



## Elective Home Education Resource Pack

*Information about where to access teaching materials, SEND support and advice, local clubs and activities and guidance on GCSE's, apprenticeships schemes and careers advice.*

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There are many websites offering advice and resources on home education. Some can be accessed following the links in the websites listed below.

The London Borough of Hackney takes no responsibility for the content of external websites. It is the responsibility of home educators to judge the quality and suitability of the information.

The websites have not been listed in any particular order. There may be other websites that are just as beneficial for your child, this is just a selection.

Although pupils who are electively home educated are not required to follow the [National Curriculum](#), it can provide a good starting point for creating a suitable provision.

## **CURRICULUM RESOURCES**

### **Maths**

#### **White Rose Maths**

Website: <https://whiteroseeducation.com>

Key Stages: KS1, KS2, KS3 and KS4 (GCSE)

Description: White Rose offers a full scheme of work and all related resources for each of the year groups, from Nursery to Post-16. You can filter by year group to find all the resources required. They also offer Science schemes and resources for Primary age pupils from Reception to Year 6.

Registration: required (paid for subscription)

#### **White Rose One Minute Maths App**

Website: <https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths#download>

Key stages: KS1

Description: A free APP to download to help children build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in small chunks.

Registration: not required

### **NRICH**

Key stages: EYFS, KS1, KS2, KS3 and KS4

Website: <https://nrich.maths.org>

Description: Nrich Maths is a free problem solving resource created by the University of Cambridge. It is particularly useful for developing problem solving skills. They have resources for children aged between 3 and 18.

Registration: not required

## **NCTEM**

Website: <https://www.ncetm.org.uk/classroom-resources/exemplification-of-ready-to-progress-criteria/>

Key stages: EYFS, KS1 and KS2

Description: NCTEM provides PowerPoints to support your teaching of the curriculum for children in Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The PowerPoints are ideal to be used with small groups to review, practise, and consolidate prior learning. There five-minute videos at the foot of each page demonstrates how to use the programme in more detail.

Registration: not required

## **NCTEM Curriculum Maps**

Website: <https://www.ncetm.org.uk/classroom-resources/cp-curriculum-prioritisation-in-primary-maths/>

Key stages: KS1 and KS2

Description: NCTEM provides curriculum maps with links to lessons and resources. Select the correct year group and the topic to find resources, include PowerPoint presentations.

Registration: not required

## **Doodle**

Website: <https://doodlelearning.com/maths-app>

Key stages: EYFS, KS1, KS2 and KS3

Description: Doodle is a maths app used to boost confidence in maths by creating a unique maths experience tailored to a pupil's needs. There are interactive games to encourage children to practise skills. It is aligned to EYFS, KS1, KS2 and KS3 curriculums.

Registration: required (paid for subscription)

## **Numberblocks**

Website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-childwith-maths>

Key stages: EYFS, KS1 and KS2

Description: videos for numeracy development designed for children aged 0 to 6. There are fun activities that can be applied to everyday life and play.

Registration: not required

## **Top Marks**

Website: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>

Key stages: KS1 and KS2

Description: a range of interactive maths games categorised by age group.

Registration: not required

### **Oak National Academy**

Website: <https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/years>

Key stages: KS1, KS2, KS3 and KS4

Description: Oak National Academy provide free online lessons with videos and quizzes for a range of subjects from Primary to GCSE. For each concept, they provide an introduction, starter quiz, lesson video and exit quiz to help to monitor progress. Worksheets are also available to download.

Registration: not required

### **Corbett Maths Primary**

Website: <https://corbettmathsprimary.com/>

Key Stages: KS1 and KS2

Description: You can access videos and worksheets to support teaching of maths.

Registration: not required

### **Corbett Maths Secondary**

Website: <https://corbettmaths.com/contents/>

Key Stages: KS3 and KS4

Description: You can access videos, worksheets and GCSE revision papers.

Registration: not required

### **Maths genie**

Website: <https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/>

Key Stages: KS4 and KS5

Description: A Free online resource where you can access GCSE and A-level past papers and video tutorials from a range of examination boards. It also provides a GCSE scheme of work divided into stages with video tutorials, question and answer sheets.

Registration: not required

### **Primary Resources**

Website: <https://www.primaryresources.co.uk/>

Key stages: KS1 and KS2

Description: Online resource which provides free lesson plans, activity ideas and resources for primary age pupils.

