

education otherwise

The young person who owns this card is receiving education otherwise than at school in accordance with Section 7 of the 1996 Education Act. He or she is out with parental knowledge and consent, is not registered at a school and is not a truant. Please read this card and return it to the young person, who should then be allowed to continue on their way.

Education Act 1996, Section 7:

The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause him to receive an efficient, full-time education suitable to

- a) his age, ability and aptitude, and
- b) to any special educational needs he may have

either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.

Identification of children not receiving education (Education and Inspection Act 2006, section 4): This duty applies to children who "are not registered pupils at a school, and are not receiving a suitable education otherwise than being at school". The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, section 16 provides powers to return pupils to schools. A home-educated young person is not a pupil and there is no *prima facie* reason to think that he or she is missing education.

Truancy sweeps: DfES guidance, issued in 2005, said: "Home educated children and others educated outside the school system are **not** the target group for truancy sweeps." There is no requirement for home-educated young people to be registered with the LA. Home-educated young people may be out in a public place at any time, including during school hours.

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