

Elective Home Education

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Section 436 education Act 1996 (added by section 4 of Education & Inspection Act 2006)

Schools must notify the LA if a pupil is deleted from the admissions register where they:

- Have ceased to attend school and no longer live within reasonable distance of the school at which they are registered;
- Have a medical condition certified by a health professional where the pupil is unlikely to be in a fit state of health to attend;
- Are in custody for a period of more than four months due to a final court order and the proprietor does not reasonably believe they will be returning to the school at the end of that period;
- Have been permanently excluded;
- Have been taken out of school by their parents to be Electively Home Educated.



The Law relating to EHE and parents

The law in England states that the responsibility for a child's education rests with their parents. Education is compulsory but school is not.

Parents have a right to educate their children at home. Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 states a parent must provide an efficient and suitable education.

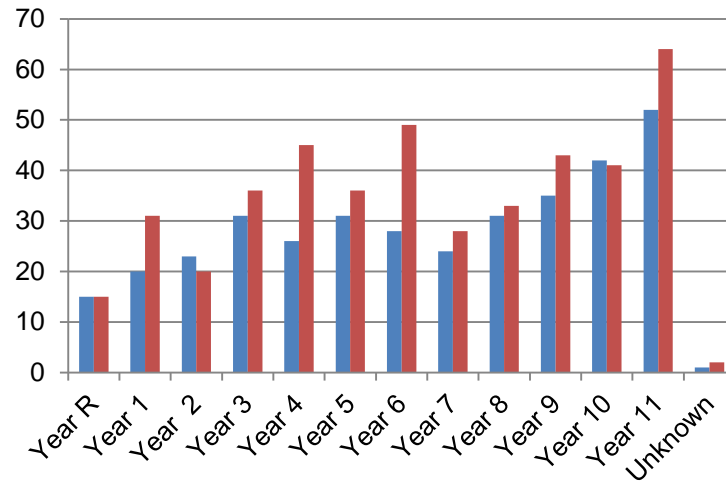


The Law and EHE

- Neither “efficient” or “suitable” are defined in the 1996 Education Act, but “efficiency” is broadly described as “ achieves that which it sets out to achieve”
- “suitable” education is one that "primarily equips a child for life within the community of which he is a member, rather than the way of life in the country as a whole, as long as it does not foreclose the child's options in later years to adopt some other form of life if he wishes to do so".



