



Options for Educating Your Child

About Us

The law says that parents must provide education for their child(ren) which is suitable for their age, ability, aptitude and special educational needs.

Most children are educated in state funded schools and academies and you may choose to send your one of these.

If your child has been permanently excluded from school or is at high risk of exclusion, this could be an indicator that state funded education is not working for them. You might therefore want to consider alternatives to state funded education.

Parents have the right to elect to educate their children outside of a state funded school. For more information [see DFE Elective Home Education for Parents](#)

What are some of the alternatives to state funded education?

Independent schools

Independent schools are, as their name suggests, independent of the state. This means they charge fees for educating your child. Not all 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.