes.com/">https://www.educationquizzes.com/</a>
Studywise	Studywise is great for GCSE revision. It has links for each subject. For each subject, they have also split the links into the different exam boards: AQA, Edexcel and OCR. To access the links for different exam boards, you need to use the tabs at the top of the screen.	<a href="https://studywise.co.uk/gcse-revision/">https://studywise.co.uk/gcse-revision/</a>
Pearson	Pearson's website has a range of resource books to buy for the secondary curriculum. There are books for all subjects to purchase.	<a href="https://www.pearsonschoolsandcolleges.co.uk/secondary/Secondary.aspx">https://www.pearsonschoolsandcolleges.co.uk/secondary/Secondary.aspx</a>
Collins	Collins publishes a range of educational materials to use for all subjects, including languages. They also publish information to support educators on their website.	<a href="https://collins.co.uk/pages/secondary">https://collins.co.uk/pages/secondary</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.tes.com/teaching-resources">https://www.tes.com/teaching-resources</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.twinkl.co.uk/">https://www.twinkl.co.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/home-education">https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/home-education</a>
IXL	This site covers the English and maths curriculum for all year groups up to year 13. You can join for free to gather some of the resources or pay to get extra privileges on the site such as individualised learning.	<a href="https://uk.ixl.com/">https://uk.ixl.com/</a>
S-cool	This is a website aimed at GCSE revision. It is split into different subjects. For each subject, it has a range of tabs for the different topics	<a href="https://s-cool.co.uk/gcse/">https://s-cool.co.uk/gcse/</a>

	covered. There is information to read and learn about the topics. Then, you can sign up to get a free quiz about what you have just read.	
BBC 2 Learning Zone	This website has a range of educational learning videos about a variety of topics and subjects for children to watch.	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01b8f09">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01b8f09</a>

<b>Maths</b>		
<b>Resource/organisation</b>	<b>General information:</b>	<b>Relevant web links:</b>
Nrich (Free)	This site 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.	<a href="https://nrich.maths.org/secondary">https://nrich.maths.org/secondary</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.mathletics.com/uk/">https://www.mathletics.com/uk/</a>
CGP books	You can buy maths workbooks for your children to work in. There are options for KS3 pupils or pupils who are taking their GCSEs.	<a href="https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books">https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books</a>
Mr Barton Maths (Free)	This website is purely for iGCSE, GCSE and A-level maths revision. It splits up revision into the different maths topics covered by the GCSEs. For each topic, there is a video link to YouTube to model how to solve certain question types. There are also relevant questions attached.	<a href="http://mrbartonmaths.com/students/">http://mrbartonmaths.com/students/</a>
Teach It Maths	Teach It has a range of maths resources that you can print out for your children. Some are free and some you need to have a paid membership to access.	<a href="https://www.teachitmaths.co.uk/">https://www.teachitmaths.co.uk/</a>
Corbettmaths (Free)	This website has a range of free videos to teach different maths topics and worksheets to practice what has been learned.	<a href="https://corbettmaths.com/">https://corbettmaths.com/</a>
Maths Is Fun	This website explains how to perform maths concepts in a simple way.	<a href="https://www.mathsisfun.com/">https://www.mathsisfun.com/</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.khanacademy.org/">https://www.khanacademy.org/</a>
Study Maths (Free)	This website has a range of revision notes, online worksheets and maths games for your children to play.	<a href="https://studymaths.co.uk/">https://studymaths.co.uk/</a>
Transum (Free)	This website contains a range of activities and teaching notes to help develop the whole range of maths concepts.	<a href="https://www.transum.org/Software/Transum_Topics.asp">https://www.transum.org/Software/Transum_Topics.asp</a>



