

*Deregistering is a very simple process (providing it is an English mainstream school, i.e. not a special school, as the process is slightly different for children registered at those). You do need consent to deregister from a special or SEN school, you cannot just stop sending your child. But this is unnecessary if your child is in a mainstream school with an EHCP - just follow the standard deregistration process.*

*It's just a matter of sending a letter (or email) to the headteacher informing them that you are now home-educating; this takes your child's name off the school register. It is then the school's duty to inform the Local Authority, not yours. You can immediately begin EHE (Elective Home Education); you do not need anyone's permission or need to give any prior notice to the school or attend any exit 'meetings' - but you must do the letter. Do remember to get a receipt from the school. Once you've deregistered, your legal duty is complete.*

*This link has UK deregistration info, including details for Wales, Scotland, and Special Schools (and what to do if the school is difficult): <https://educationalfreedom.org.uk/deregistration/>*

***\* Here is a template letter you can edit and use – do remember to delete these notes! \****

YOUR

ADDRESS

HERE

SCHOOL

ADDRESS

HERE

DATE

Dear (HEAD TEACHER'S NAME)

Re: (CHILD'S FULL NAME) - D.O.B: 0/0/0000

Please remove (CHILD'S NAME) from the school roll with immediate effect in accordance with Regulation 9 (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2024, as (he/she) is now home educated in accordance with Section 7 of the 1996 Education Act.

Please confirm receipt of this letter and that (CHILD'S NAME) has been removed from the roll.

Yours sincerely

(YOUR NAME)