

Thank you to everyone that attended our last coffee morning, it was lovely to see you all. As you know we had professionals from a number of different services available and I know from your feedback that you found this really useful. I wanted to say a massive thank you to Wendy Charles Warner from Education Otherwise for spending the morning with us and providing the children and young people with lots of free books.

Our next event will be on 19th January 2024 at the Birch Lane Centre, Dukinfield, SK16 5AU from 9.30am to 11.30am

You asked – we did! Some parents had requested a quieter space for neurodivergent children or to simply talk with other families. Moving forward the coffee mornings will be held in 2 rooms, the instruments will be in one room and the other room will be free for anyone that wants a quieter space to talk and meet other families in.

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‘It was lovely to go to the coffee morning and to meet children and parents enjoying the music sessions, asking advice and chatting in a relaxed and informal way. I particularly like the opportunity to give away books to children whom we met, and, on this occasion, they even taught me a bit of drumming!’
Wendy Charles-Warner Chair Education Otherwise.

Wendy also asked me to mention her website which offers guidance for parents who opt to submit a report rather than have a visit.

<https://www.educationotherwise.org/resources/fact-sheets/>

Whether you have visits or not, please remember that you can contact us for advice and support at any time.

Parenting Drop-in Sessions

The parenting team are currently running drop-in sessions in Ashton, Droylsden, Stalybridge and Hyde. Full details on the EHE website.

Tameside Music Service - Birch Lane Centre, Dukinfield, SK16 5AU

All EHE pupils are able to access the Music Service. The bands and ensembles practice in the evening which EHE pupils can attend, the brochure and further details can be found on our EHE website.

Child Employment & Entertainment

Whilst Elective Home Education is flexible, Child Employment and Entertainment regulations around EHE pupils are not as flexible. The Child Employment Legislation applies to work undertaken by the child outside of the usual school hours. Therefore, even though the pupil is EHE they cannot work within the usual school day, i.e., between 9.00am and 3.00pm, unless it is during the school holidays.

On a school day, EHE pupils are limited to 2 hours per day, regardless of their age, and the limit of 12 hours over the course of a week. The 8-hour limit/35 hour working week only applies during the school holidays and cannot be used for work during term time. Permits can be applied for at [Child Employment Regulations \(tameside.gov.uk\)](https://www.tameside.gov.uk/child-employment-regulations)

Positive Steps

Year 10 and 11 parents are encouraged to make contact with the Positive Steps team to discuss support and advice around apprenticeships, college places or next options.

We now have a dedicated person for all Home Educated parents and young people – her contact details are:

Vicki Mellor - 0800 484 0407 or 0161 621 9418

Email: tamesidecareers@positive-steps.org.uk

Careers Helpline: 0161 621 9292

Website: www.positive-steps.org.uk

Drop-in times are as follows for Year 10 and 11 pupils:
Monday and Thursday afternoons 1:00-4.30pm, Clarence Arcade (excluding bank holidays).

They are also at the young person's drop in at the People's Place, Ashton Library, Tameside One every Wednesday 1:00-4pm.

Resources Page on our EHE Website

The Pupil Support Team have very kindly compiled a comprehensive list of educational resources for all ages and year groups which you can find under the resources section. We have also added previous EHE newsletters for families that are new to EHE.

Year 11 Pupils

I have attached a helpful guide for all parents and pupils in Year 11 as this explains in depth what your options are once you officially finish in education on the 28th June 2024. Up until the end of June, Year 11 pupils are still educated at home and we will continue to offer visits to offer any advice, support or signposting you may need.

[School leaving age: Can you leave school at 16 and what are your options? - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.tameside.gov.uk/school-leaving-age)