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## Potential funding for home educated children

We would like to make you aware of a support scheme aimed at Birmingham families home educating young people who are in their last few years of compulsory education and are pursuing qualifications during this academic year.

Support will be considered for children born between 01/09/1996 and 31/08/1999 (in school terms this is 'years 9, 10 and 11') who are currently home educated and who are recorded by the local authority as being electively home educated. The Local Authority can only consider claims received by the 4th of January 2013.

Possible areas of financial support might include;

- Approved alternative education provision or FE course fees (if the young person is already enrolled on a course, the LA may be able to offer support when the next fees are due).
- Distance learning / correspondence course fees (depending upon the target qualification).
- Tuition fees leading to specific examinations, examination and invigilation costs.
- Essential course materials (e.g. books, equipment, dedicated software). Please note that the LA will not consider funding for IT equipment such as PCs, laptops, printers etc.

### Conditions of support

1. The young person must be home educated, reside in Birmingham and have been born between 01/09/1996 and 31/08/1999 (in school terms this is 'years 9, 10 and 11').
2. Claims will not be met if, by the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2013, the young person no longer meets criteria 1 above (e.g. has moved from Birmingham, has returned to school etc).
3. The young person must have been 'registered' with the Elective Home Education Team prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2012.
4. This financial support will only be directed towards recognised qualifications (but this could include associated costs, such as materials, books and exam costs).
5. We cannot provide financial support for any of the above where funding has already been agreed, provided by, or is being claimed from another source (e.g. other Birmingham local authority agencies, other local authorities, charities etc).
6. The proposed educational package must have commenced, or be due to commence between 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2012 and the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2013.
7. The LA is only able to recoup costs from central government where it is making a 'significant financial contribution' to a home educated child's education. We can therefore only consider claims which exceed £2,000.
8. We are only able to pay up to a maximum of £4,000 in respect of any one home educated child.

9. Parents / guardians would be responsible for identifying and arranging appropriate courses and for satisfying themselves regarding course suitability and content, safeguarding and duty of care during any course attendance.
10. Where the LA is contributing to a specific course, enquiries (e.g. regarding payments, and attendance if appropriate) may be made with the provider to confirm arrangements.
11. The LA reserves the right to refuse funding if it decides that the application does not meet its criteria.

Please contact one of the team here if you need further information.

**Although it is possible that the scheme will continue into 2013 / 2014 it is unlikely to remain in its current form.** Also please note that in future years, letters will not be sent to individual families. Information regarding the scheme will only be available on this website.