

Ceredigion Freedom of Information Response 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?

The Authority has appointed a named Education Inclusion Officer. The Team Leader is also fully conversant with the relevant legislation and associated matters. Both officers have higher degrees in EHE, EOTAS & associated matters.

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, on request.

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? Booklet explaining various aspects of EHE.

Please find attached information which the Authority has issued during the past 12 months.

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?

No

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

The Authority offers the following support to home educating families:

- Home visits, if requested
- Advice on deregistration / reapplying to school
- Advice on home education groups in the area
- The authority is developing an information pack to be sent out to home educating families. This will outline the services that children and young people can access within the county

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

Team Leader & Education Inclusion Officer met with a parent & child in a neutral venue to discuss the educational provision that was in place. This was at the request of the other parent who was having difficulties and was concerned that the child was not attending school. Following the visit, it was arranged to send a short report to both parents explaining how the parent was complying with their legal duty to provide a suitable education.

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

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?

Yes. This is included in the general document on Elective Home Education

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

Please find 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-](http://www.estyn.gov.uk/english/inspection/inspection-guidance/local-authority-education-services-for-children-and-young-people/)

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