

Kent Consultation Walkthrough

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Kent New Policy

At the end of November 2015 - following a consultation exercise earlier in the year - Kent County Council Cabinet formally adopted [a new elective home education policy](#) [More](#)

READ THE ARCHIVED PAGE [HERE](#)

Introduction

Home Education Kent July 2014

Total	1285
Dover & Thanet	231
West Kent (Tonbridge/Tunbridge Wells/Sevenoaks)	230
Maidstone & Malling	187
Swale	174
Dartford & Gravesham	142
Ashford	117
Canterbury	103
Shepway	103

Kent County Council is currently consulting a new elective home education policy [[Consultation page](#)] and is also asking for feedback on its [new home education web pages](#). The consultation closed on June 12th 2015.

[My consultation response](#)

Home educators in Kent can give their views on the new draft policy by filling in a paper questionnaire and posting it; by filling in an online questionnaire, or by going along to one of the three drop-in events organised by the council. The questionnaire can be anonymous ie you can fill in the questionnaire without giving

your name, and you only need provide the first part of your postcode.

To respond to the questionnaire, you will need to read [the draft policy](#) (9 pages) and [the Equality Impact Assessment](#) (17 pages large print) which is where the council explains the effect it thinks the policy will have on different groups.

[See also [Useful Links](#)]

To give feedback on [the new web pages](#), you can add comments to your consultation response, and/or you can click on the 'face' buttons and rate the page and type your comments in the pop-up dialogue box.

My thoughts on the policy [here](#) and [here](#) (via [this page](#)). [My consultation response](#)

Consultation questions + my answers

[My consultation response](#)

[Paper Questionnaire](#)

[Online Questionnaire](#)

Legal Services

I went to [the consultation web page](#) and opened [the draft policy](#) and clicked on File, Properties, General which says the document was created by [Matthew Waterworth](#) and modified at the same time by [Patrick Leeson](#) on 23/12/14 at 16.33. It was last printed on 8/12/14. I then clicked on Custom Properties, and found that the document creator was listed as matthew.waterworth@kent.gov.uk and that Matthew's role was Senior Solicitor - Team Leader. The description is Amended policy v1 17.11. 14. The matter was open from 6/10/14 and was last opened on 9/12/14.

Letter to Parents/Carers

[Link](#)

"Stakeholder engagement in Kent Elective Home Education (EHE) Policy

Kent's Cabinet recently endorsed the draft Elective Home Education Policy and asked that officers engage with Kent's elective home education community to seek feedback.

The policy document is designed to make improvements to the way in which we engage and work with EHE families and to help establish an appropriate framework for engagement with the EHE community. The responsibility for a child's education rests with the parents. It is not the role of our EHE team to tell parents how to educate their children or ensure registration at school. KCC's duty is to identify children who are not receiving the education to which they are statutorily entitled and we aim to work with you providing support and information to secure the best outcomes for Kent resident learners.

Kent County Council's Elective Home Education Team values input from home educating families, and as a family who are currently or have previously elected to Home Educate your child, we would value your feedback. The link below will take you to Kent's newly developed website for EHE and to its draft EHE Policy. We would welcome any helpful suggestions you may have in regard to the website and also any feedback on the draft policy for us to consider ahead of Kent Cabinet's decision whether to formally adopt the policy: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/ehe>

If you have difficulty accessing the internet and would prefer a paper copy of the policy and feedback questionnaire then please write to: EHE Team, Room 2.24, Session House, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ.

You are also welcome to attend one of our drop-in sessions (each runs from 9:30am to 11:30am):

Monday 11 May

Oakwood House, Oakwood Road, Maidstone, ME16 8AE

Tuesday 12 May

Thanet MASH, Greenbanks, Westfield Road, Garlinge, Margate, CT9 5PA

Monday 18 May

Riverside Community Centre, Dickens Road, Gravesend, DA12 2JY

Yours sincerely

Scott Bagshaw

Head of Fair Access"

Equalities Impact Assessment

The first figure is % at primary age; the second is % at secondary age. I note that around a third of the home educated children in Kent are of primary age, while two thirds are secondary age.

1, 16 more than 1 fixed term exclusion from school

6, 7 behavioural SEN

2, 1 Educational Psychologist referral

5, 4 85% -90% school attendance

10, 7 less than 85% attendance

0, 2 permanently excluded from school

11, 8 free school meals

2, 8 Come under Troubled Families

5, 7 physical SEN

11, 10 Social Care Services referral

2, 3 Child in Need

0.3, 0 Children in Care

1, 1 Child Protection

0, 3 under Youth offending team

14, 12 referred as Children Missing Education

What the EQUIA **doesn't** have is: breakdown of the home education population by age, gender, area of Kent, or how many years home educated. We are not told whether young people who begin home education in Y10 and Y11 are distributed equally across the county, or whether the council holds any data on deregistration from particular schools. There is no reference to Education, Health and Care Plans, although Kent was a well-funded Pathfinder LA, and there is no definition of 'physical SEN' or 'behaviour SEN'.

Useful Links

- [New KCC home education web page](#)
- [Consultation page](#)
- [Draft Policy](#)
- [My Suggested Changes](#)
- [Rationale for My Changes](#)
- [Letter to parents/carers](#)
- [Equality Impact Assessment](#)
- [Paper version of questionnaire](#)
- [Online questionnaire](#)
- [Edyourself blog on Kent](#)

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Link Reference

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3. My consultation response <http://edyourself.org/articles/kentconsultresponse2015.php>
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