

Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee

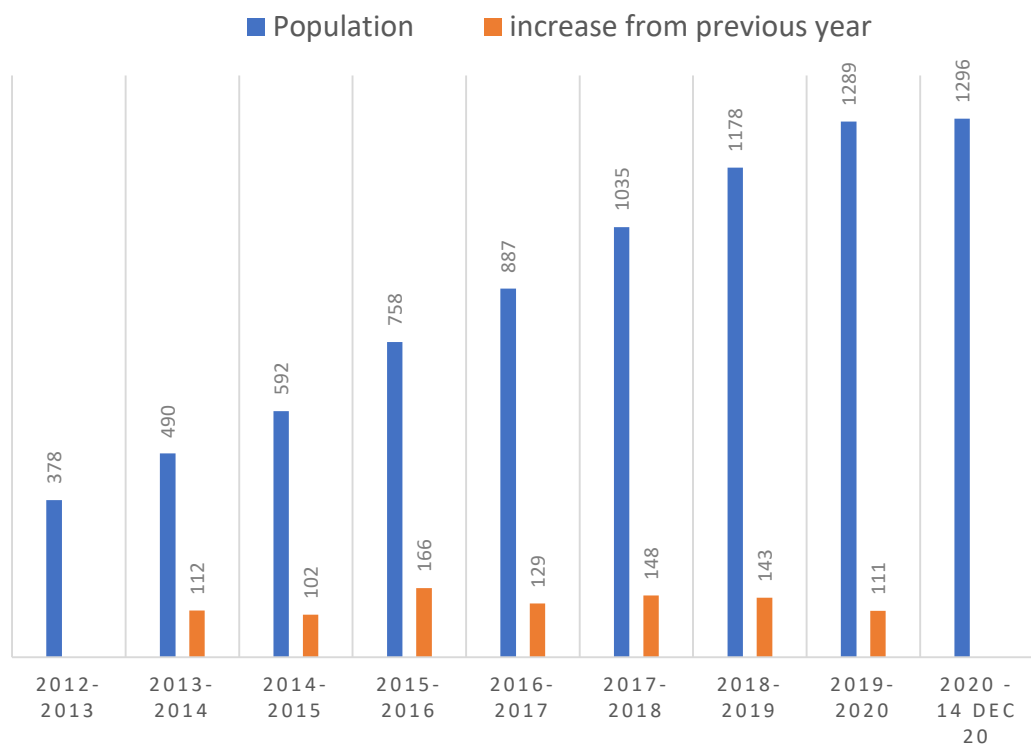
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Elective Home Education (EHE)

