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Schoolhouse offers information and support to those who wish to take personal responsibility for the education of their children; families who have chosen, or are contemplating, home-based education; and those who support the right of families to educate in accordance with their own philosophy and with due regard to the wishes and feelings of their children.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Children must be educated between the ages of five and 16, but they need never attend school.
- According to the law, children are to be educated in accordance with the wishes of their parents.
- Children's education is the responsibility of their parents, not the state.
- Home education is a choice which carries equal weight in law to schooling.
- Parents need no formal qualifications to educate their own children.
- Home educators need not stick to a designated timetable or school hours, and need not follow any set curriculum.
- Some children are home educated because of school-related problems such as bullying or unmet special education needs.
- Home educated children are usually very socially adept because they are not excluded from mainstream society for most of the day.
- Home educated children can obtain qualifications if/when it suits them.
- Home education is a proven, highly successful alternative to schooling and research has consistently shown that home educated children do better academically and socially than their schooled counterparts, especially if they come from poorer backgrounds.
- The Scottish Government has issued statutory guidance on elective home education which should be followed by local authorities .
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/12/17133313/0>
- Links to local authority policies and procedures on elective home education can be found on the Schoolhouse website.
<http://www.schoolhouse.org.uk/links/local-authorities>