<b>English – Writing, Spelling &amp; Grammar</b>		
<b>Resource/organisation</b>	<b>General information:</b>	<b>Relevant web links:</b>
Pobble 365- (Free)	This website uploads a picture every day. Along with the picture, there is a range of suggested activities for writing. You can see all previous pictures and activities and use them as a stimulus for writing.	<a href="http://www.pobble365.com/">http://www.pobble365.com/</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/">https://www.literacyshed.com/</a>
Sparknotes	This website is predominantly for English learning and revision. It contains useful information and analysis of all the relevant GCSE English texts. It also has information about other subjects.	<a href="https://www.sparknotes.com/">https://www.sparknotes.com/</a>
Spellodrome	This is a spelling program which 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.	<a href="https://uk.spellodrome.com/?_ga=2.226945309.1286676047.1578998011-1649915302.1578998011#/home">https://uk.spellodrome.com/?_ga=2.226945309.1286676047.1578998011-1649915302.1578998011#/home</a>
CGP	You can buy a range of English books for your children to work in. There are options for KS3 pupils or pupils who are taking their GCSEs.	<a href="https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books">https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books</a>
Mr Bruff	This website was created by an English teacher. He has many tutorial videos and sells his own exercise books to go alongside them. The videos are free, but the books need to be paid for.	<a href="https://mrbruff.com/about/">https://mrbruff.com/about/</a>
Englishbiz	Englishbiz is an educational website written by an experienced English teacher. It is made up of many separate web pages that will show you how to achieve a high grade in the English Language and English Literature GCSE exams. The focus here is on skills rather than individual texts.	<a href="http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/">http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/</a>
Teach It English	Teach It has a range of English resources that you can print out for your children. Some are free and some you need to have a paid membership to access.	<a href="https://www.teachitenglish.co.uk/">https://www.teachitenglish.co.uk/</a>
Teacher assessment exemplification	Writing paragraphs of work, such as letters, stories, diaries, non-chronological reports, biographies 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 2 work, they have been produced by 10 and 11 year olds.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2018-teacher-assessment-exemplification-ks2-english-writing">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2018-teacher-assessment-exemplification-ks2-english-writing</a>

<b>Reading</b>		
<b>Resource/ organisation</b>	<b>General information:</b>	<b>Relevant web links:</b>
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 comprehension text for their ability based on their previous comprehension results. This is an American resource, so some of the language may be different.	<a href="https://readtheory.org/">https://readtheory.org/</a>
Audible	Audible is a division of Amazon devoted to selling audiobooks. These can be particularly useful for children who are struggling readers or who do not like to read. Some audiobooks are free, while others require payment.	<a href="https://www.audible.co.uk/">https://www.audible.co.uk/</a>

<b>Science</b>		
<b>Resource/organisation</b>	<b>General information:</b>	<b>Relevant web links:</b>
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.	<a href="https://www.tigtagworld.com/clil">https://www.tigtagworld.com/clil</a>
Mystery Science	Contains a range of free science lessons to follow.	<a href="https://mysteryscience.com/">https://mysteryscience.com/</a>
CGP books	You can buy science workbooks for your children to work in. There are options for KS3 pupils or pupils who are taking their GCSEs. The books are usual split into the science disciplines: biology, chemistry and physics.	<a href="https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books">https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.crestawards.org/what-is-crest">https://www.crestawards.org/what-is-crest</a>
Pass My Exams	This is a good website for GCSE learning and revision. It covers physics, biology, chemistry and mathematics. For each subject, there are different sections of information for a range of topics. There are also videos to accompany the information to support understanding.	<a href="http://www.passmyexams.co.uk/index.html">http://www.passmyexams.co.uk/index.html</a>
Teach It Science	Teach It has a range of science resources that you can print out for your children. Some are free and some you need to have a paid membership to access.	<a href="https://www.teachitscience.co.uk/">https://www.teachitscience.co.uk/</a>
Love Biology	This is a site that has a host of quizzes and information to help students revise for their GCSE biology exams.	<a href="https://lovebiology.co.uk/gcse.php">https://lovebiology.co.uk/gcse.php</a>
Science Museum (Free)	This site brings together resources from museums, including activities, games and videos. Discover activities to support a range of curriculum topics.	<a href="https://learning-resources.sciencemuseum.org.uk/">https://learning-resources.sciencemuseum.org.uk/</a>
STEM	Resources are organised into age ranges. There are pictures, videos, PowerPoints and worksheets to download. They provide tips for educators, highlight common misconceptions and offer further suggestions for teaching.	<a href="https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/curated-collections/secondary-and-level-science-0">https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/curated-collections/secondary-and-level-science-0</a>

