

The Back to Homeschool Checklist

Not a shopping list. Not a shopping list at all, actually. Seven things worth doing before term starts, and nothing you need to buy.

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- ☐ **Review last term honestly**
What worked, what did not, what surprised you.
 - ☐ **Check your records are actually findable**
Not perfect. Just findable.
 - ☐ **Note where you stand with your Local Authority**
Get ahead of it, rather than scrambling later.
 - ☐ **Refresh your activity ideas, not your whole approach**
A little variety, not a full rebuild.
 - ☐ **Set one loose focus for the term, not ten**
One thing done well beats ten things half started.
 - ☐ **Plan a proper deschooling window, if you need one**
New to home ed this term? Rest first, structure later.
 - ☐ **Give yourself the same reset you are giving your child**
A clear head and a loose plan, that is the whole job.

A quick reminder of what you do not need

No uniform. No required kit. No shopping list. No matching a school timetable. No having everything decided by day one. A loose plan that adjusts is stronger than a rigid one that snaps.

This is a planning tool, not a legal requirement. There is no obligation to mark September in any particular way as a home educating family.