

How To Claim Funding For Home Education: 2012-13. ARCHIVE

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Funding is claimed back from Government by local authorities for money spent on behalf of individual children throughout the academic year ie starting in September

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Compare [Home Education Funding Report 2011](#)

Where a local authority is already paying for SEN support or FE courses by mid January 2013 (ie for the academic year 2012-13), an entry can be made on **the annual Alternative Provision Census**. Please see [the DfE Guidance](#) and [DfE Home Education Funding FAQ](#) for more details.

[Changes to Dedicated Schools Grant from 2012](#) including delegated funding to maintained funded Alternative Provision (Pupil Referral Units) from 2013 [Big Changes to School and College Funding Over-16s from 2012](#) and [DfE plans to abolish LACSEG for central services \(July 2012\)](#)

Click here [for details of local authorities helping home educators with access to exams](#)

[Home Education Numbers Map](#)

[Bar Charts Showing Variations in Funding Throughout England](#)

Freedom of Information Responses June 2012

London Boroughs Claiming Funding For Home Education

- [Barking](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *May claim for SEN on case by case basis* for 2012-13
- [Barnet](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not yet decided for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
- [Bexley](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13. See also [FOI Bexley Adult Education Home Education College Fees](#)
- [Brent](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13, but still drawing up guidelines. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
- [Bromley](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not yet decided for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
- [Camden](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Will claim if appropriate* for 2012-13
- [City of London](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13.
- [Croydon](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
- [Ealing](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Investigating* for 2012-13
- [Enfield](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Will claim if possible* for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
- [Greenwich](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13
- [Hackney](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
- [Hammersmith and Fulham](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12 for SEN support. Not yet decided for 2012-13

- [Haringey](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Harrow](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Won't claim for 2012-13
 - [Havering](#) *Did claim for FE courses* in 2011-12. *Would claim* for 2012-13
 - [Hillingdon](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Won't claim for 2012-13
 - [Hounslow](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. *Will claim if appropriate* for 2012-13
 - [Islington](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13.
 - [Lambeth](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Won't claim for 2012-13.
 - [Lewisham](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Won't claim for 2012-13
 - [Merton](#) *Didn't claim* in 2011-12. Won't claim for 2012-13
 - [Newham](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Will not claim for 2012-13
 - [Royal Borough Kensington Chelsea](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Will not be claiming in 2012-13
 - [Royal Borough Kingston on Thames](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Won't claim for 2012-13
 - [Redbridge](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Will not be claiming for 2012-13
 - [Richmond](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not yet decided for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
 - [Southwark](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13
 - [Sutton](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
 - [Tower Hamlets](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13, re SEN support statemented children
 - [Waltham Forest](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Won't claim for 2012-13
 - [Wandsworth](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Not decided yet for 2012-13
 - [Westminster](#) *Didn't claim* in 2011-12. Won't claim for 2012-13
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South East England Councils Claiming Funding For Home Education

- [Bracknell Forest](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not yet decided for 2012-13
- [Brighton and Hove](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13. See also [Brighton and Hove SEN Pathfinder FOI](#)
- [Buckinghamshire](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Will claim* for Pilot in 2012-13
- [East Sussex](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. *Will be claiming* for 2012-13
- [Hampshire](#) *Did claim* for SEN in 2011-12. *Will claim* for FE in 2012-13. See also [Hampshire SEN Pathfinder FOI](#) and [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
- [Isle of Wight](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
- [Kent](#) KCC will be claiming Alternative Provision Funding for any children educated at home in 2012-13 that KCC is supporting. See also [Kent SEN Pathfinder FOI](#)
- [Medway](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Won't claim for 2012-13. See also [Medway SEN Pathfinder FOI](#)

- [Milton Keynes](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Not yet decided for 2012-13 re SEN support statemented children
 - [Oxfordshire](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Researching for 2012-13
 - [Portsmouth](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Reading](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *May claim for SEN* for 2012-13 (case by case basis) See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
 - [Royal Borough Windsor and Maidenhead](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided about 2012-13
 - [Slough](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Southampton](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
 - [Surrey](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Won't claim for 2012-13. See also [Surrey SEN Pathfinder FOI](#)
 - [West Berkshire](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [West Sussex](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13. See also [West Sussex SEN Pathfinder FOI](#)
 - [Wokingham](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not yet decided for 2012-13.
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South West England Councils Claiming Funding For Home Education

- [Bath and North East Somerset](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *May claim* for 2012-13 ("looking at potential for claiming")
- [Bournemouth](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided yet for 2012-13
- [Bristol](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. *Will claim* in 2012-13, when in discussion with the parent, LA agrees to pay for exam entries or early college placement.
- [Cornwall](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *May claim* for 2012-13, to be decided on case by case basis
- [Devon](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13. Further details [here](#)
- [Dorset](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
- [Gloucestershire](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Not decided about 2012-13
- [Isles of Scilly](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
- [North Somerset](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13.
- [Poole](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Will not claim in 2012-13
- [Plymouth](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
- [Shropshire](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Not decided/investigating* for 2012-13
- [Somerset](#) *Did claim* for 2011-12. Won't be claiming for 2012-13 because no money to pay upfront. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
- [South Gloucestershire](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Won't claim for 2012-13
- [Swindon](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)

