

First steps to home educating

A calm checklist for getting started. Take it one box at a time.

UK-wide

Getting started

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- Confirm which nation you're in
The process differs across England, Wales, Scotland and NI
- Check whether your child is at a mainstream or special school
LA-arranged special schools need consent
- Scotland: check whether you need the council's consent first
Withdrawing without consent is a criminal offence there
- Gather your child's school details and the head teacher's name

MAKING IT OFFICIAL

- Prepare the correct deregistration letter for your nation
- Send it with proof of the date (receipt, saved email or tracked post)
- Keep a copy of everything
- Request written confirmation of the deletion date

SETTLING IN

- Allow time to deschool
Lower the pressure; follow interests
- Decide your approach (it can change)
- Start a simple learning journal
- Find a local or online home-ed community

NOTES & QUESTIONS TO FOLLOW UP
