



Elective Home Education Team



Thank you!

This year has been busier than ever! Thank you for accommodating us where we have visited your home, and thank you for all the telephone calls, video conferences and educational reports which have been received over this last year. All this information helps us to gain a greater understanding of the learning provided at home and enables us to carry out statutory duties successfully. Your cooperation in this process is very much appreciated.

Exciting Beginnings

Over this last year, it has been wonderful to have the opportunity to meet with parents and young people who have attended the Home Learning Coffee Mornings. These events, which have taken place at the Beehive Centre and more recently at Parkfield House, offer parents and young people a chance to meet other families, discover more about activities organised by local community groups, and relax in a friendly and informal space. We aim to continue these events next year.

Contact details, correct?

If you think your contact details may be out of date, please do not hesitate to contact ehe@torbay.gov.uk with your new details.



Contact us

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Football coming home?

Wow, what an awesome session of football and multi-sports last week. This free session was exclusively for home educated children, and run by Adam Shearer and his Junior Coaches, from Shear Soccer. It was a joy to watch and see so many young people and parents attend. Thank you for supporting this event. If you wish to know more about Shear Soccer, information can be found at www.shearsoccer.co.uk.

We thought you should know:

You may receive a phone call from Karen Ogle, who holds a Head of Service role at Torbay Council. This is nothing to worry about! Karen is keen to capture the many stories which have led to your decision to home educate, especially where children originally attended school. Karen's conversation will be focused on the factors and reasons which were instrumental in your decision to home educate. Informing Karen of the many challenges experienced will be extremely helpful and assist in amplifying any key trends and issues to Senior Leaders and Councillors within our local authority. Our team believe that this can only be a good thing! We trust you will be happy to share this information with Karen when she calls you.

Holiday Sessions:

The local authority is pleased to announce that the more modern Parkfield Centre in Paignton will be open for home-educated families during the next few weeks. On Monday 29th July, Monday 5th August and Monday 19th August, between 10am and 12 noon, families are welcome to pop in and make use of the sports centre, free of charge. Members of staff will be available to supervise activities. We look forward to seeing you there. To book up or to notify us that you are interested in attending, please notify our team, by contacting ehe@torbay.co.uk.



Finally, what next? Several discussions with parents have taken place over the last year about the importance of bringing together both parents and professionals, to share expertise and consider more effective ways of working in the future. The initial idea is to establish a working party to create and promote developments and initiatives that will directly benefit the home education community. The EHE Team are planning a briefing which is likely to be held at the start of September, and more details will follow. If you are interested in hearing more about Home Education, the situation both locally and nationally, and what the future may hold, then we encourage you to attend.

Wishing you a very pleasant and safe summer.

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'True education is a kind of never-ending story...' J.R.R. Tolkien