

Anglesey Freedom of Information Response October 2012

1/ How many School Attendance Orders has the authority served in the past 12 months?

In the process of completing on one.

2/ Does the authority have a named contact within the authority who is familiar with home education policy and practice and who has an understanding of the relevant legislation and a range of educational philosophies?

Yes that is myself

3/ If yes, to question 2/ could you please supply me with details of the named contact?

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4/ Does the authority send information to parents through the post?

Currently we are working on information to be sent to parents. We are doing this in collaboration with our parents who home ed. All that has been sent to parents is dates of meetings with myself or with the home education adviser.

5/ If yes to question 4/ could you please give examples of the type of information which the authority has sent in the past 12 months?

I have sent out the consultation documents to the CLAS group and home ed parents that have given me their e-mails to e-mail anything relevant to them.

6/ Does the authority make contact with home educating families on an annual basis in order to seek a meeting or request an updated report? As of last year we now have a twice yearly informal meeting where invites are sent out to families.

We have had families from Gwynedd and Conway also attend. Our next meeting is in November where we have a representative from AQA exam board coming to talk to the families.

7/ Does the authority offer any support to home educating families?

The support materials are currently being developed, once finished you are more than welcome to have a copy. The meetings are a chance for all families to get together to support each other. We also have Careers Wales present and provide information about a home ed group called CLAS (based now in Bangor). We also offer the yearly monitoring visits as a way of supporting families as well as to help us fulfill our role of ensuring that pupils have a suitable education.

8/ If yes to question 7/ could you please give examples of the type of support offered in the past 12 months?

Kind of answered above.

9/ In relation to the guidance issued by Estyn in 2010, does the authority provide helpful guidance for parents educating their children at home when requested to do so?

So far no requests have come but as mentioned previously this is being worked on this year.

10/ How many children in elective home education residing in your area have a statement of special educational needs?

Currently none that I am aware of (those on our list)

11/ Does the authority have a formal policy or protocol document regarding children who are educated at home and who have special educational needs, or additional learning needs?

This is encompassed as part of our policy. I have attached the first version but I have had comments back from the home ed community and I am currently updating ready for our meeting next month.

12/ If yes to question 11/ could you please supply me with a copy of the relevant policy/protocol document?

Attached

References

(1)<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/educationandskills/schoolshome/pupilsupport/inclusionpupilsupportguidance/section6/?lang=en>

(2)<http://www.estyn.gov.uk/english/inspection/inspection-guidance/local-authority-education-services-for-children-and-young-people/>