

**Email to FE College: Funding for Home Educated 14-16s from September 2013
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<http://edyourself.org/emailtocollegejune2013.pdf>

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I have been contacted by a home educator in your area with regard to provision at the college for home educated 14-16s.

The Department for Education has made a special rule from September 2013 for home educated young people aged 14-16 at college. Where a young person is home educated, the parent retains overall responsibility for the young person's education.

In all cases except home education it will be someone other than the parent who is responsible. For example with the new 14-16s direct entry on to a full-time course it is the college which is responsible. Where a school sends a student for one day a week, the school is responsible. Where the local authority arranges placements for young people who would otherwise be missing education, the LA is responsible.

With this in mind, DfE has recently published guidance on funding college places for 14-16s which may be found here

<http://media.education.gov.uk/assets/files/pdf/d/dfef20dept20advice%2014%2016%20enrolment%20final.pdf>

The relevant paragraphs for home education are as follows:

"78. Up to now, students on courses below level 3 have been funded directly by the local authority, or sometimes the parents, paying a fee to the college. These arrangements are changing with effect from September 2013. Colleges will now be able to enter these students on the ILR and they will count towards the college's student numbers for lagged funding in the following year. Local authorities and parents should no longer be expected to pay fees for this provision.

79. Colleges should make such local arrangements as they deem appropriate. There is no national prescribed model for provision to these students and they do not form a part of the arrangements for the full-time enrolment of 14 -16 year olds in Further Education and Sixth Form."

The situation is further explained on my website here

<http://edyourself.org/articles/WolfReport.php#14-16scollege>

I have also provided links to colleges and local authorities in different areas of the country who are already moving forwards with the new arrangements

<http://edyourself.org/articles/WolfReport.php#14-16scollegeevents2013>

I would be happy to answer any further questions, as I have been researching this issue for the Government's Education Committee over the past 4 years and have had extensive dialogue with civil servants in DfE Funding Unit.

Kind regards