- [Torbay](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Not decided about 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
 - [West Sussex](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13
 - [Wiltshire](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Won't claim for 2012-13
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Eastern England Councils Claiming Funding For Home Education

- [Cambridgeshire](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Won't claim for 2012-13 "Funding has been devolved to the schools, therefore Cambridgeshire County Council does not claim Alternative Provision Funding."
 - [Essex](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12 for SEN support for exceptional cases. *Will claim* on case by case basis for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
 - [Norfolk](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *May claim* in 2012-13
 - [Northamptonshire](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - Peterborough
 - [Southend](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Suffolk](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Will not be claiming for 2012-13
 - [Thurrock](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
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East Midlands Councils Claiming Funding For Home Education

- [Bedford](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Wd claim if asked* for 2012-13
 - [Central Bedfordshire](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Derby](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Probably will not be claiming for 2012-13
 - [Derbyshire](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13
 - [Leicestershire](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *May claim* for 2012-13
 - [Leicester](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *May claim, interested to find out more* for 2012-13
 - [Lincolnshire](#) Didn't claim in 2011-2. Not decided for 2012-13.
 - [Luton](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Northamptonshire](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [North East Lincolnshire](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Not decided about 2012-13
 - [North Lincolnshire](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided yet for 2012-13
 - [Nottingham City](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Will not claim for 2012-13
 - [Nottinghamshire](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Rutland](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Staffordshire](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
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West Midlands Councils Claiming Funding For Home Education

- [Birmingham](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12 for FE courses and package of exam support. *Will claim* for 2012-13
 - [Coventry](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Dudley](#) *Did claim* for 2011-12. The support for electively home educated children/young people includes SEN support, attendance at FE Colleges and a package of examination support. *Will claim* for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#) and [this article about GCSE English and Maths support in Dudley originally published in 2008](#)
 - [Herefordshire](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Won't claim if no-one meets criteria for 2012-13
 - [Shropshire](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Not decided/investigating* for 2012-13
 - [Stoke on Trent](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
 - [Telford](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Walsall](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Up for claiming* for 2012-13. "The Council recognises that young people have an entitlement to alternative provision when electively home educated. The Council would therefore consider any requests received in this light."
 - [Warwickshire](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13
 - [Wolverhampton](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13
 - [Worcestershire](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
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Yorkshire and Humberside Councils Claiming Funding For Home Education

- [Barnsley](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
 - [Bradford](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Doncaster](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [East Riding](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Investigating* for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
 - [Hull](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Will not be claiming for 2012-13
 - [Leeds](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13
 - [North Yorkshire](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Will consider claiming* for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
 - [Rotherham](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Won't claim for 2012-13
 - [Sheffield](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
 - [Wakefield](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Won't claim for 2012-13
 - [York](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *May claim* for 2012-13
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North East England Councils Claiming Funding For Home Education

- [Darlington](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. No plans for 2012-13
 - [Durham](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Will not be claiming in 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
 - [Gateshead](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Intention to claim in 2012-13 "if able to do so."
 - [Hartlepool](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *May claim* for 2012-13, to be decided on case by case basis
 - [Middlesbrough](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Newcastle](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not yet made a decision on for 2012-13
 - [North Tyneside](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Northumberland](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Redcar and Cleveland](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Won't claim for 2012-13
 - South Tyneside
 - [Stockton](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Currently considering whether to claim for 2012-13
 - [Sunderland](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Will claim if appropriate* for 2012-13
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North West England Councils Claiming Funding For Home Education

- [Blackburn with Darwen](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
- [Blackpool](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
- [Bolton](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
- [Bury](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Not decided/investigating* for 2012-13
- [Calderdale](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
- [Cheshire East](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. *Likely to claim* for 2012-13
- [Cheshire West and Chester](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided yet for 2012-13 ("considering options")
- [Cumbria](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
- [Halton](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
- [Kirklees](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
- [Knowsley](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Won't be claiming for 2012-13
- [Lancashire](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not yet decided for 2012-13
- [Liverpool](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
- [Manchester](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. *Will claim* for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)

- [Oldham](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Rochdale](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Salford](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Sandwell](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not yet decided for 2012-13 We are continuing to explore with other local authorities (Dudley and Stafford) what process they have in place to support EHE families in respect of alternative provision. We are trying to determine if it might be possible for us to adopt a similar approach to this issue.
 - [Sefton](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not yet decided for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
 - [Solihull](#) *Did claim* in 2011-12. *Will decide on case by case basis* for 2012-13
 - [St Helens](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not decided for 2012-13
 - [Stockport](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. *Will claim if criteria met* for 2012-13
 - [Tameside](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Will not be claiming for academic year 2012-13
 - [Trafford](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Not yet decided for 2012-13. See also [Exams Report 2012:Positive Examples](#)
 - [Warrington](#) Didn't claim for 2011-12. Will not be claiming for 2012-13
 - [Wigan](#) *Did claim for SEN* in 2011-12. *Will claim if asked* for 2012-13
 - [Wirral](#) Didn't claim in 2011-12. Won't claim for 2012-13.
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June 14th 2012

In January 2011 I wrote to all local authorities in England to ask which were using Alternative Provision Funding to pay for FE Courses or SEN support where children were home educated. I published a Funding Report in May 2011 and the subject was discussed in the House of Commons in September 2011 leading to revised Guidance and FAQ on Alternative Provision Funding 2011 as it relates to children whose parents elect to educate them at home.