<b>Computing</b>		
<b>Resource/ organisation</b>	<b>General information:</b>	<b>Relevant web links:</b>
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.	<a href="https://www.lightbot.com/flash.html">https://www.lightbot.com/flash.html</a>
Blockly Games	This site has a series of educational games that teach programming. You do not need any experience of programming.	<a href="https://blockly.games">https://blockly.games</a>
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.	<a href="https://scratch.mit.edu/">https://scratch.mit.edu/</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.kodugameplay.com/">https://www.kodugameplay.com/</a>
UK Safer Internet Centre	There are a range of resources on this website to teach your children about staying safe on the internet.	<a href="https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-11-19s">https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-11-19s</a>

<b>Resources for a range of subjects:</b>		
<b>Resource/organisation</b>	<b>Subjects and general information:</b>	<b>Relevant web links:</b>
Duolingo (Free App)	This is an app or website which can help beginners learn up to 30 different languages.	<a href="https://www.duolingo.com/">https://www.duolingo.com/</a>
The Kid Should See This (Free)	This website contains a range of free educational and interesting videos on science, space, animals, technology, nature and more.	<a href="https://thekidshouldseethis.com/">https://thekidshouldseethis.com/</a>
Crash Course (Free)	The Crash Course is an American website. It has produced more than 15 courses using videos, and these videos accompany high school and college level classes ranging from the humanities to the sciences.	<a href="https://thecrashcourse.com/courses">https://thecrashcourse.com/courses</a>
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. She has linked a range of helpful resources and websites on this page and shares her ideas through her blog.	<a href="https://freddiesmummyuk.com/homeschooling-websites-uk/">https://freddiesmummyuk.com/homeschooling-websites-uk/</a>
iDEA (Free)	The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award (known as iDEA) is an international programme that helps you develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for free.	<a href="https://idea.org.uk/about">https://idea.org.uk/about</a>
Openlearn (Free)	There are a range of free courses on here. They are tasters for those who are considering doing an Open University course. They are aimed at adults, but some courses may be of interest to some secondary age pupils.	<a href="https://www.open.edu/openlearn/">https://www.open.edu/openlearn/</a>
Big History Project (Free)	This is an American social studies course that students can take online for free.	<a href="https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home">https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home</a>
National Geographic (Free)	This website contains a range of interesting articles about history, geography and animals. Ensure the articles are age-appropriate for your child.	<a href="https://www.nationalgeographic.com/">https://www.nationalgeographic.com/</a>
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.	
Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC)	There are a range of resources linked to the work the RSC have done on a range of shows. These are free to download.	<a href="https://www.rsc.org.uk/learn/schools-and-teachers/teacher-resources">https://www.rsc.org.uk/learn/schools-and-teachers/teacher-resources</a>

TED Ed (Free)	There are a range of educational videos about a vast range of subjects which are usually delivered by experts in their field.	<a href="https://ed.ted.com/">https://ed.ted.com/</a>
History Learning Site (Free)	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.	<a href="https://www.historylearning-site.co.uk/">https://www.historylearning-site.co.uk/</a>
Tinkercad (Free)	Tinkercad is a free, easy-to-use app for 3D design, electronics, and coding. It is used by teachers, kids, hobbyists and designers to imagine, design and make anything!	<a href="https://www.tinkercad.com/">https://www.tinkercad.com/</a>
Access Art	Access Art has a range of art activities for children. Some are free, but many of them need a paid membership to access them.	<a href="https://www.accessart.org.uk/">https://www.accessart.org.uk/</a>

<b>Trips &amp; Visits</b>		
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.		
<b>Name of place</b>	<b>Subjects and general information:</b>	<b>Relevant web links:</b>
Thinktank	The Thinktank is a science museum. It has a range of activities for all ages, including a 4k Planetarium, Science Garden and Smethwick Engine.	<a href="https://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank">https://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank</a>
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.	<a href="http://www.umbersladeadventure.com/">http://www.umbersladeadventure.com/</a>
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 and archaeology. Limited- time exhibitions are held in the museum. You can find out what's on by checking their website.	<a href="https://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag">https://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag</a>
Core Theatre Solihull	There are 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.	<a href="https://www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk/">https://www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk/</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.creswell-crags.org.uk/">https://www.creswell-crags.org.uk/</a>
MAC (Midlands Arts Centre)	There are 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.	<a href="https://macbirmingham.co.uk/">https://macbirmingham.co.uk/</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/education-group-membership">https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/education-group-membership</a>
Botanical Gardens	The Birmingham Botanical Gardens are a 15-acre botanical garden situated in Edgbaston, Birmingham - perfect for sketching natural forms, learning about nature and different plants.	<a href="https://www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk">https://www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk</a>

