

## WHERE CAN I FIND USEFUL CONTACTS, INFORMATION AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT HOME EDUCATION?

There are many organisations, groups and websites which provide information and support for home educating families which can be easily accessed through a search on the internet or through the links pages of some of the groups below. Whilst these organisations, groups and websites may provide helpful advice, guidance and support relevant to home education, their inclusion in this document does not imply an endorsement of them by the Isle of Wight Local Authority. The views expressed within external websites are those of the site's owners and, unless specifically stated, are not those of the Local Authority.

### Local Authority:

- Isle of Wight Council: [www.iwight.com](http://www.iwight.com)
- Lead Officer for Elective Home Education: Louise Tatton  
Tel: 01983 821000 ext 6856 [louise.tatton@iow.gov.uk](mailto:louise.tatton@iow.gov.uk)
- Education & Inclusion Manager: Rachael Williams [rachael.williams@iow.gov.uk](mailto:rachael.williams@iow.gov.uk)
- Special Educational Needs Team: Tel: 01983 821000 [sen@iow.gov.uk](mailto:sen@iow.gov.uk)  
[www.iwight.com/Council/OtherServices/Special-Education-Needs-SEN/About](http://www.iwight.com/Council/OtherServices/Special-Education-Needs-SEN/About)
- The Local Offer – tells you what you can expect to be available for children and young people who have SEND on the Isle of Wight across education, health and social care services:  
[www.iwight.com/localoffer](http://www.iwight.com/localoffer)
- Early Help Service (Barnardo's) – Early help is provided to children, young people and families who are struggling and feel in need of some additional support. Support is available from Family Centre and counselling is available for children and young people through Talk2:  
[www.iwight.com/Council/OtherServices/Support-and-Advice-for-Families](http://www.iwight.com/Council/OtherServices/Support-and-Advice-for-Families)
- School Admissions Team: Tel: 01983 821000  
[www.iwight.com/Residents/Schools-and-Learning/School-Admissions](http://www.iwight.com/Residents/Schools-and-Learning/School-Admissions)
- Island Futures Team: County Hall Tel: 01983 823888 [www.iwight.com/islandfutures](http://www.iwight.com/islandfutures)
- Family Information Zone (FIZ): Tel: 01983 823349 WightCHYPS website:  
[www.iwight.com/wightchyps](http://www.iwight.com/wightchyps)

### Other organisations:

- SENDIASS (formerly Parent Partnership) – provides advice and guidance for parents and carers whose children have special educational needs: 11 Orchard Street, Newport PO30 1JZ Tel: 01983 825548 [www.iwpp.co.uk/](http://www.iwpp.co.uk/)
- Department for Education:  
[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education)
- National Association of Gifted Children: [www.nagc.org/](http://www.nagc.org/)
- Disclosure and Barring Service: [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service/about](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service/about)
- Family Lives (formerly Parentline Plus): [www.familylives.org.uk/](http://www.familylives.org.uk/)

### Home education:

- Education Otherwise: [www.educationotherwise.net](http://www.educationotherwise.net)
- Home Education Advisory Service: [www.heas.org.uk](http://www.heas.org.uk)
- Ed Yourself: [www.edyourself.org](http://www.edyourself.org)
- Home education in the UK – SEN: [www.he-special.org.uk/](http://www.he-special.org.uk/)
- The Isle of Wight Learning Zone (an Island-based support group for home educating families):  
[www.iwlearningzone.co.uk/](http://www.iwlearningzone.co.uk/)
- There are a number of Facebook groups supporting home education on the Isle of Wight

