

# England: which deregistration route applies?

A simple decision guide for England. Follow the path that matches your child's situation.

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Decision guide

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## 1 · Is a School Attendance Order in force naming the school?

**Yes** → You can't deregister by notice. Apply to revoke the Order first (Education Act 1996, s.442). See the SAO revocation template.

**No** → Go to step 2.

## 2 · Is your child at an LA-arranged special school?

**Yes** → You need the LA's consent (SI 2024/208, reg 9(2)). Use the special-school consent request.

**No (mainstream school)** → Go to step 3.

## 3 · Mainstream school

Send the head teacher written notice that your child will be educated otherwise than at school from a stated date. Once that day passes, the school **must** remove your child from the admission register (SI 2024/208, reg 9(1)(f)) and make a return to the LA. No reason needed, no consent needed. Use the England deregistration letter.

### THEN

Keep proof of the date, request written confirmation of deletion, and expect the LA to make friendly contact. There is no automatic right of entry to your home.