

## Emails between LA in South East England and DfE re funding college places for home educated 14-16s 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013

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From DfE Funding Unit

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**To:** Local Authority in South East England

**Cc:** Fiona Nicholson, [14-16inFE.EFA@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:14-16inFE.EFA@education.gsi.gov.uk)

**Subject:** College Provision Funding for 14 -16 EHE Students.

Thank you for your enquiry about colleges enrolling home educated students and related funding. I have annotated your original email with the answers in green text. I hope this is helpful and resolves all your queries.

We are in the process of finalising guidance on funding for 14-16 year olds in further education and sixth form colleges. In the meantime, there is already guidance on funding for home educated students on our website at <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/parents/involvement/homeeducation/a0073322/funding-for-home-education>.

Please contact me again if you have any further queries on this matter.

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**From:** Local Authority in South East England

**Sent:** Wed 22 May 2013 16:48

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**Cc:** Fiona Nicholson

**Subject:** College Provision Funding for 14 -16 EHE Students.

Dear All,

I am currently seeking clarification regarding the funding for Home Educated young people for the academic year 2013-14 in 14 -16 College provision.

My understanding is that with effect from September 2013 colleges can claim directly for funding for any Electively Home Educated young people who engage on a college 14 – 16 provision. This is suggested by the EFA statement that: “we will fund any college for home educated young people aged 14-16 from September 2013”. **This is true**

The college that I am liaising with have responded with their concerns that they cannot claim this funding and that they are in fact excluded from direct funding of 14 -16 year old learners.

It is their understanding that for 2013/14 academic year, ministers have decided that only FE institutions that meet certain criteria will be directly funded. The criteria for direct funding for 14-16s in 2013/14 are to:

- be Good or better on most recent Ofsted assessment; or
- be Satisfactory and improving;
  - Satisfactory rating with significant improvement in the past 4 years
  - Improving is defined as published performance tables data average point score per student at level 3 GCE A/AS in 2008 with the score

**in 2011. These criteria only apply to colleges enrolling 14-16 year olds who would otherwise have been full-time on a school roll; they do not apply with regard to enrolments of home educated students.**

Can you please simply confirm which statement should be applied in the case of Electively Home Educated aged 14 -16 year olds accessing college provision?

I will then have clarity that as the college concerned do not meet any of the criteria above (having achieved a grade 3 needs improvement at the last inspection) they are not in a position to get direct funding for any home educated learners due to the exclusions. **This is not the case.**

Alternatively you can confirm that the college can claim directly for funding for home educated learners regardless of the exclusions which will not apply in cases of home educated young people aged 14 -16 seeking college provision. In this scenario it would be helpful to have some guidance to offer the college on how they can access this funding. **I can confirm that this is the current position.**

**In order to access funding for home-educated students aged 14-16 years attending courses at a college (either on a full-time or part-time basis), the college will need to complete the Individualised Learner Record (ILR) for each such student, ticking the EFA funding box and using the code for 14-16 home educated for the funding claim.**