

# The Myth-Check Card

Five myths still doing the rounds in 2026, and the actual answer to each one.

| Myth                                                       | The actual answer                                                                                         |
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| <b>You need permission to home educate</b>                 | Only required in narrow circumstances, mainly named special schools or active child protection enquiries. |
| <b>You must provide a broad and balanced curriculum</b>    | No such legal requirement exists. Home educators follow a different, broader standard.                    |
| <b>EYFS applies before compulsory school age</b>           | No statutory education duty exists at all yet.                                                            |
| <b>IGCSE is always cheaper than GCSE</b>                   | Often costs more once centre surcharges are included.                                                     |
| <b>The Children Not in School register is already live</b> | Not expected before 2027 at the earliest.                                                                 |

*Keep this somewhere you'll actually see it, next to your records or on the fridge.*

## Where these myths spread from

- 1 Old blog posts and forum answers that were accurate when written, since overtaken by the 2026 Act
- 2 Screenshots and social posts shared without a source or a date attached
- 3 Real announcements read as already in force, when commencement is actually years away

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