Registration: not required

## **Twinkl**

Website: [www.twinkl.co.uk](http://www.twinkl.co.uk)

Key stages: EYFS, KS1, KS2, KS3, KS4 and KS5

Description: Twinkl provide general resources for all subject areas. They provide entire schemes of work and curriculums, printed and digital resources, mobile and web apps, educational games, tools, assessment tools all crafted by educators. They also provide exam-style papers for SATs, GCSEs, AS and A-Levels.

Registration: required

## **IXL**

Website: <https://uk.ixl.com/>

Key Stages: KS1, KS2, KS3, KS4 and KS5

Description: Online programme to learn new skills in Maths and English with personalised learning plans, award and certificates. Assesses gaps in knowledge and pinpoints students' year-level proficiency in key maths and English strands.

Registration: required

## **English**

### **Reading/Phonics**

#### **Jolly Phonics**

Website: <https://www.jollylearning.co.uk/>

Key stages: EYFS and KS1

Description: Jolly Phonics is a Systematic Synthetic Phonics Programme validated by the Department for Education. Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) is a method for teaching children to read that breaks words down into their smallest sound units. Jolly Phonics provide some free resources online which can be downloaded and printed to support the teaching of phonics. They also provide free Assessments Sheets and Checklists. You can also purchase work books to support the teaching of phonics.

Registration: not required

#### **Read Write Inc**

Website: <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parentsandcarers/>

Key Stages: EYFS and KS1

Read Write Inc is a Systematic Synthetic Phonics Programme developed by Ruth Miskin and validated by the Department for Education. You can purchase Read Write Inc resources and there is also guidance on teaching phonics on the website with frequently asked questions and links to useful websites provided. Resources which can be purchased include sound cards, phonic reading books and writing books.

Registration: not required

## **Reading**

### **Oxford Owl**

Website: <http://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/>

Key Stages: EYFS, KS1 and KS2

Description: Free library of e-books created to help children aged 3–11 to develop their reading skills at home. All the eBooks are free to use, but you will need to register or sign in at the link to read the book. The e-books are linked to reading levels. Details of Oxford Reading Tree Levels can be found here: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/oxford-reading-tree-levels/>

Registration: required (free)

### **Literacy Audible**

Website: <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: all children's audiobooks are available for free while schools are closed.

Registration: not required

### **Reading Eggs**

Website: <https://readingeggs.co.uk/about/homeschool/>

Description: Reading Eggs is an online reading resource with online reading games and activities available. There are games, songs and rewards to motivate children to keep learning.

Registration and subscription: required

### **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds**

Website: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Description: Online resources to help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters.

Registration: not required

### **Letters and Sounds**

Website: <https://letters-and-sounds.com/>

Description: A synthetic phonics programme for teaching reading. Free resources are available for parents who are following the Letters and Sounds phonics programme.

Registration: not required

### **Authorfy**

Website: <https://authorfy.com>

Key stages: EYFS to KS2

Description: access to masterclasses on texts from a range of authors, including videos from the authors and activities linked to novels.

Registration: required

### **Book Trust**

Website: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-andreading/bookfinder/>

Key stages: EYFS to KS2

Description: a site with recommended booklists, categorised by age range and topic, including fiction and non-fiction. Family activities are included in the 'Home Time' section.

Registration: not required

### **Classroom Secrets**

Website: <https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learningpacks/>

Key stages: EYFS to KS2

Description: downloadable resource packs which cover a range of subjects, including reading and writing.

Registration: not required

### **Elevenes with the World of David Walliams**

Website: <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenes/>

Key stages: KS2

Description: one free audio book reading is available to listen to every day.

Registration: not required

### **Love Reading 4 Kids**

Website: <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

Key stages: EYFS to KS2

Description: a site with recommended booklists, categorised by age range and topic, covering fiction and non-fiction.

Registration: not required



## **Writing**

### **Plan Bee**

Website: <https://planbee.com/>

Key Stages: KS1 and KS2

Description: Plan Bee provides schemes of work for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, lessons, PowerPoints and resources for a range of subjects including art, design and technology, English, geography, history, maths, PSHE, RE and science.

Registration: Some resources are free but a paid subscription is required to access all of the materials.

### **Literacy Shed**

Website: [www.literacyshedplus.com/en-gb/browse/free-resources/home-learning](http://www.literacyshedplus.com/en-gb/browse/free-resources/home-learning)

Key stages: KS1 and KS2

Description: downloadable resource packs with tasks based on video clips available on Literacy Shed.

Registration: not required

### **Pobble 365**

Website: <https://www.pobble365.com/>

Key stages: KS1 and KS2

Description: a new image is published each day as a basis for creative writing. Story starters, questions and drawing ideas are provided.

