Flexi-Schooling

What is Flexi-Schooling?

Flexi-schooling is an arrangement where a child or young person remains enrolled at a Dundee City Council school but attends school for only part of the week.

During agreed periods away from school, the parent/carer is responsible for providing suitable educational experiences.

Under a flexi-schooling arrangement, your child:

- Remains on the school roll.
- Is not considered home educated.
- Receives their education through a combination of school-based and home-based learning.

Who Can Request Flexi-Schooling?

Flexi-schooling is a voluntary arrangement that must be requested by a parent or carer.

Each request is considered individually, taking account of:

- The child's wellbeing and best interests.
- Educational needs and progress.
- The views of the child or young person.
- Safeguarding and welfare considerations.
- The practicality of the proposed arrangement.

There is no automatic entitlement to flexi-schooling, and approval is considered on a case-by-case basis.

Parent/Carer Responsibilities

If flexi-schooling is agreed, parents/carers are responsible for:

- Providing suitable educational experiences during periods away from school.
- Working in partnership with the school and Dundee City Council.
- Attending review meetings.
- Informing the school of any significant changes in circumstances.

How Do I Apply?

A written request should be submitted to the Head of Children and Families Service audrey.may@dundeecity.gov.uk

and should include:

- The reason for the request.
- The proposed attendance pattern.
- An outline of the educational experiences that will be provided during periods away from school.

Following receipt of the request, Dundee City Council will contact you to discuss the proposal and explain the next steps.

Review of Arrangements

All flexi-schooling arrangements are reviewed regularly to ensure they continue to meet the child's needs.

- An initial review will normally take place within one school term.
- Thereafter, reviews will be arranged as required and at least annually.

Reviews consider the child's wellbeing, educational progress, engagement and whether the arrangement remains appropriate.

Further Information

If you would like to discuss flexi-schooling or require further information, please contact:

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Key Message

Flexi-schooling is a partnership between families, schools and Dundee City Council. Any arrangement must support the child's wellbeing, educational progress, rights and best interests, while ensuring they continue to receive a suitable education.