

## Children and Young People's Services

Executive Director: Nick Hudson

To the Parent/Guardian Of:

**Our reference:** EHE/CP

**Your reference:**

**Please ask for:** Catherine  
Pealing/Joanne Berry

**Extension:** 86146/86147

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**Date:** 12th November 2010

Dear

As a Wigan Home Educator, we would like to invite you to an open morning at Progress House with the Home education team.

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Time: From 9.30 am

Venue: Progress House, Westwood Park Drive, Wigan

The purpose of the meeting in addition to an extended opportunity to network and make links with other home educators in the area, is for us to also get your views on our current process from home education and future changes that we would like to make.

We are very keen to maintain a positive relationship with our home educating families and I have ensured that the team and other professionals that may come into contact with your families have had training from an independent organisation on different philosophies that families adopt for home education.

We are aware that support groups do exist within the area and that some networks are already established between home educators. We would like to use this strength of support and knowledge to help us to develop our relationship with families and to assist in shaping future policy and procedure in Wigan that both meets the needs of the Department's duties and ensures that families feel comfortable with the process. I must reassure you that this is not an exercise to gather your personal details for our records.

We will look at:

- The letters we send
- The time scales we use

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Please reply to: Joanne Berry

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- The information packs we send out
- The monitoring visits
- The feedback forms you receive
- The current procedure
- The Website
- Any other issues you wish to raise

If you would like to attend the session please could you let Joanne or myself know so that we can send you the paperwork in advance for you to consider any changes/comments you may have and we can send you the directions.

You can let us know if you will be attending by;

Telephone: 01942 486146/486147

Email: [Joanne.Berry@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:Joanne.Berry@wigan.gov.uk) or [c.pealing@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:c.pealing@wigan.gov.uk)

Letter; For the attention of Cath Pealing or Joanne Berry at Children and Young People's Services, Progress House, Westwood Park Drive, Wigan, WN3 4HH

Many thanks and I really look forward to meeting you in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Pealing  
Children and Young People's Services

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