

# EDUCATION AT HOME

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| Name of Organisation                                      | Contact Details  | Description   |
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| <b>ACE (Advisory Centre for Education)</b>                | <p>📍 1c Aberdeen Studios, 22 Highbury Grove, London, N5 2DQ.</p> <p>☎ Freephone 0808 800 5793 (M to F 10am - 5pm)</p> <p>🌐 <a href="http://www.ace-ed.org.uk">www.ace-ed.org.uk</a></p>  | An independent national education advice centre offering confidential advice to parents.  |
| <b>Association for Science Education</b>                  | <p>🌐 <a href="http://www.schoolscience.co.uk">www.schoolscience.co.uk</a></p>  | Resources, information and quizzes for 11-18 years.   |
| <b>Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings, Bromsgrove</b> | <p>📍 Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, B60 4JR</p> <p>☎ 01527 831363</p> <p>🌐 <a href="http://www.avoncroft.org.uk">www.avoncroft.org.uk</a>.</p>   | Open-air site with historic buildings & an active learning centre   |
| <b>BBC Education Web Guide:</b>                           | <p>🌐 <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/</a></p> <p>🌐 <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/dynamo">www.bbc.co.uk/education/dynamo</a></p> <p>🌐 <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools">www.bbc.co.uk/schools</a></p> <p>🌐 <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise">www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise</a></p> | Online learning, support and advice. A good basis for home teaching, along with schools programmes that go out on radio and TV. Learning resources for 4-18 year olds, including Bitesize guides. |
| <b>Bewdley Museum</b>                                     | <p>📍 Load Street, Bewdley, DY12 2AE</p> <p>☎ 01299 403 573</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:museum_wfdc@online.rednet.co.uk">museum_wfdc@online.rednet.co.uk</a></p>   |   |
| <b>Bishops Wood Centre</b>                                | <p>☎ 01299 250513</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@bishopswoodcentre.org.uk">info@bishopswoodcentre.org.uk</a></p> <p>🌐 <a href="http://www.bishopswoodcentre.org.uk">www.bishopswoodcentre.org.uk</a></p>  | Ancient woodland and meadows. Recognised for work on environment and sustainability. Information re events and open days.   |
| <b>Borrowers Toy Library</b>                              | <p>📍 Sixways Trading Estate, Barnards Green, Malvern, WR14 3LY</p> <p>☎ 01684 891081</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@borrowerstoylibrary.co.uk">enquiries@borrowerstoylibrary.co.uk</a></p> <p>🌐 <a href="http://www.borrowerstoylibrary.co.uk">www.borrowerstoylibrary.co.uk</a></p>  | Children are able to borrow toys for periods of time depending on the membership  |
| <b>BT Learning Centre</b>                                 | <p>🌐 <a href="http://www.thebtlearningcentre.com">www.thebtlearningcentre.com</a></p>  | Online learning materials from £3 / month.  |
| <b>CGP Books</b>  | <p>Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria<br/><b>LA17 7WZ</b></p> <p>☎ 0870 750 1262</p> <p>🌐 <a href="http://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/index.asp">http://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/index.asp</a></p>  | Educational publisher. Study books for all ages.  |
| <b>Channel 4</b>  | <p>🌐 <a href="http://www.channel4learning.net">www.channel4learning.net</a></p>  | Provides resources for a range of subjects, ages 3-19 years.  |

