

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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?

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?

When a parent/carer makes the decision to educate their child at home then the LA would send information/ guidance on home education which including a letter inviting parents/carers in for a meeting.

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?

WG leaflet on parents rights
LA Policy on Elective education – parents guide

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?

The LA sends out annual letters to parents offering a review meeting

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

We provide advice through the system leader's (formally known as advisory service) on curriculum and refer on to appropriate services if necessary.

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

We have offered support / services to families as follows:-

- 1) Counselling services for pupils (at alternative venues)
- 2) Education Psychology service
- 3) Put parents in contact with staff at 14 – 19 curriculum through Colleg Gwent

- 4) Linked parents with our PRVENT Team (working with pupils who are not in Education, Employment or Training)
- 5) Supported pupils and families by facilitating discussions with schools to look at transition / flexible schooling.
- 6) Transition support worker

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?

As mentioned above system leaders arrange to meet with parents to give guidance on curriculum delivery and give suggestions on appropriate materials/ books.

10/ how many children in elective home education residing in your area have a statement of special educational needs?

None

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?

Attached for Information