

ACTION TO MAKE HOME EDUCATION MORE EFFECTIVE

Lord Baker's reaction to The Timpson Report

I warmly welcome the report by Edward Timpson which I hope will lead to far fewer pupils being excluded or off-rolled as their fate becomes unknown. I trust this report will lead to an even greater commitment to improve Home Education. I suggest further changes could be made:

1. The Headteacher and Local Authority should meet the parents and agree the education which the pupil will enjoy to ensure that the plans of the parents are fit for purpose and meet the pupil's learning needs.
2. Such Home Education plans should be available for scrutiny by Ofsted and regularly reviewed.
3. On the principle that funding follows the pupil, the school should make a financial contribution to the cost of the Home Educated pupil.
4. At the very least the cost of any examination entry for each pupil should be met by the school.