



## Cheshire East Parent Carer Home Education Information Morning

Friday 19 October

10:00 – 13:00

Holmes Chapel Community Centre

## Q & A session

### **Q Can you sit exams for formal qualifications if you are home educated?**

JF You can sit an exam as a private candidate.

You do not have to wait until a specific age to sit an exam – could sit different exams at different times

John Fowler can advise EHE families on which schools are open to receiving private candidates. Once you know where you can sit exams you can then find out which exam boards they use.

ST You can also access college without having qualifications; worked to gain maths and English GCSE alongside the BTEC course

JF Recommend building up a portfolio with lots of pictures as evidence interest and projects – include mistakes! As this evidences that you have learned through mistakes.

### **Q How much proof do you need to show that you are actually home educating your child?**

JF There are lots different approaches – some more structured and formal, others more relaxed and lead by the child / young person. The LA wants to see that there appears to be education going on, so a portfolio of photos and other evidence helps with this. Having meetings with JF allow discussion to identify other activities (for example clubs at weekends) which will also count.

### **Q What happens if a child or young person with an Education Health Care Plan wants to choose home education? Does the duty to meet their needs fall on the parents?**

KL It is possible to agree that a child or young person with an EHC plan can be Educated Other Than At School (EOTAS) which is not the same as being Electively Home Educated as the Local Authority still has the duty to ensure provision is in place. These cases vary hugely on an individual basis, so it is difficult to generalise – it is really important to have conversations with settings, the local authority. You can always talk to CEIAS for advice to help you explore the options.

### **Q Can you have a combination of home and school?**

JF Yes, flexi schooling is an option, at the school's discretion, and it needs to be in agreement with the Local Authority. The majority of schools are not in favour of it. You can discuss the options with schools, and both John Fowler & CEIAS are available to support.