

6 TIPS

TO UNDERSTANDING

EOTAS

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WHAT IS EOTAS?

If you're a child/young person's educational environment is unsuitable the Local Authority (LA) can organize alternative special educational provisions. Commonly referred to as 'education otherwise than in school,' or EOTAS, the approach is supported under section 61 of the Children and Families Act 2014.



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THE AIMS OF EOTAS

EOTAS aims to provide a supportive and tailored educational environment outside of the traditional school setting. This might involve one-on-one tuition, small group teaching, online learning, or education within the community

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EOTAS can become an effective program that best suits your child's needs. This can be a structured program offered by an provider or a more flexible approach like self-designed learning such as forest school, online learning, etc.



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HOW TO BEGIN THE PROCESS

The first step usually involves assessing the child's educational needs. This can be initiated by parents, teachers, or healthcare professionals who recognize that the child is not benefiting from traditional schooling. This assessment might lead to the development of an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP) if the child has special educational needs.

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WORK WITH LOCAL AUTHORITY

Reach out to your LA. They are responsible for providing education for children who cannot attend school. Explain your child's situation and why you believe traditional education isn't suitable for them.



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EOTAS OPTIONS

The LA will usually discuss different options available under EOTAS. These might include online learning programs, one-on-one tutoring, education in community centers, or other specialized arrangements.