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On 22nd July the Children Schools & Families Select Committee announced an Inquiry into the DCSF-commissioned "review of elective home education". 200 MPs have been contacted by their home educating constituents. Concern has also been raised about the methodology of the review and the statistics used to back up the recommendations. The Select Committee has invited written evidence to be presented to them on:

- the conduct of the review and related consultations, (e.g. the constitution of the review team; the scope of the terms of reference for the review; and the nature of the consultation documents);
- the recommendations made by the review on elective home education.

Education Otherwise expects to be called to give oral evidence. We will also be making a written submission. However, this is not limited to national organisations. Individuals and local groups can also make a submission to the Select Committee as long as they abide by the following guidelines.

The Press Notice states:

The Committee asks for written submissions in accordance with the guidelines below by noon on Tuesday 22 September 2009.

Please note:

A copy of the submission should be sent by e-mail to csfcom@parliament.uk and marked "Elective Home Education inquiry". The Committee's strong preference is for submissions in electronic form, although hard copy originals will be accepted and should be sent to Kathryn Smith, Committee Assistant, at:

Children, Schools and Families Select Committee
House of Commons
7 Millbank,
London SW1P 3JA

Each submission should:

- be no more than 3,000 words in length;
- begin with a short summary in bullet point form;
- have numbered paragraphs; and (if in electronic form) be in Word format or a rich text format with as little use of colour or logos as possible.

For Data Protection purposes, it would be helpful if individuals submitting written evidence send their contact details separately in a covering letter. You should be aware that there may be circumstances in which the House of Commons will be required to communicate information to

third parties on request, in order to comply with its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please supply a postal address so that a copy of the Committee's report can be sent to you upon publication.

A guide for written submissions to Select Committees may be found on the parliamentary website at: <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/upload/witnessguide.pdf>

Please also note that:

- Memoranda submitted must be kept confidential until published by the Committee, unless publication by the person or organization submitting it is specifically authorised.
- Once submitted, evidence is the property of the Committee. The Committee normally, although not always, chooses to make public the written evidence it receives, by publishing it on the internet (where it will be searchable), by printing it or by making it available through the Parliamentary Archives. If there is any information you believe to be sensitive you should highlight it and explain what harm you believe would result from its disclosure. The Committee will take this into account in deciding whether to publish or further disclose the evidence.
- The Committee does not normally investigate individual cases.

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There is a brand new website for a group made up of home educated children and young people.

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