Registration: required (free)

### **Poetry by Heart**

Website: <https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/>

Key stages: KS2

Description: a wide selection of poetry covering different topics

Registration: not required to view poems, but is required to access teaching resources.

### **Purple Mash**

Website: <https://2simple.com/purple-mash/>

Key stages: EYFS to KS2

Description: Each week, a selection of daily activities is produced on different subjects, including comprehension and grammar.

Registration: required

### **Ruth Miskin Literacy**

Website: [www.ruthmiskin.com/parentsandcarers/](http://www.ruthmiskin.com/parentsandcarers/)

Key stages: EYFS to KS1

Description: videos and resources to show parents and carers how we teach children to read and write with *Read Write Inc.* Phonics. If you have bought a parent pack, the films will help you and your child practise together at home.

Registration: not required

### **The Children's Poetry Archive**

Website: <https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>

Key stages: EYFS to KS2

Description: an archive of spoken poetry recordings. Children can listen to poems read out loud.

Registration: not required

### **Science**

Website: <https://whiteroseeducation.com/resources?year=year-1-science&subject=science#filters>

Key stages: KS1 and KS2

Description: White Rose offers a full scheme of work for science and all related resources for each of the year groups (Year 1 to Year 6).

Registration: required (paid for subscription)

### **Primary BBC Bitesize**

Website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Key stages: KS1 and KS2

Description: interactive resources covering the primary science curriculum.

Registration: not required

### **STEM Learning (Home learning)**

Website: [www.stem.org.uk/primary/resources](http://www.stem.org.uk/primary/resources)

Key stages: KS1 and KS2

Description: an online resource bank, which links to resources on external websites. STEM Learning resources house a comprehensive collection of over 14,000 freely available, quality-assured digital STEM education resources to help educators inspire young people about STEM.

Registration: not required

## **WORKBOOKS**

To support home learning, you can purchase workbooks and reading books. Some recommended publishers include:

- [Collins Education](#)
- [Coordination Group Publishers](#)
- [Heinemann Educational](#)
- [Hodder Education Group](#)
- [Hope Education](#)
- [Parsons Education Ltd](#)
- [Oxford Reading Tree](#)

## **PRIVATE TUTORING:**

Private Tutoring may be helpful to support pupils who are being electively home educated. Here are some tips for hiring a private tutor:

- Check for credentials

Ask for evidence of the tutor's qualifications and accreditation, and contact the relevant organisation to verify.

- Check for a DBS

A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is a background check that ensures the tutor is suitable to work with children and vulnerable adults. You can ask the tutor to bring their DBS to the first lesson.

- Get references

Ask for details of the tutor's referees and call them to follow up. You can also ask for details of the parents of some of the tutor's current or former students.

- Set ground rules

Have a written agreement that outlines the dates, times, and location of the tutoring sessions. You can also specify who will be present and that you or another trusted adult will be on the premises.

- Be aware of safety

Never have tutoring sessions in a bedroom or behind closed doors. Avoid social relations with the student, and don't message them unless you're arranging a session.

- Trust your instincts

If you or your child feel uncomfortable, you can call off the lessons

If you decide to use a private tutor, the Elective Home Education team at Hackney will contact the tutor and will request reports on progress.

## **Some Tuition Services in and Around Hackney:**

### **Explore Learning**

Website: [www.explorelearning.co.uk](http://www.explorelearning.co.uk)

Key Stages: EYFS, KS1, KS2, KS3 and KS4

Description: Explore Learning offers maths & English, SATs, 11 Plus & GCSE tuition. Tuition is available online and in centres across the UK. They assess learning and identifies next steps.

Registration: required

**Kings Interhigh**

Website: [www.kingsinterhigh.co.uk](http://www.kingsinterhigh.co.uk)

Key Stages: KS2, KS3, KS4 and KS5

Description: King's InterHigh is an online school providing lessons across the curriculum. It provides live, timetabled online lessons led by teachers.

Registration: required

**Ed Place**

Website: [www.edplace.com](http://www.edplace.com)

Key Stages: KS1, KS2, KS3 and KS4

Description: Provides worksheets and resources. All worksheets and resources are automatically marked, National Curriculum aligned question and answer activities from Year 1 to GCSE across English, maths and science. You can track progress, measure results and pupils will have activities automatically assigned to them based on their scores and year group. You can also sign up to courses which include live online tuition sessions.