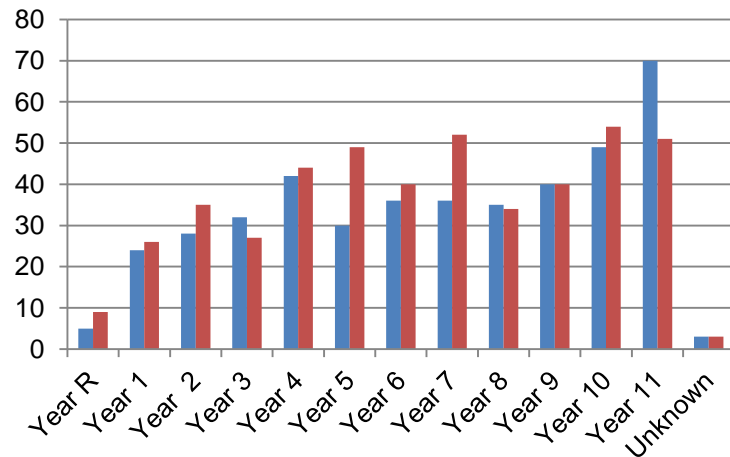
EHE by year group 14/15 – 15/16



2014/15

■ East 14/15
■ West 14/15

2010/11	403
2011/12	424
2012/13	500
2013/14	626
2014/15	802



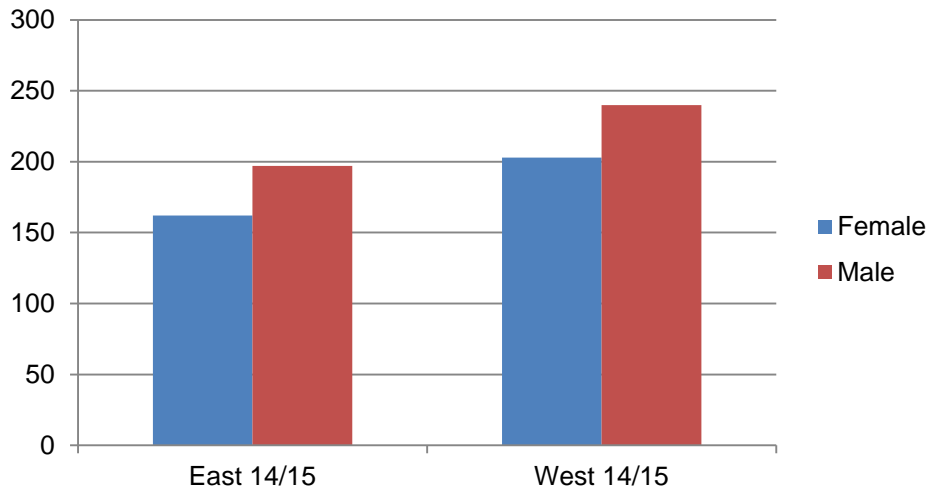
2015/16

■ East 15/16
■ West 15/16

2015 to date	894
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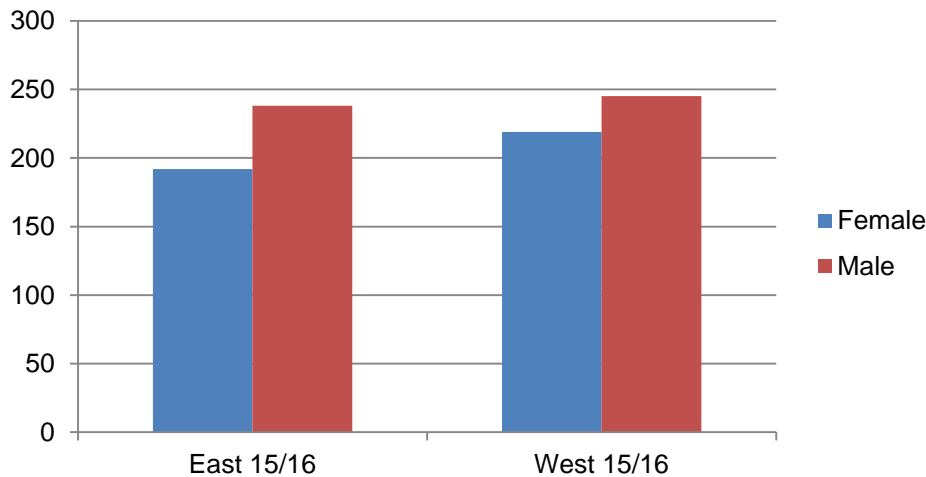


Gender split 14/15 – 15/16



14/15 in total 802 EHE students

East Female	162
East Male	197
West Female	203
West Male	240



15/16 in total 894 EHE students

East Female	192
East Male	238
West Female	219
West Male	245



EHE by District as at January 2016

East	School Population	No.	%	West	School Population	No.	%
East Hants	12,203	71	0.58	Basingstoke & Deane	22,641	90	0.40
Fareham	15,402	75	0.49	Eastleigh	17,251	90	0.52
Gosport	10,800	64	0.59	Winchester	14,731	73	0.50
Havant	17,791	107	0.60	New Forest	21,345	150	0.70
Rushmoor	11,070	62	0.56	Test Valley	15,335	61	0.40
Hart	13,591	51	0.38				
Total	80,857	430	0.53	Total	91,303	464	0.51



% rise 14/15 to 15/16

- KS1 = 2%
- KS2 = 6%
- KS3 = 22%
- KS4 = 13%



Successes

Where good:

- Faregos, North Hants Group and New Forest Group – strong links with LA
- Faregos has its own accredited exam centre
- Exam centre at Connaught School
- Some excellent individual parent practice that looks nothing like a school curriculum
- Excellent link between consultants and EHE families where visits have been received



Caution



- Offer of consultant visit – only 28% take up
- The LA is powerless to stop parents removing children to EHE or deciding that their children will never attend school
- Isolated incidents of schools suggesting EHE – where known LA challenge
- DfE guidance and the Law are sometimes contradictory
- Safeguarding the unknown!



HCC position

- HCC considered by EHE national organisations as a beacon authority
- Because of our good links it is recognised that there is less incidence of EHE children being lost
- The LA is supportive of Hampshire parents who electively home educate their children



Questions