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| <b>Connexions</b>   | <p> <a href="http://www.connexions-direct.com">www.connexions-direct.com</a><br/> Worcestershire<br/> <a href="http://www.connexions-hw.org.uk">www.connexions-hw.org.uk</a><br/> Bromsgrove<br/> ☎ 01527 882960<br/> Droitwich<br/> ☎ 01905 796700<br/> Evesham<br/> ☎ 01386 444220<br/> Kidderminster<br/> ☎ 01562 820110<br/> Malvern<br/> ☎ 01684 892518<br/> Pershore<br/> ☎ 01386 565000<br/> Redditch<br/> ☎ 01527 66525<br/> Worcester<br/> ☎ 01905 738900 </p> | Offers free information, advice and guidance for young people.  |
| <b>Country Reports</b>                                      | <p> <a href="http://www.countryreports.org">www.countryreports.org</a> </p>   | An informative website providing geographical, political and historical information on more than 250 countries worldwide.                                     |
| <b>DCFS (Department for Children, Families and Schools)</b> | <p> <a href="http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/index.htm">http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/index.htm</a><br/><br/> Email: <a href="mailto:info@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk">info@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk</a><br/><br/> ☎ 0870 000 2288 </p>  | DCFS produce a range of publications, some of which might be useful to home educators.  |
| <b>Education Magazines from Scholastic UK</b>               | <p> ☎ Westfield Road, Southam, Warwickshire, CV47 0UH<br/> ☎ 01926 816 216<br/> <a href="http://www.scholastic.co.uk">www.scholastic.co.uk</a> </p>   | Promotes reading through educational books and magazines.   |
| <b>Education Otherwise Association Limited</b>              | <p> ☎ PO Box 325, Kings Lynn, PE34 3XW<br/> ☎ 0870 7300 074<br/> Email: <a href="mailto:eoemailhelpline@education-otherwise.org">eoemailhelpline@education-otherwise.org</a><br/> <a href="http://www.education-otherwise.org">www.education-otherwise.org</a> </p>   | Self-help group offering support, advice and information to families who are practising or contemplating home-based education as an alternative to schooling. |
| <b>Education Websites</b>                                   | <p> <a href="http://www.educationwebsites.co.uk">www.educationwebsites.co.uk</a> </p>   | A range of educational resources and activities.  |
| <b>English Heritage</b>                                     | <p> <a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk">www.english-heritage.org.uk</a> </p>   | View for local events & activities.   |
| <b>Films/Media/English</b>                                  | <p> ☎ 21-22 Poland Street, London, W1F 8QQ<br/> ☎ 020 7851 9450<br/> <a href="http://www.filmeducation.org">www.filmeducation.org</a> </p>  | Primary and Secondary resources.  |

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| <b>Freedom In Education</b>            | ☆ <a href="http://www.freedom-in-education.co.uk">www.freedom-in-education.co.uk</a>   | Information and newsletters re alternatives in education.  |
| <b>Free Range Education</b>            | ☆ <a href="http://www.free-range-education.co.uk">www.free-range-education.co.uk</a>   | Site contains resources, links, information and qualified advice.  |
| <b>Guardian Education</b>              | ☆ <a href="http://www.educationguardian.co.uk/primaryresources">www.educationguardian.co.uk/primaryresources</a>   | A range of project based activities week-by week.  |
| <b>Hartlebury Castle</b>               | 📍 Hartlebury, Nr Kidderminster, DY11 7XZ<br>☎ 01299 250 416<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:museum@worcestershire.gov.uk">museum@worcestershire.gov.uk</a>  | Hands on curricular-based activities. Contact for up to date programme of events. Costs may apply.   |
| <b>HE-Special-UK</b>                   | ☆ <a href="http://www.he-special.org.uk">www.he-special.org.uk</a>   | Resources and information for families with children who have special educational needs.   |
| <b>History</b>                         | ☆ <a href="http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk">www.schoolhistory.co.uk</a>   | Resources, information, links and quizzes for primary to A-level.  |
| <b>Home Education Advisory Service</b> | 📍 P.O. Box 98, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. AL8 6AN<br>☎ 01707 371854<br>Email: <a href="mailto:admin@heas.org.uk">admin@heas.org.uk</a><br>☆ <a href="http://www.heas.org.uk">www.heas.org.uk</a>   | An advice group for home educating families.   |
| <b>ICS</b>                             | ☆ <a href="http://www.icslearn.co.uk">www.icslearn.co.uk</a>   | Distance learning for Basic Skills, GCSEs, A-Levels, Diplomas and Degree level courses (Fees payable).                                     |
| <b>Internet Safety</b>                 | ☆ <a href="http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk">www.thinkuknow.co.uk</a>   | Tips for keeping children safe whilst online.  |
| <b>Internet Use</b>                    | FREE INTERNET ACCESS IS AVAILABLE AT COUNTY LIBRARIES  |  |
| <b>Libraries</b>                       | <b>Worcester:</b><br>📍 Foregate Street, WR1 1DT ☎ 01905 765312<br><b>Kidderminster:</b><br>📍 Market Street, DY10 1AD ☎ 01562 824500<br><b>Redditch:</b><br>📍 15 Market Place, B98 8AR ☎ 01527 63291<br><a href="http://worcestershire.whub.org.uk/home/wcc-lib-index.htm">http://worcestershire.whub.org.uk/home/wcc-lib-index.htm</a> | A useful source of information from book/CD/video hire to story telling sessions. Contact/view website for information on local libraries. |
| <b>Muddle Puddle Home Education</b>    | ☆ <a href="http://www.muddlepuddle.co.uk">www.muddlepuddle.co.uk</a>   | An independent website mainly focused on learning for 0-8 year olds.   |
| <b>National Curriculum</b>             | ☆ <a href="http://www.curriculum.qca.org.uk">www.curriculum.qca.org.uk</a>   | National Curriculum on line, giving programmes of study for each subject at each key stage.  |