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.	<a href="https://www.dudleyzoo.org.uk">https://www.dudleyzoo.org.uk</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.visitconkers.com/">https://www.visitconkers.com/</a>
Ackers Adventure	Ackers Adventure is an outdoor activity centre located in Birmingham. It includes a dry ski slope.	<a href="https://www.ackers-adventure.co.uk/">https://www.ackers-adventure.co.uk/</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.warwick-castle.com/">https://www.warwick-castle.com/</a>
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.	<a href="http://www.bclm.co.uk">www.bclm.co.uk</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn">https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn</a>
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, including tree name trails, activity packs, free learning resources and lesson plans for children from early years to secondary.	<a href="https://www.forestryengland.uk/learning">https://www.forestryengland.uk/learning</a>
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.	<a href="https://planet-ice.co.uk/locations/solihull/">https://planet-ice.co.uk/locations/solihull/</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events">https://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events</a>



<b>Clubs &amp; Social Activities</b>		
<b>Name of place</b>	<b>Subjects and general information:</b>	<b>Relevant web links:</b>
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 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.	<a href="https://scouts.org.uk/">https://scouts.org.uk/</a>
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 Guides (10 - 14 year olds) group 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.	<a href="https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/">https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.solihullactive.co.uk/">https://www.solihullactive.co.uk/</a>
Football clubs	For specific sports, such as football, there are organisations which 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.	<a href="http://www.thefa.com/play-football">http://www.thefa.com/play-football</a>
Gymnastics clubs	For specific sports, such as gymnastics, there are organisations which 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.	<a href="https://www.british-gymnastics.org/discover/club">https://www.british-gymnastics.org/discover/club</a>
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.	<a href="https://socialsolihull.org.uk/localoffer/family-information-service-directory/?wpbdp_view=search">https://socialsolihull.org.uk/localoffer/family-information-service-directory/?wpbdp_view=search</a>
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.	<a href="https://solihullmusicservice.com/about/">https://solihullmusicservice.com/about/</a>

## 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"><li>• 33m swimming pool</li><li>• teaching pool</li><li>• group exercise class studio</li><li>• 6 court sports hall</li><li>• Astroturf pitch</li><li>• 100 station gym</li><li>• athletics track</li><li>• café bar</li><li>• crèche</li></ul>	North Solihull Sports Centre Conway Road Chelmsley Wood B37 5LA  Website: <a href="http://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/north-solihull-sports-centre">www.everyoneactive.com/centre/north-solihull-sports-centre</a> Telephone: 0121 770 3822
Tudor Grange Leisure Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 25m, 8 lane, pool</li><li>• learner pool</li><li>• dance studio</li><li>• sports hall</li><li>• full size 3G Astroturf pitch</li><li>• 150 station gym</li><li>• grade 1 track and field</li><li>• 3 indoor tennis courts</li><li>• diving pool</li><li>• sauna, steam &amp; spa</li><li>• café</li></ul>	Tudor Grange Leisure Centre Blossomfield Road Solihull B91 1NB  Website: <a href="http://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/tudor-grange-leisure-centre">www.everyoneactive.com/centre/tudor-grange-leisure-centre</a> 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 borrow books, CDs and other materials to support learning at home. There are also computers which 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"><li>• Monday and Thursday 10.00am to 6.00pm</li><li>• Tuesday 10.00am to 5.00pm</li><li>• Wednesday – Closed</li><li>• Fridays 2.00pm to 5.00pm</li><li>• Saturday 10.00am to 4.00pm</li></ul>
Castle Bromwich	Hurst Lane North Castle Bromwich Birmingham B36 0EY Telephone: 0121 747 3708	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday and Thursday 10.00am to 5.00pm</li><li>• Tuesday and Friday 10.00 to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 5.00pm</li><li>• Wednesday – Closed</li><li>• Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm</li></ul>
Chelmsley Wood	10 West Mall Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre Chelmsley Wood Birmingham B37 5TN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday and Thursday 9.30am to 7.00pm</li><li>• Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9.30am to 5.00pm</li></ul>

