

<b>DCYP Policy Information Note</b>	
Subject	Elective Home Education
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### **DCYP Key Message**

1. Amendments to DCYP policy on elective home education will be incorporated into the revision of JSP 342. A number of these changes are internal to DCYP and can now be put into effect within MOD schools overseas.
2. DCYP personnel are to note that the local Command/Commander retains responsibility for the welfare of Service families, including children and is the authority for decisions on supportability.
3. With immediate effect, all MOD schools overseas are to follow the following direction on elective home education:
  - a. Parents who are home educating will not be able access DCYP (inclusive of MOD school and Educational Psychology and Advisory Specialists (EPAS) service) resources for the period of elective home education;
  - b. Work experience is not a statutory requirement. Children educated at home have no entitlement to participate in work experience as part of an MOD programme;
  - c. Elective home education is not to be used as means of avoiding exclusion;
  - d. Where SEND support is required but not accessible overseas, elective home education is not recommended;
  - e. MOD school staff, DCYP EPAS service and CEAS provide advice and guidance to parents considering elective home education;

- f. MOD schools will inform local overseas Commands/Commanders that a child is no longer on the school register;
  - g. MOD schools and HQ DCYP personnel will provide recommendations to the CofC;
  - h. CEAS personnel will provide information, advice and guidance to parents considering elective home education in locations not serviced by MOD schools;
  - i. Staff who come into contact with families choosing to home educate are to follow the Safeguarding Procedures set out in JSP 834 should they have any concerns about a child. Intervention from DCYP personnel will only be by agreement with parents unless there are concerns about provider suitability or child protection.
4. DCYP personnel are to note the following roles and responsibilities placed on the Service parent:
- a. Providing notice to their school so that their child can be removed from the admissions register;
  - b. Informing their overseas Command/Commander of the intent to elective home education;
  - c. Meeting all costs incurred as a result of electing to home educate. This includes reasonable adjustments and where it is assessed, through the MASO<sup>3</sup> process, that a child's needs cannot be met and parents elect to home educate they are to take on financial responsibility for all education and/or reasonable adjustments costs and, where required, the cost of return to the UK;
  - d. Ensuring effective and sufficient education;
  - e. Safeguarding of their child;
  - f. Where re-entry to an MOD school is being considered, parents will need to complete the MOD's self-assessment (MASO), an MOD school application and provide a record of education progress and attainment to the head teacher of the prospective MOD school.