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| National Trust                                | West Midlands<br>☎ 01743708100<br>🌐 <a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk">www.nationaltrust.org.uk</a>  | Days out, places to visit, activities, heritage and learning.  |
| NEC Education Show Birmingham                 | 🌐 <a href="http://www.education-show.com">www.education-show.com</a>  | Showcase of educational resources.   |
| National Extension College                    | <a href="http://www.nec.ac.uk">www.nec.ac.uk</a>  | Home Learning Courses and Qualifications   |
| The Open University                           | <a href="http://www.open.ac.uk">www.open.ac.uk</a>  | Distance Learning and Adult Education Courses  |
| Oxford Open Learning                          | 🌐 <a href="http://www.ool.co.uk">www.ool.co.uk</a>  | Distance Learning and Adult Education Courses  |
| Plug & Play                                   | 🌐 <a href="http://www.plugandplay.org.uk">www.plugandplay.org.uk</a>  | Worcestershire's database of all clubs, activities and events for 8-19 year olds.  |
| Primary Resources                             | 🌐 <a href="http://www.primaryresources.co.uk">www.primaryresources.co.uk</a>  | Free lesson plans, activity ideas and resources for primary age children.  |
| Primary Teaching Ideas                        | 🌐 <a href="http://www.teachingideas.co.uk">www.teachingideas.co.uk</a>  | Teaching activities for a range of subjects for 5-11 years.  |
| Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) | 📄 83 Piccadilly, London, W1J 8QA<br>☎ 020 7509 5555<br>🌐 <a href="http://www.QCA.org.uk">www.QCA.org.uk</a>   | Information regarding the National Curriculum.   |
| Schools Net                                   | 🌐 <a href="http://www.schoolsnet.com">www.schoolsnet.com</a>  | Resources and lesson plans for all key stages.   |
| Sea Life Centre, Birmingham                   | 📄 The Waters Edge, Brindley Place, Birmingham, West Midlands, B1 2HL ☎ 0121 6334700<br>🌐 <a href="http://www.sealifeeurope.com/">http://www.sealifeeurope.com/</a>  | Displays of freshwater and marine life.  |
| Standards Site (DCFS):                        | 🌐 <a href="http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/schemes3/">www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/schemes3/</a>  | Information and units of work for 5-16 years developed by the QCA.   |
| Support 4 Learning                            | ☎ 01223 400 350<br>🌐 <a href="http://www.support4learning.org.uk/home/index.cfm">http://www.support4learning.org.uk/home/index.cfm</a>  | Links to resources re education, training, lifelong learning, career planning and jobsearch.                                     |
| Tourist Information                           | 🌐 <a href="http://www.whatsonworcestershire.co.uk">www.whatsonworcestershire.co.uk</a><br>🌐 <a href="http://www.touruk.co.uk/tics/Worcester_1.htm">http://www.touruk.co.uk/tics/Worcester_1.htm</a><br>☎ Worcester City: 01905 726311 | Information about events/places to visit in Worcestershire and details of local Tourist Information Centres.                     |
| Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum         | <a href="http://www.worcestercitymuseums.org.uk/mag/magind.htm">http://www.worcestercitymuseums.org.uk/mag/magind.htm</a>   | View for exhibitions, workshops and activities.  |
| World-Wide Education Service (WES)            | 📄 Waverly House, Penton, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA6 5QU<br>☎ 01228 577123<br>🌐 <a href="http://www.weshome.demon.co.uk">www.weshome.demon.co.uk</a><br>Email: <a href="mailto:office@weshome.demon.co.uk">office@weshome.demon.co.uk</a>  | Tutorial based learning courses for children aged 4-14 years. All courses based on the National Curriculum of England and Wales. |