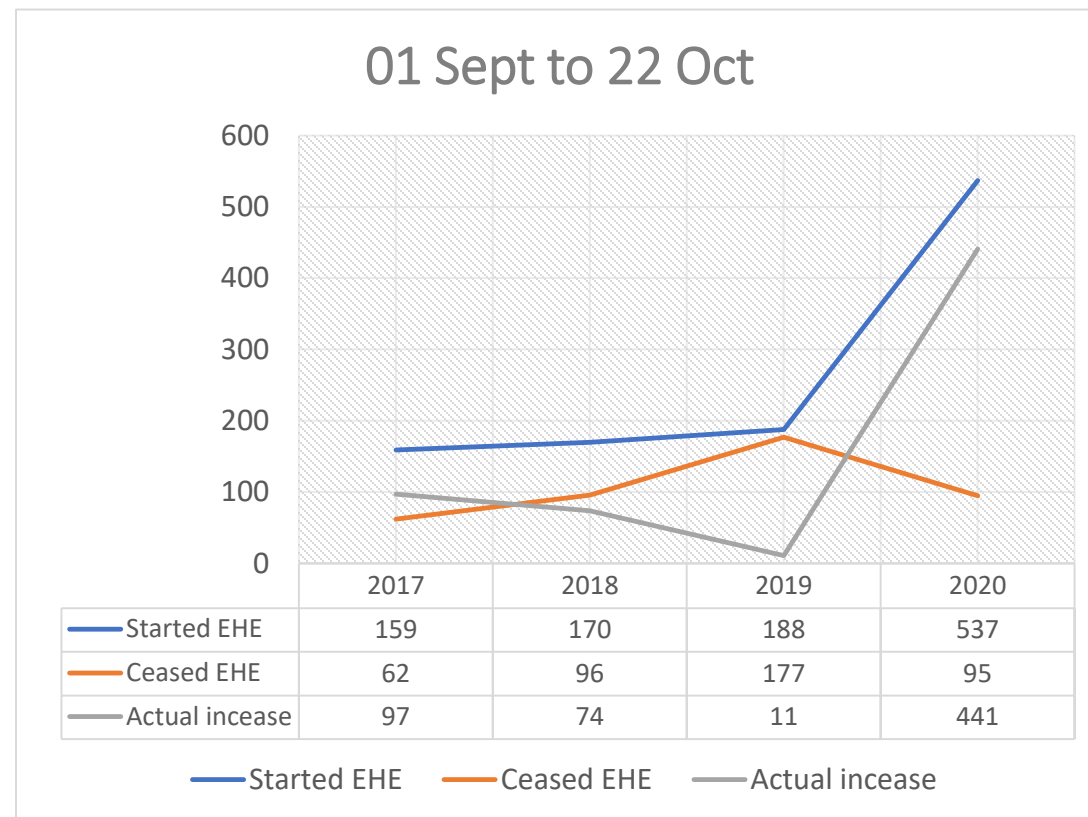
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The total number of children and young people in Elective Home Education (EHE) has increased to 1296 in the current year. This is an increase to date of 537 new EHE students, in the same period last year this figure was 188.

