

independent schools are expensive and unaffordable, so it is always worth doing your homework.

Many independent schools offer discounted fees, known as bursaries, or scholarships, which means you may not have to pay tuition fees.

You might also be able to get funding from certain charities to fund some or all of the tuition fees.

It's not just tuition fees to think about though, you will also have to pay for uniform, certain equipment, extra-curricular activities and other costs which may be necessary for your child to attend the school. Again you might be able to get funding from charities for this.

Home tuition

Home tuition entails not sending your child to a school and instead tutoring them at home. This doesn't mean you have to actually tutor them at home if this would be difficult. There are many tuition services offering tutoring in the home or at one of their bases or even in the community. There are also organisations that provide advice and support for parents who choose to tutor their child(ren) at home.

Online tuition

Home tuition can be face to face or on-line. Many tutoring services now offer online tuition.

Flexi schooling

Flexi Schooling is an arrangement between the parent and school where your child is registered at a school but attends on a part time basis. For the rest of the time, you decide how your child will be educated whether at home or through other tuition arrangements.

You will need to get the agreement of the head teacher / principal of the school at which your child is registered as otherwise it would be unlawful for your child to be absent from school without authorised consent.

What you need to think about if you are considering alternatives