

CARD 01 · DEFINITION

What is unschooling?

Keep the approach, setting and adult role clear.

Question

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CARD 02 · TERMS

Is all home education unschooling?

Separate the broad legal setting from one philosophy.

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CARD 03 · ADULT ROLE

What do adults still do?

Name the four active roles.

Question

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CARD 04 · FAMILY STUDY

What can 232 family reports show?

Keep recruitment and inference beside the number.

Question

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CARD 05 · ADULT STUDY

What did 75 adults report?

Include favourable and adverse accounts.

Question

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CARD 06 · INTERVIEWS

What can five interviews add?

Distinguish depth from prevalence.

Question

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CARD 02 · ANSWER

No

Elective home education is the broad setting. Families may use planned lessons, courses, tutors or an interest-led approach. Unschooling is one philosophy within it.

Answer

Terms

CARD 01 · ANSWER

Interest-led home education

A child's interests and daily life organise much of the path. Adults still provide access, teaching, safety and review. The label is not a legal category or a guarantee of outcomes.

Answer

Definition

CARD 04 · ANSWER

Experiences, not child effects

Gray and Riley (2013) surveyed 232 self-selected families. Reports can identify experiences and questions, but not representative rates, comparison effects or cause.

Answer

Gray and Riley, 2013

CARD 03 · ANSWER

Notice, offer, support, review

Adults notice learning and gaps, widen access, teach or model when needed, protect safety and review breadth, progress and future routes.

Answer

Adult role

CARD 06 · ANSWER

Detail, not frequency

Gaudreau and Brabant (2021) interviewed five adults. Their accounts reveal possible strengths and difficulties, but cannot show how often either occurs.

Answer

Five interviews

CARD 05 · ANSWER

Both valued and hard experiences

Gray and Riley (2015) surveyed 75 self-selected adults. Many valued freedom and learning, while a minority described isolation, deficits, neglect or family dysfunction.

Answer

Gray and Riley, 2015

CARD 07 · ADJACENT EVIDENCE

Can wider home-education research prove unschooling outcomes?

Name the transfer limit.

Question

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CARD 08 · ENGLAND LAW

What does section 7 require?

State the parent's duty without promising compliance.

Question

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CARD 09 · CURRICULUM

Must home education follow the national curriculum?

Keep the remaining duty clear.

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CARD 10 · SEND

Is unschooling a SEND treatment?

Give the needs-led answer.

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CARD 11 · SCHOOL BOUNDARY

What can teachers borrow?

Keep curriculum and safety duties intact.

Question

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CARD 12 · REVIEW

What should a sound review cover?

List the evidence and responsibility checks.

Question

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CARD 08 · ANSWER

Suitable full-time education

Parents must secure efficient, full-time education suitable to the child's age, ability, aptitude and any special educational needs, whether at school or otherwise.

Answer

Education Act 1996

CARD 07 · ANSWER

No

Home education includes many approaches. Selection effects also limit broad comparisons. Classroom learner-control evidence concerns a different setting and cannot validate curriculum-free home education.

Answer

Evidence boundary

CARD 10 · ANSWER

No

Flexibility may reduce one barrier for some children. The plan must still meet assessed needs, communication, access, teaching, safety and future options.

Answer

SEND

CARD 09 · ANSWER

No, but the duty remains

DfE guidance says the national curriculum is not compulsory for elective home education. Parents still hold the section 7 duty, and current official guidance matters.

Answer

DfE, 2024

CARD 12 · ANSWER

Learning, access, voice and routes

Review current learning, breadth, progress, adult provision, child voice, SEND, social participation, safety, qualifications and re-entry. Set a date and evidence for the next review.

Answer

Review

CARD 11 · ANSWER

Bounded choice with guidance

Use interests as entry points, offer real choices and teach planning and review. Keep the curriculum, explicit teaching, assessment, inclusion and safeguarding.

Answer

School boundary