

Flexi-Schooling Policy



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Huxley CE Primary School

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What is flexi-schooling?

At Huxley CE Primary School we offer a model of both full-time education and a Flexi- schooling model.

Flexi-schooling is not the same as home schooling / Elective Home Education. Parent / carers who request flexi-school attendance are asking for a pattern of provision which will involve both attendance at school, as well as times when the child will receive educational provision at home.

Flexi-Schooling must not be confused with elective home education. Parents / carers have a legal right to choose to home educate their child, but parents / carers do not have a legal right to insist on a flexi-schooling arrangement being agreed by our school. This decision is down to headteacher's discretion as to whether this is in the best interests to your child.

Flexi-schooling is also different from temporary part-time attendance arrangements which the school / parent / carer may seek to make. Such part-time arrangements are monitored and reviewed with the intention that the child be returned to full time attendance as soon as possible. However, Flexi-Schooling is full time, with the provision split between school attendance and educational provision at home.

Arrangements for flexi-schooling can only be made at the request of a parent / carer with parental responsibility. This is not an arrangement that can be initiated by the school.

Flexi-schooling policy

The Interim Executive Board (IEB) of the school have agreed that the school can offer Flexi-schooling to appropriate pupils as long as it fits within the admission policy and arrangements of the school.

Whilst a parent / carer may request that their child is Flexi-schooled it is entirely at the sole discretion of our Headteacher, as to whether the school is prepared to agree to a Flexi-schooling arrangement. There is no right of appeal to the IEB or higher authority if the proposal is declined on application, or rescinded /revoked at a later date.

In order that the school enters into and continues a Flexi-schooling arrangement, parents and carers must accept and maintain the framework of expectations set out in this policy and the Partnership Agreement.

The Interim Executive Board (IEB) has agreed that the school can offer flexi schooling on the basis that the following minimum rules are followed as detailed in the Flexi-schooling partnership agreement:

- That the school teaches a broad and balanced curriculum that meets the requirements of the National Curriculum.
- Attendance at school is on a minimum of three days each week, these are set as Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- The children attend for the full day, arriving by 8.45 until 3.15pm
- There is a requirement for all of our pupils to wear our school uniform
- Evidence of the work done on home-school days is shared with school. The school provides a web-based format for this called 'Showbie'. This enables parents to upload photos, notes, films and documents which are shared directly with school. School will also share the children's learning on this platform too to enable a holistic approach to education and develop the partnership of provision across the school week.
- Key Stage Two children in year six attend for one full week for statutory assessment held in May.
- That the school will willingly accept children with an Education Health and Care Plan on the understanding that they are required to attend on a full-time basis.
- That pupils and parents for whom a flexi-schooling agreement is in place will abide by all other agreed policies of the school.
- That the flexi-schooling partnership agreement is agreed with pupils and parent. Failure to abide by the agreement will lead to the flexi-schooling agreement being revoked by the Headteacher

The Interim Executive Board has agreed that individualised arrangements can be discussed in addition to the above points, again solely at the discretion of the headteacher, within the agreed policy over flexi-schooling. The headteacher can revoke the flexi-schooling agreement at any time if the pupil or parent fails to abide by the agreed partnership agreement.

Safeguarding

For pupils who have a Flexi-schooling agreement it is confirmed that when they are away from school in the care of parents / carers on the designated Flexi-schooling days that the safeguarding responsibility lies with parents / carers.

Unless there are extenuating circumstances the school staff need to see pupils at least once every ten days to fulfil the schools Safeguarding and Child Protection obligations.

In line with good practice the school will still need to report a concern or disclosure if it becomes known to the school. (see Safeguarding and Child Protection policy).

Monitoring and Review

The Interim Executive Board will monitor progress of flexi-schooling pupils to ensure that good provision and progress is being made.

This policy will be reviewed regularly with the Interim Executive Board having decided that this will be annually.