	Telephone: 0121 788 4380	
Dickens Heath	Old Dickens Heath Road Dickens Heath Solihull B90 1SD Telephone: 0121 744 6078	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 2.00pm to 6.00pm</li> <li>Tuesday 2.00pm to 5.00pm</li> <li>Wednesday and Friday - Closed</li> <li>Thursday 10.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 5.00pm</li> <li>Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 5.00pm</li> </ul>
Hampton in Arden	39 Fentham Road Hampton in Arden Solihull B92 0AY Telephone: 01675 442 629	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday - Closed</li> <li>Tuesday 10.00am to 12.00pm and 1.00pm to 6.00pm</li> <li>Friday 1.00pm to 5.00pm</li> </ul>
Hobs Moat	Ulleries Road Solihull B92 8EB Telephone: 0121 743 4592	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, Tuesday and Friday 10.00am to 5.00pm</li> <li>Wednesday – Closed</li> <li>Thursday 10.00am to 6.00pm</li> <li>Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm</li> </ul>
Kingshurst	Marston Drive Kingshurst Birmingham B37 6BD Telephone: 0121 770 3451	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, Tuesday and Friday 10.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 5.00pm</li> <li>Wednesday – Closed</li> <li>Thursday 10.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 6.00pm</li> <li>Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm</li> </ul>
Knowle	Chester House 1667-1669 High Street Knowle Solihull B93 0LL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, Tuesday and Friday 10.00am to 5.00pm</li> <li>Wednesday – Closed</li> <li>Thursday 10.00am to 6.00pm</li> <li>Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm &amp; 1.00pm to 3.00pm*</li> </ul>
Marston Green	Land Lane Birmingham B37 7DQ Telephone: 0121 779 2131	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday and Thursday 10.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 6.00pm</li> <li>Tuesday and Friday – Closed</li> <li>Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm*</li> <li>Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm</li> </ul>
Meriden	Arden Cottage The Green Meriden CV7 7LN Telephone: 01676 522717	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday and Thursday 10.00am to 6.00pm</li> <li>Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – Closed</li> <li>Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm</li> </ul>
Olton	169A Warwick Road Olton Solihull B92 7AR Telephone: 0121 706 3038	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 10.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 6.00pm</li> <li>Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am to 1.00 pm and 2.00 to 5.00pm</li> <li>Wednesday - 11.00am to 2.00pm*</li> <li>Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm</li> </ul>
Shirley	22 Parkgate Stratford Road Shirley Solihull B90 3GG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 9.30am - 7.00pm</li> <li>Tuesday 9.30am - 5.00pm</li> <li>Wednesday 10.00am - 5.00pm</li> <li>Thursday 9.30am - 7.00pm</li> <li>Friday 9.30am - 5.00pm</li> </ul>

	Telephone: 0121 704 6300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday 9.30am - 5.00pm</li> </ul>
Smith's Wood Neighbourhood Library	Smith's Wood Village Centre Elmwood Place 37 Burtons Way Birmingham B36 0UG Telephone: 0121 779 1700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm (excluding bank holidays).</li> </ul>
The Core Library	Homer Road Solihull B91 3RG General enquiries/library reception: 0121 704 6965	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday and Thursday 9.00am to 8.00pm</li> <li>• Tuesday, Friday 9.00am to 6.00pm</li> <li>• Wednesday 10.00am to 6.00pm</li> <li>• Saturday 9.00am to 5.00pm</li> </ul>

## Your Planning and Resources

If you are going to use a specific approach or set of materials, you **may** like to include them here.

Place a tick in the second column if that subject is included in your child's education programme and, where appropriate, the main textbook, course or other resources and approaches you plan to use.		
SUBJECT	✓	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**, make a note here if you plan to use any of these resources and add a few details.

