

Camarthenshire FOI Response October 2012

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

None

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

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?

Yes

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?

Type of information sent out includes information packs for parents considering elective home education for their children, including the LA's policy on Elective Home Education and written reports of visits conducted.

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?

Yes

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

Yes

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

We provide advice on educational matters. We do not provide any physical resources as the schools budgets have the funding for educating children.

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?

Yes. Carmarthenshire LA was inspected in March 2012 and received a good report from ESTYN.

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

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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?

The LA has adopted a policy on Elective Home Education in line with current legislation and Welsh Government guidance. This policy contains advice on the home education of children with special educational needs.

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

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