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Elective Home Education protocol

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Introduction

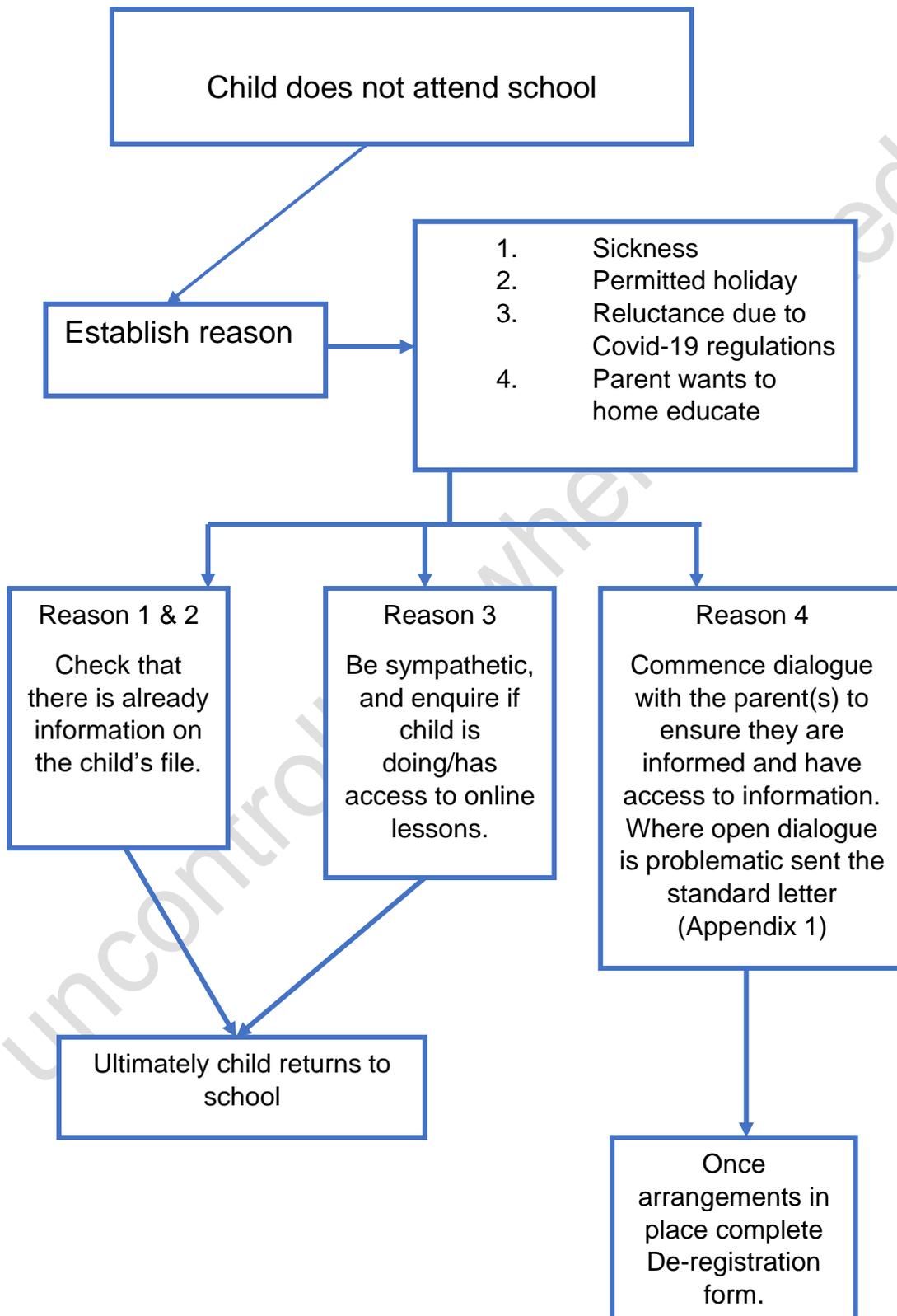
In accordance with section 7 of the Education Act 1996, every child has the right to education that is appropriate to their age, aptitude and any special educational needs they may have.

Parents have the legal responsibility for ensuring that their child is properly educated, and the school respects their right to choose to educate their child, other than at school, according to their philosophical, ideological or religious views/beliefs.

For the purposes of this document the term parents includes anyone who has parental responsibility, including guardians and carers.

Our approach

- **Choice:** Although we consider that school provides the best learning opportunity, for the majority of children, we affirm that parents have the right to choose how to educate their children outside of the school system and that they do so for a variety of reasons.
- **Information.** The decision by parents to elect to educate their child at home, should be an informed, active and positive one. It is important that parents obtain sufficient information about home education before making that decision. We will provide a copy of Derbyshire's Home Education Parent/Carer Information on request.
- **Communication** In order to fulfil our statutory duty to assure ourselves that children who are home educated receive a suitable education, the school will promote an active dialogue with parents and work in partnership with them. Staff may choose to use the standard letter in appendix 1 to engage parents in order to identify their concerns.
- If a parent chooses to withdraw their child from school to home educate, we recognise that they may need to time to establish their home education practice. We will maintain a regular and supportive dialogue with parents as appropriate.
- As well as the child's educational needs, the school will be mindful of a child's personal, health, safety and welfare needs, at all times. Any concerns regarding safeguarding will be reported using the Safeguarding Children policy.
- Once all arrangements for home education are in place, a de-registration form must be completed and sent to DCC.





Dear

Re Decision to educate at home.

Thank you for your notification stating that you wish for to be educated at home. Whatever the circumstances of the decision, I must stress that it is Coton-in-the-Elms Primary School's belief that the best place for learning is in school.

School is about learning principally and yet it offers so much more. Children that regularly attend school grow into healthy, well rounded young people with a developed sense of the value of others and relationships. We will always say, indeed published research will always say, that being in school, learning alongside others and creating really strong life-long memories, will always be the preferred choice.

We do recognise that on rare occasions, circumstances arise that mean that a child isn't comfortable in school; should there be a reason that your child isn't attending school that you feel we could do more to address, please make an appointment with me and I will endeavour to address your concerns.

Moving forward, your request to take off roll will be forwarded to Derbyshire County Council for action.

Making a decision to home educate is a huge one. It takes a significant commitment from a parent and significant subject knowledge to ensure that the quality of education available is a good match for that in school. Should you choose to continue with the pathway you have chosen, I would like to wish you all the best moving forward; it will be lovely to hear how has done in any public examinations.

Yours sincerely

Class Teacher