Registration: required

## **ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION COURSE PROVIDERS IN HACKNEY**

The following institutions provide an Elective Home Education course to support students who are electively home educated to gain qualification. Please find more information on the links provided below:

### **City and Islington College – EHE Hub:**

<https://www.capitalccg.ac.uk/candi/about-us/home-education-hub>

### **New City College:**

<https://www.ncclondon.ac.uk/14-16/14-16-at-havering/>

### **Bsix Sixth Form College – for those wanted to retake or register to take GCSEs:**

<https://www.bsix.ac.uk/subjects/gcses/>

## **APPRENTICESHIPS**

You can find details of apprenticeship opportunities for Hackney residents at the following website:

<https://opportunities.hackney.gov.uk/apprentices/>

### **Opportunities Post 16:**

You can find details of opportunities for young people, post 16 at the following website:

<https://opportunities.hackney.gov.uk/16-network/>

## **RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND):**

### **National Autistic Society**

Website: <https://www.autism.org.uk/>

Description: Provides advice about how to support a young person with dyslexia

Registration: not required

### **Reachout Autism Support Consultants**

Website: <https://reachoutasc.com/resources/>

<https://reachoutasc.com/resources/downloadable-resources/>

Description: Provides access to resources and advice around autism. Articles include advice on writing social stories; games and social skills; and Autism and SRE. Families can also access downloadable resources which support with expressing emotions and sensory needs.

Registration: not required

### **I Can Charity (previously the Communication Trust)**

Website: <https://www.icancharity.org.uk/i-can-help/>

Description: Provides information about speech, language and communication difficulties. Offers a free enquiry service which enables you to speak to a speech and language therapist for free via the telephone, email, Skype or Facebook.

Registration: not required

### **Sensory Circuits**

Websites: [ADHD Foundation](#)

<https://www.wyevalley.nhs.uk/media/679313/sensory-motor-circuits.pdf>

<https://www.treetopsoccupationaltherapy.co.uk/how-to-create-a-home-sensory-circuit/>

Description: Sensory circuits support young people with managing their sensory needs. Sensory circuits begins with an alerting activity, then moves on to an organising activity and finally a calming activity. These can be useful to use between lessons/activities to help young people to regain focus. The links above provide some activity ideas for each stage of the sensory circuit.

Registration: not required

### **TacPac**

Website: <https://tacpac.co.uk/>

Description: TACPAC draws together touch and music to create structured sensory communication between two people. TACPAC helps people of any age who have sensory impairment, developmental delay, complex learning difficulties, tactile defensiveness, and limited or pre-verbal levels of communication. The music and activities are available to purchase on the website.

Registration: required

## **Fine Motor Skills**

Website: <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/occupational-therapy-for-parents-carers/learning-playing-exploring/skills-building/fine-motor-skills/>

Description: Fine motor skills guide the small movements of the hand and fingers that allow your child to write and draw. For example, doing up buttons and zips or cutting with scissors. Supporting them to strengthen their fine motor skills will help them to develop their pencil grip, cutlery and cutting skills and enable them to be more independent. The link above offers activity ideas to support children with developing their fine motor skills.

Registration: not required

## **Zones of regulation**

Website: <https://zonesofregulation.com/resources/>

Description: A website where you can find out more about zones of regulation. A programme designed to help people to recognise when they are becoming less regulated and to find ways to manage their feelings to get themselves to a healthy place where they are ready to learn.

Registration: not required

## **British Dyslexia Association**

Website: <https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/advice/children/how-can-i-support-my-child>

Description: Provides advice about how to support a young person with dyslexia

Registration: not required

## **Plus 1: The Introductory Coaching System for Maths Success Paperback – by David Sharp**

Description: a maths intervention focussing on developing number skills for students who are having difficulty understanding the number system (working within numbers to 20). Children work through the work book. Once they have answered all questions on the page correctly 3 times, they will achieve 3 ticks in a row and then will be ready to move on to the next activity.

Purchase workbook

## **Power of 2: The One to One Coaching System for Maths Success Paperback – by David Sharp**

Description: a maths intervention following on from Plus 1. Power of 2 works in the same way as Plus 1 and continues to develop knowledge of numbers (working with 2 and 3 digit numbers and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Purchase workbook



## **Key Exam Boards for Private Exam Candidate Information:**

### **Which GCSE exams should I register my child for?**

There is a lot of flexibility when it comes to choosing what GCSE examinations to take. However, there are a number of factors to consider and research fully before leaping in and booking your child in as a private candidate.