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

**What arrangements are made so that your child has social contact with other children and adults?**

**What clubs/groups are you likely to use?**

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

Name	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](mailto:ehe@solihull.gov.uk)

## Record Keeping

How will you keep a check on your child(ren)'s progress?	
Do you keep a diary or a record of the work completed by your child(ren)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
How and where will you store past work?	
Do you make sure that most of your child's work is kept and clearly indicates the date when it was completed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you expect that your child(ren) 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><b>The Home Education Handbook</b> 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"> <li>• making the decision</li> <li>• home education and the pre-school years</li> <li>• withdrawing your child from school</li> <li>• setting up the home curriculum</li> <li>• ideas for learning at home</li> <li>• the inspection</li> <li>• the teenage years</li> <li>• special educational needs</li> <li>• the challenge of home education</li> <li>• research into home education</li> </ul> <p>There is also advice about registering as an external student for exam entries.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.heas.org.uk/">https://www.heas.org.uk/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.heas.org.uk/subscriptions/">https://www.heas.org.uk/subscriptions/</a></p>
Home Education UK	This site has many useful pages and links including the EHE guidance documents and the National Curriculum.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/home-education">https://www.gov.uk/home-education</a>
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><a href="http://www.ace-ed.org.uk">http://www.ace-ed.org.uk</a> General Advice Line (Mon-Wed 10am-1pm, term time): 0300 0115 142 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@ace-ed.org.uk">enquiries@ace-ed.org.uk</a> (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><a href="https://www.educationotherwise.org/">https://www.educationotherwise.org/</a> Helpline No: 0845 478 6345</p>
Free Range Education	<p>This website offers a range of resources, links, information, legal help, and an e-mail support service called 'Ask Fred'.</p> <p>'Free Range Education – How Home Education Works', is a book edited by Terri Dowty. It contains a collection of first-hand accounts of different families' practice, plus many resources and a legal section.</p>	<a href="http://www.free-range-education.org.uk/">http://www.free-range-education.org.uk/</a>

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.	<a href="http://edyourself.org/">http://edyourself.org/</a>
Home Education UK	This site contains information about EHE and has links to articles, forums, events and resources that you can use.	<a href="http://www.home-education.org.uk/">http://www.home-education.org.uk/</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.childrenslegalcentre.com/">https://www.childrenslegalcentre.com/</a> 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.	<a href="https://contact.org.uk/">https://contact.org.uk/</a>
HE-Special	This is a website for families who home educate children with special educational needs and disabilities.	<a href="http://www.he-special.org.uk/">http://www.he-special.org.uk/</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.ipsea.org.uk/">https://www.ipsea.org.uk/</a>
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.	<a href="http://www.sossen.org.uk">www.sossen.org.uk</a>
Information Advice Support Services Network	This website is a national network which you can use to find local parent SEND support services.	<a href="https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/information-advice-and-support-services-network">https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/information-advice-and-support-services-network</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/">https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/</a> 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.	<a href="https://www.afasic.org.uk/">https://www.afasic.org.uk/</a> 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.	<a href="http://www.ican.org.uk">www.ican.org.uk</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.kidscape.org.uk/">https://www.kidscape.org.uk/</a>  Phone: 020 7823 5430
Bullying UK (part of Family Lives)	This website provides advice and resources about bullying.	<a href="https://www.bullying.co.uk/">https://www.bullying.co.uk/</a> 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.	<a href="https://www.childline.org.uk/">https://www.childline.org.uk/</a> Helpline: 0800 1111
Young Minds	This website offers advice and information on young people's mental health and well-being.	<a href="http://www.youngminds.org.uk/">www.youngminds.org.uk/</a>
Potential Plus (for Gifted Children)	Potential Plus is a charity which gives advice on social, emotional, learning needs of children with high learning potential.	<a href="http://www.potentialplusuk.org">www.potentialplusuk.org</a>  Tel: 01908 646433 (open Monday to Thursday 9am - 1pm).
The Traveller Movement	This website offers education advice and advocacy for the traveller community.	<a href="https://travellermovement.org.uk/">https://travellermovement.org.uk/</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.gypsy-traveller.org/">https://www.gypsy-traveller.org/</a>
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	The NEC has information for pupils who wish to sit external examinations, including GCSEs and	<a href="https://www.nec.ac.uk/">https://www.nec.ac.uk/</a>

College (NEC)	A-levels. They offer a range of GCSE courses from their website.	
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.	<a href="https://home-ed.info/gcse">https://home-ed.info/gcse</a> <a href="https://he-exams.wikia.org/wiki/Quick_Start_Guide">https://he-exams.wikia.org/wiki/Quick_Start_Guide</a>
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.	<a href="https://he-exams.wikia.org/wiki/Midlands_Exam_Centres">https://he-exams.wikia.org/wiki/Midlands_Exam_Centres</a>