## **Elective Home Education Useful Information**

Please view our website for general information regarding home education www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homeeducation

Parents who home educate do not have to follow national curriculum however those who are considering a return to school in future should consider this. Details of the national curriculum can be found at <a href="http://www.gov.uk/national-curriculum">www.gov.uk/national-curriculum</a>

If you are only planning to home educate for a short period of time BBC Bitesize <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</u> is a free resource and revision tool organised by key stage and subject. Also Oak National Academy <u>https://www.thenational.academy/</u> was set up to support schools and parents, in response to schools being closed earlier in 2020. This resource is currently still available, but this may change.

Please note we are not responsible for the content of any external websites.

#### Home education websites

There are many websites offering information and support to home educators, here is a sample of some of them:

Education Otherwise educationotherwise.org

Home Education Advisory Service www.heas.org.uk

Education Everywhere education-everywhere.weebly.com

Educational Freedom educational freedom.org.uk

Home Education in the UK home-ed.info

Home Education UK home-education.org.uk

Ed Yourself edyourself.org

It is also possible to find local home education groups through social media such as Facebook, some of these may be private groups where you will need to make a request to join the group.

#### **Exams and Qualifications**

If your child wishes to sit exams (i.e. GCSE's) you will need enter them as a private candidate at an exam centre for the required exam board and pay for any exam fees well in advance of when the exam will be sat. Further information regarding entry dates and fees can be found on the main exam board web sites:

AQA https://www.aqa.org.uk/

Pearson Edexcel https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/home.html

OCR https://www.ocr.org.uk/

City & Guilds <a href="https://www.cityandguilds.com/">https://www.cityandguilds.com/</a>

Please note other exam boards are available. Most secondary schools are exam centres but not all will accept private candidates, although independent schools may be more accommodating. There are some independent exam centres not in schools, but these tend to be in the bigger towns and cities. The nearest one to Warwickshire is in Coventry:

https://www.tutorsandexams.uk/

## **Online education**

For those who want a more structured curriculum there are many web sites offering online courses and resources for a termly fee or subscription. We cannot recommend any particular websites and you should do your own research before signing up to any plans. The following list is only a sample of those available:

Ed Place https://www.edplace.com/

The School Run https://www.theschoolrun.com

Twinkl https://www.twinkl.co.uk/

InterHigh https://interhigh.co.uk/

My Online Schooling https://myonlineschooling.co.uk/

Wolsey Hall <a href="https://wolseyhalloxford.org.uk/">https://wolseyhalloxford.org.uk/</a>

Oxford Home Learning https://www.oxfordhomeschooling.co.uk/

National Extension College <u>https://www.nec.ac.uk/</u>

Cloud Learn https://cloudlearn.co.uk/

# 14-16 College Courses

Further education colleges can offer courses to home educated 14-16-year olds. Parents should contact the colleges directly to make enquiries.

North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College https://www.nwslc.ac.uk/

Warwickshire College https://wcg.ac.uk/

Stratford College https://www.stratford.ac.uk/

# Links to Support and Health & Wellbeing Information

Children and families – Warwickshire County Council. Links to lots of services for children and families <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families</u>

Health and wellbeing service for school age children <u>https://www.compass-uk.org/services/warwickshire-school-health-wellbeing-service/</u>

ChatHealth – messaging service to contact a health visitor or nurse – Warwickshire County Council <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/healthchat</u>

Mental health services for young people <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthyoungpeople</u>