

Elective Home Education

Access to useful links and resources



Contact Information

Advice on Elective Home Education:

www.northyorks.gov.uk - <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/31059/What-should-I-do-if-I-want-to-educate-my-child-at-home>

Customer Resolution Centre

Open Monday to Friday – 8am to 5.30pm

Tel: 01609 780780

IASS Network:

The Information, Advice and Support Services Network (IASS Network) supports and promotes the work of Information, Advice and Support (IAS) Services across England. We are based at the Council for Disabled Children. We were previously known as the National Parent Partnership Network (NPPN). www.iassnetwork.org.uk

North Yorkshire SENDIASS :

Provides information for families in North Yorkshire who have a child with special educational needs. This includes the “Local Offer”, support and advice services and your local SENDIASS advisor www.northyorks.gov.uk/send

North Yorkshire Family Information Service:

Available for parents and carers of children 0-19 and for young people with additional needs up to the age of 25 this provides comprehensive, up to date information and advice on all services for children, young people and families in North Yorkshire. This includes where you can find out about childcare, parenting and family support, money advice, getting into work or training, holiday and weekend activities, working in early education and childcare, health, the location of childrens centres, support and activities for disabled children and young people and where to access help for families in distress eg illness, divorce and bereavement. www.northyorks.gov.uk/nyfamilies

Tel: 01609 533483

Email : fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk

North Yorkshire Library Service

Including access to a 24 hour digital library service with ebooks, audio books, online reference sources; where you can find your local library and reservation service for books, CD, DVDs and the mobile library service. www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries

Sources of Information and Resources

Useful websites and information can be accessed via the EHE Room on Fronter (North Yorkshire’s Virtual Learning Environment)

<https://fronter.com/northyorks>

username: homeguest

password: Fronter123

This area is updated on a regular basis and includes an online forum area which provides opportunity for families to recommend resources to each other.

Useful websites, links and publications for independent study and distance learning

New website resources are being developed and made available constantly and therefore the list below is only representative of some of those which are available at the time of producing this guidance. Please note that North Yorkshire is not responsible for the content of any of the external websites listed and is not making any recommendations

Elective Home Education: Information and Contacts

www.direct.gov.uk – Government information about Home Education

<http://edyourself.org> – links with other home educating families

www.parentsintouch.co.uk – education and schooling information for parents; downloadable worksheets for all National Curriculum Key Stages

www.educationotherwise.net/ – Provides support and information for home educating families

www.heas.org.uk - Home Education Advisory Service, an independent support network producing a monthly informative newsletter. Good on resources and teaching materials.

www.home-education.org.uk - Home Education UK, good range of information, including a list of other support groups and mailing lists.

www.ace-ed.org.uk Advisory Centre for Education (ACE) Ltd, national independent education watchdog.

www.dyslexia-inst.org.uk - The Dyslexia Institute, information regarding this specific learning difficulty.

e-safety

The internet is an excellent tool for learning, particularly for children and young people who are experiencing education in an environment outside of school. However, it is essential that sites accessed by the child are checked by an adult on a regular basis. The main reason for this is to protect the young person from undesirable materials, but it is also necessary to make sure the site's content is relevant to the child's needs. This list of websites, contacts and publications has been compiled to save parents/carers time in finding suitable sites. Further advice on e-safety can be found at:

www.childnet-int.org/ - Childnet International, a non-profit organisation working with others to help make the Internet a great and safe place for children

<http://ceop.police.uk/> - Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre

www.nspcc.org.uk/HelpAndAdvice – tips and advice from the NSPCC on how to keep children safe online

www.kidpower.org/resources/articles – fun, practical and positive safety tips for children

www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/websafety – learn e-safety through cartoons, videos and games

www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/e-safety - North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board e-safety resources and information

Distance learning and tutoring links

www.nec.ac.uk – National Extension College: Distance Learning courses, GCSE and A Level, Tel: 0800 389 2839

www.oxfordhomeschooling.co.uk – Key Stages 3 – 5 specialists

www.catherinemooneytutoring.co.uk – iGCSE English tutoring

www.kipmcgrath.co.uk – tutors to support spelling, reading, comprehension, English and Maths

Accreditation

www.aqa.org.uk The Assessment and Qualifications Alliance (AQA), examining board

www.ocr.org.uk - Oxford and Cambridge & RSA (OCR), examining board

www.edexcel.org.uk – Edexcel, examining board

www.cie.org.uk - Cambridge International Exams, examining board

www.odlqc.org.uk - Open and Distance Learning Quality Council (ODLQC)
An independent body which accredits open and distance learning courses.
Free information listing all approved organisations and courses.

www.homestudy.org.uk - Association of British Correspondence Courses (ABCC), voluntary association of colleges which comply with a code of ethics.

www.nec.ac.uk - National Extension College, correspondence college

General information and curriculum topics

www.qca.org.uk - Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), information about the National Curriculum, including tests and assessment arrangements.

www.bbc.co.uk/education - BBC, a huge site offering advice on many aspects of education from resources to support with links to other organisations involved in education other than at school.

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ – 'Bitesize' - School curriculum resources for all Key Stages, inc GCSE

<http://schools-wikipedia.org> – Schools Wikipedia - A selection of topics from the full Wikipedia have been carefully chosen and checked for suitability to use in schools/homes

<http://teachers.guardian.co.uk> – teacher network, free resources

www.topmarks.co.uk – excellent search engine, gives direction to a huge range of useful websites by subject and age range, inc. Interactive teaching /learning resources, exam revision, etc

www.topicbox.net – resource search engine with focus on National Curriculum topics

www.tes.co.uk – try the resources section

<http://pathways.livinglibrary.co.uk> – over 4000 website links by subject

www.primaryresources.co.uk – lesson plans, activity ideas and teaching resources

www.curriculumonline.gov.uk - thousands of resources and online activities relevant to KS1&2, Special Needs and Early Years

www.schoolsnet.com - free online lessons for children 11-16 years

inputting “academic tutors online uk” into your search engine

English

www.worldstories.org.uk – a fun site with a growing collection of stories in English and 21 languages spoken in the UK. Listen, read and be creative- activity ideas and lesson plans

www.literacytrust.org.uk – reading and writing resources

<http://storynory.com> – free audio stories, classic and new

www.writingfun.com – subscription text organisers for writing development

www.thenewspaper.org.uk – news for children, by subscription

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews> – news for children- hear the story, watch the video

www.kidsonthenet.org.uk – invites children to submit their own writing, plus lots more to explore

Letts Key Stage 3 Maths, Science & English Revision Guides and Workbooks

Letts Basic Skills in GCSE English for AQA A

Letts GCSE English for AQA A

Maths

www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com – interactive maths dictionary

www.conkermaths.org – maths activities

www.conquermaths.com – full curriculum online tutoring by subscription

CGP/ Letts Maths textbooks, Key Stage 4

Letts GCSE Maths for AQA

Science

www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/onlinestuff – wide range of information and resources

www.planet-science.com – Key Stages 2 – 4 games, activities and resources

www.agriculture-4-u.co.uk – resources and information about where food comes from and how it is produced

<http://science.howstuffworks.com> – mostly Key Stage 3 and 4

Contact us

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