



Home Education Terminology and Abbreviations

ALN - Additional Learning Needs

ASN - Additional Support Needs

Autonomous Learning - Child-led education

Compulsory School Age (CSA) - The ages during which it is the parent's duty to ensure their child receives a suitable education.

Department for Education (DfE) - Government department responsible for children's services and education.

Deregistering/Deregistration - Requesting that your child be removed from the school register and taken out of school.

Deschooling - The process of adjusting to Home Education after leaving school.

EHE - Elective Home Education

Another term for Home Education, where a parent/carer takes full responsibility for their child's education.

EHC(P) - Education, Health and Care Plan.

Sets out the educational needs for a SEN child.

EWO - Education Welfare Officer

They are responsible for children not attending school. They work with parents under different circumstances to ensure that children are receiving a suitable, full-time education.

Forest School - A place where education takes place outdoors. It encourages a love for learning and the natural environment.

HE - Home Education or Home Educator

Where a parent/carer takes their child out of school and educates them at home.

Home Ed Co-op - A Home Education group where the parents take turns in providing resources and leading the learning.

HEFF - Home Educating Families' Festival

An annual week-long festival run by volunteers for Home Educating families.

Home Education Report - A document to show how you are providing your child a suitable, full-time education.

Homeschooling - An American term to describe Home Education, although it can also be a style of choice for your child's education.

Home Visits (HV) - Usually done by a EWO, although there is no obligation to have them or for home educators to accept them.

HRA - Human's Rights Act

LA/LEA - The Local Authority or Local Education Authority

Your local authority or council which monitors children's education and ensures that they are receiving a suitable one.

Mission Statement - A set of educational goals and how you want to carry out Home Education.

National Curriculum (NC) - The government-imposed curriculum on all the state schools in the UK.

NTS - Notice to Satisfy

A request from the LA requiring parents to provide information about their child's education to make sure it is suitable.

SAO - School Attendance Order

An order sent by the LA stating a school that you must send your child to.

SEN - Special Educational Needs

Unschooling - An approach to Home Education which centres on the child's choices, interests, abilities and pace.