

23 Hours

Query to DfE October 12th 2014

“I have been informed of a case where social care staff appear to have been advised that a home educated child is required by law to do 23 hours of written work every week.

Could you tell me whether the Department would agree with this?”

Response October 13th 2014

“There is no minimum limit specified in law or in DfE guidance, beyond the basic requirement for full-time education if the child is of compulsory school age. 23 hours is about the length of time many school children spend in actual lessons, at least in secondary school, and someone may have seized on that as an indicator. But it has no legal basis.

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