Elective Home Education

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Background

- What is Elective Home Education (EHE)?
- Duties of parents and the Local Authority.
- Efficient, full-time and suitable education.
- Stated cases.
- The national context.
- The local context.

Elective Home Education (EHE)

	Autumn %	Spring %	Summer %
National	0.9	1	1.1
North East	0.7	0.8	0.9
South East	1.0	1.1	1.2
East of England	1.1	1.2	1.3
South West	1.2	1.2	1.5
West Midlands	0.9	1.0	1.1
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North West	0.7	0.8	0.9
East Midlands	1.0	1.1	1.2
Yorkshire & The Humber	0.8	0.9	1.0

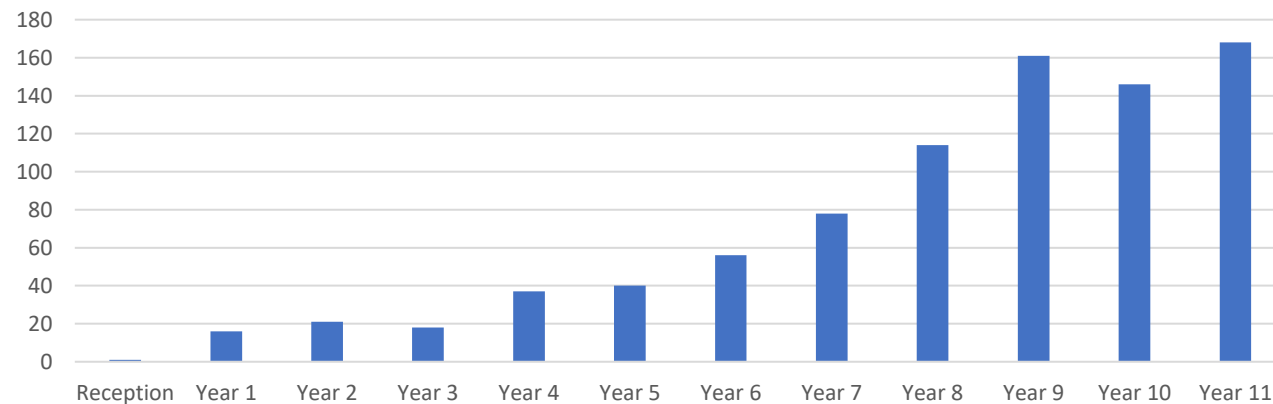Published data (2022/23) for EHE by % school age population.

Elective Home Education (EHE)

	Autumn Term %	**Spring Term %**	**Summer Term %**
National	0.9	1	1.1
County Durham	0.8	1	1.1
Statistical Neighbours	0.8	0.9	1
North East	0.7	0.8	0.9

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Local Context

- Local rise in EHE during the pandemic (lower rise than that seen nationally). Reasons mirroring the national trends available the key reported reason appears is mental health. Regional colleagues report similar recent rates of rises and for similar reasons. The local proportion of EHE remains low locally fluctuating between 0.8% and 1.1% over the academic year 2022/23.

- New **DfE 2022/23 voluntary data collection** at termly census periods.

- 18.7% rise nationally, locally 18% using same time markers as DfE and same reporting criteria. Largest cohort year groups are year 9 -11.

Durham County Council

Proactivity

- Meeting offer prior to EHE.
- Weekly consideration of trends, patterns, reasons for timely support. Half termly analysis for SMT for scrutiny.
- Awareness: incorporated into HT briefings and school governor briefings cyclically.
- Scrutiny as part of a wider annual inclusion data dashboard for joined up oversight and strategic planning.
- Complements existing offers.
- National links.
- School portal developments.

Intervention Strand

- Child Not In School multi-agency arrangements.
- Resources front-loaded to ensure early dialogue.
- Welcome meeting and 3 monthly review, annual reviews.
- Supported returns to school.
- Specialist support offered for over-represented groups.
- Summer year 10 to 11 transition contact and year 11 transition support, Information Advice and Guidance meetings, Durham works support.
- EHE / Education Health and Care Plan bespoke meetings as branch of operational panel.
- Wider links with partners.
- Durham learning resources.
- Notice of Intent to serve an order / School Attendance Orders where required.

Information Technology Strand

- Business intelligence (BI) application solution developed.

- Benefits of the BI.

- The Council's wider BI development programme: ongoing developments via 'Iteliigent-I.'

Impact

- Early dialogue and support for families.
- Good practice.
- Family voice.
- Service structure.
- Less appear to be 'not in receipt of suitable education.'
- Inspecting Local Authority Children's Services (May 2022).
- Supported return to school for 182 children and young people the 2021/22 academic year and 158 in the 2022/23 academic year.