

Education Other Than a School (EOTAS)

Education Other Than a School (EOTAS) is educational provision that meets the needs of Children and Young People who, for whatever reason, are unable to attend a mainstream or special school.

For some Children or Young People, school or college settings may not be suitable. They may have been excluded, they may have mental health issues or medical reasons that affect their ability to attend a school or college setting or the school(s) they have attended may not have been able to meet their needs.

Some examples of EOTAS provision could be:

- Online schooling
- Tuition at home
- Tuition or training at a specialist centre
- Hospital schooling
- Therapeutic interventions
- Life skills training

The LA would then be responsible for continuing to secure and fund that provision, unlike EHE.

EOTAS is only possible where the local authority is satisfied that it would be 'inappropriate for the[special educational] provision to be made in a school.

To meet this test, you need to prove that education in a school would be inappropriate.

Case law states that all the circumstances must be looked at including the child's background and medical history; the particular educational needs of the child; the facilities that can be provided by a school; the facilities that could be provided other than in a school; the comparative cost of the possible alternatives to the child's educational provisions; the child's reaction to education provisions, either at a school or elsewhere; the parents' wishes; and any other circumstances.

If a Child or Young Person has an EHC plan and EOTAS is being considered it is essential that Section F of the plan specifies the EOTAS package which will be delivered.

The LA will not name an 'appropriate' school or a type of school in Section I where it has been decided a child should have EOTAS because it has already been decided that it would be inappropriate for the provision to be made at a school. (The home address of the Child or Young Person would also not be included in Section I).

Further frequently asked questions around EOTAS can be found [here](#).