#### **1. Which subjects does my child want to study?**

You can choose your GCSE subjects for many and multiple reasons; from what their passions and interests are, to career aspirations.

Encourage your child to consider their interests, ambitions and passions but also to play to their strengths as well. Your child is far more likely to do well, and enjoy the process if they've chosen subjects they find interesting.

#### **2. What exam board offers the best exam for my child?**

Once you've decided what subjects your child would like to take, it's time to choose an exam board. The major UK exam boards, such as AQA, will have a comprehensive list of the qualifications they offer. Take the time to read through the specifications for each examination and some of the sample assessment materials and make sure you're choosing an exam that works for your child. For example, different exam boards might require different texts to be studied for their GCSE English literature exams, so it's important to make sure you're choosing an exam with content that works for your child's strengths and interests.

Another important consideration when selecting an exam board is the examination vs coursework ratio for each qualification. Some students might prefer the coursework whereas others may thrive on an exam. Coursework allows your child to work and rework on a project before submitting, and can take the pressure off trying to cram everything you've learnt in the last two years into an exam paper! However, coursework comes with its own considerations of how you will submit the work, the added time involved and the extra time you've got to agonise over it, so make sure you're 100% sure what is required for each qualification before you dive in and enter.

### **What do I need to teach GCSE students?**

The first port of call is to check out the relevant exam board's website, where you will likely find all the information you could ever need. Most exam boards will list the subject specification (a list of what your child will need to know) and likely even have some resources available for you. Some will have sponsored textbooks containing everything your child will need to know.

Other options include enrolling your child into college or, if money is less of a concern, hiring a private tutor or enrolling onto a distance-learning course. One of the pros of taking one of these routes is that your child will have access to an experienced tutor who can guide them through their examinations. The cons, as always, include the extra expenditure.

It's also worth downloading any sample and past papers you can find on the exam board website. Knowing exactly what skills and knowledge your child will need to demonstrate in order to pass can make setting up your scheme of work a much smoother process and can help to avoid the worry of whether you've accidentally missed out something crucial or not.

### **Where can I find resources?**

Most exam boards will carry a list of relevant resources required for teaching their specific GCSE qualifications, so we would always recommend this as your first port of call. External or independent links or textbooks might not be entirely up to date or may not contain all of the knowledge and skills required to pass in a certain subject.

### **How should I organise revision?**

When you plan out your GCSE teaching overview, we'd recommend ensuring that you finish the actual teaching and content part around a month or so before the exam date. This extra time is an opportunity for your child to start revising. It's a great way to foster some independence by encouraging and supporting them to come up with a revision timetable in order to structure their own day.

During the revision stages, the input from you should focus on looking at good exam technique, going over past papers and reviewing the mark scheme together. It's worth finding some model answers and helping your child to identify what makes the answer so effective and what skills were used to achieve it. Learning how to shape a successful answer is a skill that can be transferred to any topic or subject once mastered.

If your child is re-sitting any of their exams it's a great idea to pay (typically at a cost of around £10) to get your child's initial paper back. You can use this to assess the examiner's comments and work out where your child can make changes to their approach when it comes to retaking the exam.

### **Where do I go from here?**

When it comes to entering your child for their exams and finding an examination centre where they can take the paper, your first and last port of call should always be the independent examination board website.

Many of the main boards will have a section offering advice specifically for private candidates, many of whom will be coming from a home school education.

- [AQA](#)
- [Cambridge](#)
- [City and Guilds](#)
- [Pearson Edexcel](#)
- [OCR](#)

You can also explore IGCSE exam boards here:

- [Cambridge IGCSE](#)
- [Pearson Edexcel IGCSE](#)

### **Independent Examination Centres –**

Each exam board has their own list of centres. Follow this [link](#) to access a website which has a search function to find a local centre for the examination board that you are using.

## **ACTIVITIES IN THE LOCAL AREA**

### **ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS -**

Website: [Adventure Playgrounds](#)

Description: Getting out of the house is important for young people and provides opportunities for young people to develop their physical skills and to socialise with other young people. You can find a list of all the adventure playgrounds within Hackney on the website above. Often the adventure playgrounds offer a range of affordable sessions which are available for all young people, including young people with special educational needs.

### **YOUTH GROUPS:**

Website: <https://www.younghackney.org/>

Description: The website provides details of different youth groups available to Hackney residents.

### **HACKNEY LIBRARIES**

Use the following link to find a list of libraries available:

<https://hackney.gov.uk/libraries>

Members of Hackney libraries can access [Libby](#) which is an online resource to access free e-books.