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If a parent approaches staff from Whinfield Primary School to discuss the possibility of home educating (EHE) their child, the staff member should inform the Headteacher immediately.

The parent's enquiry will be responded to positively and constructively in a timely manner. Good practice would suggest that we try to resolve any issues that the parent might have with the school which has led to the decision to home educate prior to the EHE paperwork being complete for both the school and the Local Authority.

The DfE guidelines make it clear that: "Schools must not seek to persuade parent to educate their children at home as a way of avoiding an exclusion or because the child has a poor attendance record. In the case of exclusion, they must follow the statutory guidance. If the pupil has a poor attendance record, the school and local authority must address the issues behind the absenteeism and use the other remedies available to them."

In order to provide as much support as possible to parents, the school will encourage the parent to discuss the situation with Angie Ritchie, the Elective Home Education Advisor for Darlington Borough Council and school before deregistration of their child takes place. Parents are however, under no legal obligation to do so.

When we receive formal, written notice from a parent that a child is being withdrawn from school in order to be home educated and the child has ceased to attend the school the Headteacher should ensure that the pupil's name is removed promptly from the admissions register in accordance with Section 8(1) (d) of the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006.

Regulation 12 (3) the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 states that:

"the "proprietor" (Headteacher) of the school must, make a return to the local authority for every such pupil giving the full name of the pupil, the address of any parent with whom the pupil normally resides and the ground upon which their name is to be deleted from the admission register as soon as the ground for deletion is met in relation to that pupil, and in any event no later than deleting the pupil's name from the register".



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In practice the school must:

- Invite the parents to discuss any issues or concerns which could be resolved if the decision to EHE is due to parental concerns about provision.
- Provide the parents with the Home Education Information and contact number for the EHE Advisor.
- If the child has an EHCP an early review must be called and the LA Officer must attend.
- If the child has a Social Worker, then they must be informed immediately.
- Inform the EHE Advisor as soon as a child has been withdrawn from school and parents have indicated in writing that they intend to home educate.
- Complete the EHE paperwork detailing SEND, Safeguarding, behaviour and attendance issues.
- Delete the child's name from the register within 3 days on receiving the letter.
- Inform the Safeguarding Governor.

The school could:

- Offer to supply 10 days of school work. This would reduce the impact if the parents change their mind and the child returns to school.
- Organise a key contact to allow a route back into school.
- Allow 10 days after the deletion of the child's name from the register for the parents to reflect upon their decision and change their mind.

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Discussion Log

Date Received	
Final Outcome	
Date Removed from Roll	

Child's Name		DoB	
Parent's Names			
Siblings			
Year Group		Teacher	
Reason for wanting to Home Educate:			
Further considerations / discussions			
Checklist	Yes	No	
Letter received from parents			
SEN			
Safeguarding			
Early Help			
Discussion with EHE Officer			
EHE Paperwork Provided to parents			
Meeting with parents			
Copy of EHE Paperwork to LA			
Safeguarding Governor notified			



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