

Vale of Glamorgan Freedom of Information Response October 2012

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?

Yes – Information Booklet

Letter offering home visit

Letter requesting progress report where parents do not accept LA monitoring.

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?

Copies enclosed

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, at least twice a year a home visit is offered.

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

As above. No financial assistance available. Support available includes – information on resources, specialist teacher and/or educational psychology assessments.

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

None requested in the last 12 months.

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 – information booklet enclosed

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?

No – each individual case is considered according to need.

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

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