

Merthyr Freedom of Information Response October 2012

1. How many School Attendance Orders has the authority served in the past 12 months?
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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?
Records of meetings between EHE coordinator and parents; LA EHE policy; Letter confirming child/young person is known to LA and home-schooled; Letter confirming child/young person has reached end of KS4; WG EHE Consultation document; EHE information such as support websites and how to access exams.

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, although termly support visits are offered to families.

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? Careers Wales information and contacts; passing on information regarding vaccinations that the parents may wish to access (e.g. against cervical cancer).

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

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