The Education Committee is currently conducting an Inquiry into Local Authority Support For Home Educators which closes on July 9th 2012. More information can be found here <http://edyourself.org/articles/funding.php> and here <http://edyourself.org/news/index.php#290512cominqhomeedsupport>

I would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

- 1. Did the authority claim Alternative Provision Funding during the academic year 2011-12 for children who were educated at home by parental choice?**
- 2. If answering yes to Question 1/ did the authority claim for a/ SEN support or b/ FE courses or c/ a package of exam support?**
- 3. Has a decision been taken on whether the local authority will be claiming Alternative Provision Funding for children educated at home by parental choice for the academic year 2012-13?**

Please be aware that I shall be seeking to make public the answers to these questions as part of a broader Inquiry into local authority support for home educating families.

[See which Local Authorities help with access to exams \(FOIs 2011-12\)](#) and [SEN Pathfinder FOIs 2012](#)

Home Education Funding Links

[Home Education Funding](#)

[Revised DfE Funding Guidance Autumn 2011](#)

[New DfE Funding FAQ Autumn 2011](#)

[Example of Pump-priming for Funding Home Education from Buckinghamshire Council January 2012](#)

[Hampshire Council Elective Home Education Premium December 2011](#)

[Home Education APPG 2011: Summary Points Raised And Resolved](#)

[May 2011: Home Education Funding Report](#)

Background

[A survey of 143 local authorities in England](#) revealed that in the academic year 2010-11, only 34 authorities claimed funding for special educational needs support or college places for under-16s where children were educated at home by parental choice. In principle there is no funding for elective home education. Individual families do not receive any of the money which is otherwise paid to schools for each registered pupil. Parents bear full financial responsibility when their children are outside the state school system. Local authorities receive no funding for home education services. However, since 2009 the Government has pointed out that funding **IS** available for elective home education in certain circumstances namely FE Courses and SEN Support.

More Councils in West Midlands And North West Claimed Funding in 2010-11



The bar chart on the left shows the percentage of local authorities in each region who claimed funding.

Home educated children in the West Midlands and the North West are 4 times more likely to be funded for special needs support or college places than children in the North and South East.

1 in 10 in the North East and South East claimed funding

Greater London, East Midlands, Yorkshire/Humberside, the South West and Eastern England all have between 20% and 30% of claiming funding

4 in 10 claimed in the West Midlands and in the North West.

Meeting in House of Commons 2011

The All Party Parliamentary Group on Home Education met in 2011 to discuss local authority support for home education, including how to claim funding. Nick Duggan, Assistant Commissioning Director 14-19 Services at Sheffield Council gave a presentation on the Sheffield Pilot for improving access to FE for home educated 14-16s. More information [here](#). The [revised DfE Guidance](#) and [Home Education Funding FAQ](#) published at the end of 2011 proved extremely helpful in answering points raised at the meeting. For a summary of the points raised at the APPG and how the Government responded, please click [here](#).

SEN Funding

In March 2011 [the Government Green Paper on Special Educational Needs](#) mentioned local authority support for home educated children. See also [home education consultation response to the SEN Green Paper June 2011](#) and [clarification from DfE \(August 2011\)](#) on the circumstances in which SEN funding can be claimed for children who are home educated and [answers from DfE \(November 2011\) about funding for SEN support when children are home educated](#).

Sarah Teather:"I cannot comment on a specific case, but perhaps if the hon. Lady drops me a note about the matter, I will have a look at it. In the Green Paper, we indicated that local authorities need to provide support to families who are home schooling a child. They are often doing so because they have been unable to get the support that they need in mainstream settings or perhaps because their local special school did not provide them with the support that they wanted."

Westminster Hall Debate December 14th 2011 answer to Penny Mordaunt, MP for Portsmouth North.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm111214/halltext/111214h0002.htm>
<http://edyourself.org/articles/helaw.php#SEnfunding>

Click [here](#) for more information on changes to the SEN system announced by Minister Sarah Teather in May 2012, including the single education, health and care plan and Personal Budgets.

School Exclusion Funding Trial 2011-14

NB Cambridgeshire is one of eleven areas participating in schools exclusion trial 2011-14. <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/behaviour/exclusion/b00200074/exclusion-trial> <http://www.education.gov.uk/inthenews/inthenews/a00199305/schools-to-trial-new-approach-to-exclusions> See

also <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/behaviour/exclusion/b00200074/exclusion-trial/about-the-trial>. When a headteacher permanently excludes a pupil from school, the new approach being tested from 2011-14 will see the school, rather than the local authority, placing the pupil in an appropriate alternative setting. The school will fund the placement from the budget formerly used by the local authority for this purpose and will be accountable for the pupil's attainment and attendance.