**USEFUL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND WEBSITES  
(RECOMMENDED BY ISLAND HOME EDUCATORS):**

- IW College vocational & GCSE courses (Yr 10/11) [michael.joy@iwcollege.ac.uk](mailto:michael.joy@iwcollege.ac.uk) 01983 550687
- Platform One Music Technology (Yr 11) [david@platformone.org](mailto:david@platformone.org) 01983 537550
- The Playroom, Ventnor (ages 5-12) [www.theplayroom.learningvialiving.co.uk/](http://www.theplayroom.learningvialiving.co.uk/)
- GCSE study groups via the Learning Zone [www.iwlearningzone.co.uk/](http://www.iwlearningzone.co.uk/)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/education](http://www.bbc.co.uk/education) Bitesize, Key Stages 3-4 revision, tests, games
- [www.thenational.academy](http://www.thenational.academy) Oak National Academy: all ages/many subjects
- [www.livemocha.com](http://www.livemocha.com) Languages
- [www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com) English, Maths, Science, Humanities
- [www.mathantics.com](http://www.mathantics.com) Maths
- [www.coolmath.com](http://www.coolmath.com) Maths
- [www.tenticks.com](http://www.tenticks.com) Maths
- [www.uk.ixl.com/](http://www.uk.ixl.com/) Maths and English
- [www.readingeggs.co.uk/](http://www.readingeggs.co.uk/) Reading
- [www.seussville.com](http://www.seussville.com) Fun reading with Dr Seuss
- [www.bugclub.com](http://www.bugclub.com) Younger readers
- [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) Various subjects
- [www.makemeagenius.com](http://www.makemeagenius.com) Science
- [www.wonderopolis.com](http://www.wonderopolis.com) Various subjects
- [www.kidsknowit.com](http://www.kidsknowit.com) Various subjects
- [www.pottermore.com](http://www.pottermore.com) Various subjects
- [www.havingkids.com](http://www.havingkids.com) Various subjects
- [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) Various subjects
- [www.learndirect.com/](http://www.learndirect.com/) Various subjects
- [www.nec.ac.uk/](http://www.nec.ac.uk/) Various subjects
- [www.education.com/](http://www.education.com/) Maths and English
- [www.twinkl.co.uk/](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/) Various subjects
- [www.italki.com](http://www.italki.com) Languages
- [www.mathsgenie.co.uk/](http://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/) GCSE and A Level Maths revision
- [www.futurelearn.com/](http://www.futurelearn.com/) Free online courses ages 13+
- [www.conquermaths.com/](http://www.conquermaths.com/) Maths
- [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com) Various subjects
- [www.edplace.com](http://www.edplace.com) Various subjects
- [www.primaryleap.co.uk](http://www.primaryleap.co.uk) Various subjects Key Stages 1-2
- [www.activityvillage.co.uk](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk) Primary resources
- [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk) Nature detectives
- [www.readingchest.co.uk](http://www.readingchest.co.uk) Children's reading book rental scheme
- [www.mathseeds.co.uk/](http://www.mathseeds.co.uk/) Maths ages 3-9
- [www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com) Languages
- [www.3plearning.com/uk/](http://www.3plearning.com/uk/) Includes Spellodrome, Into Science, Athletics
- [www.oxfordowl.co.uk/](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/) Primary Reading and Maths
- [www.mysteryscience.com/](http://www.mysteryscience.com/) Science
- [www.doodlemaths.com/](http://www.doodlemaths.com/) Maths ages 4-14
- [www.oakabooks.co.uk/](http://www.oakabooks.co.uk/) Key Stages 1-3 for visual/Dyslexic learners
- [www.nessy.com/uk/](http://www.nessy.com/uk/) Reading, Writing, Spelling for Dyslexic learners
- [www.educationcity.com/](http://www.educationcity.com/) Various subjects ages 3-11
- [www.bravewriter.com/](http://www.bravewriter.com/) Writing for all ages
- [www.prodigygame.com](http://www.prodigygame.com) Primary Maths
- [www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/](http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/) Early Reading

There are also a number of curriculum packages available through online virtual schools. These vary in quality and cost, so do talk to other parents before making a final decision. Examples include:

- Inter High [www.interhigh.co.uk/](http://www.interhigh.co.uk/)
- Cloud Learn [www.cloudlearn.co.uk/](http://www.cloudlearn.co.uk/)
- My Online Schooling [www.myonlineschooling.co.uk/](http://www.myonlineschooling.co.uk/)
- Wolsey Hall Oxford [www.wolseyhalloxford.org.uk/why-homeschool/](http://www.wolseyhalloxford.org.uk/why-homeschool/)
- Oxford Home Schooling [www.oxfordhomeschooling.co.uk](http://www.oxfordhomeschooling.co.uk)