EHE POPULATION

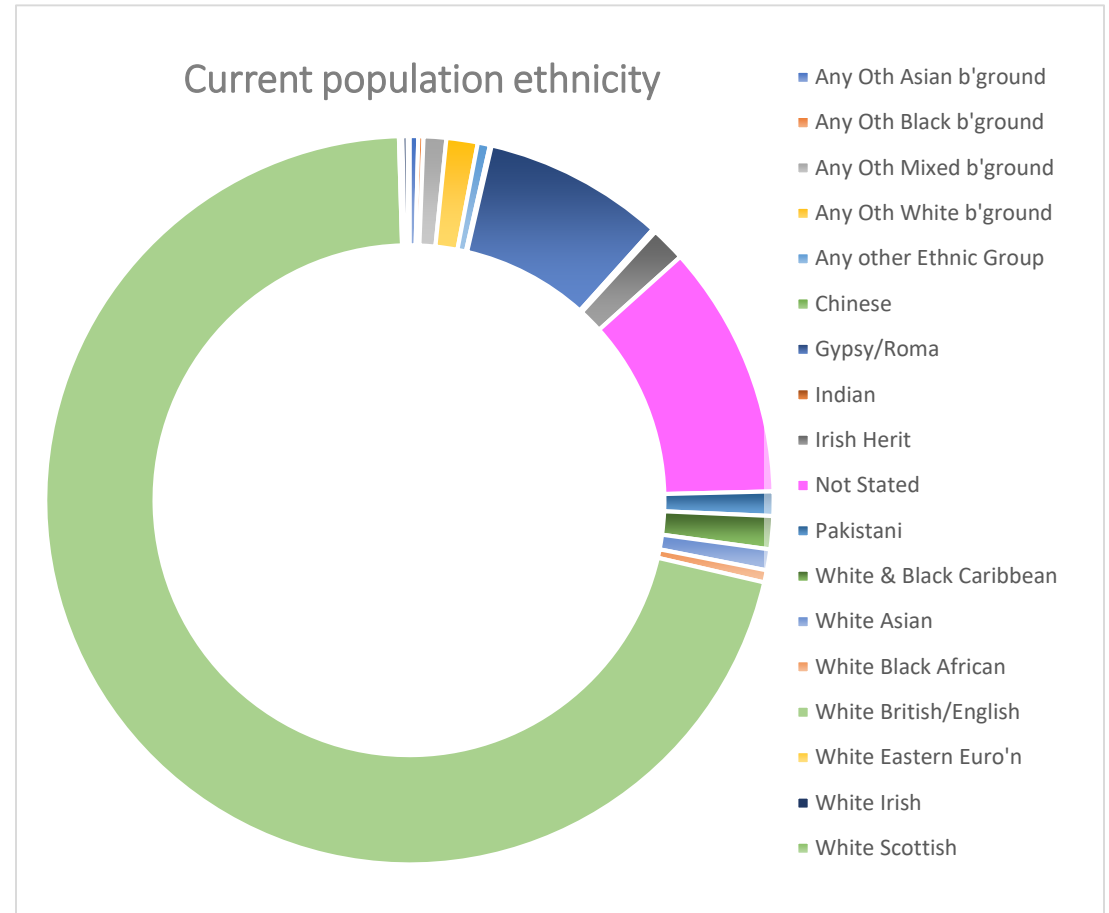
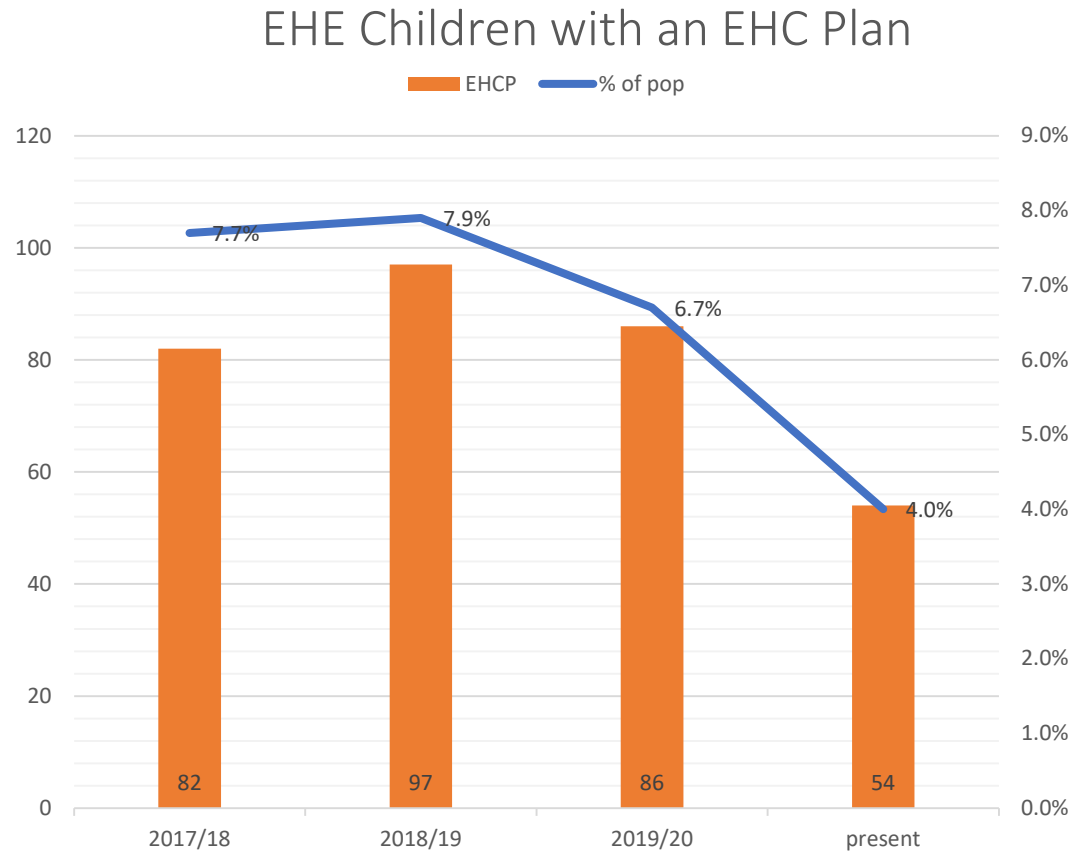


01 Sept to 22 Oct

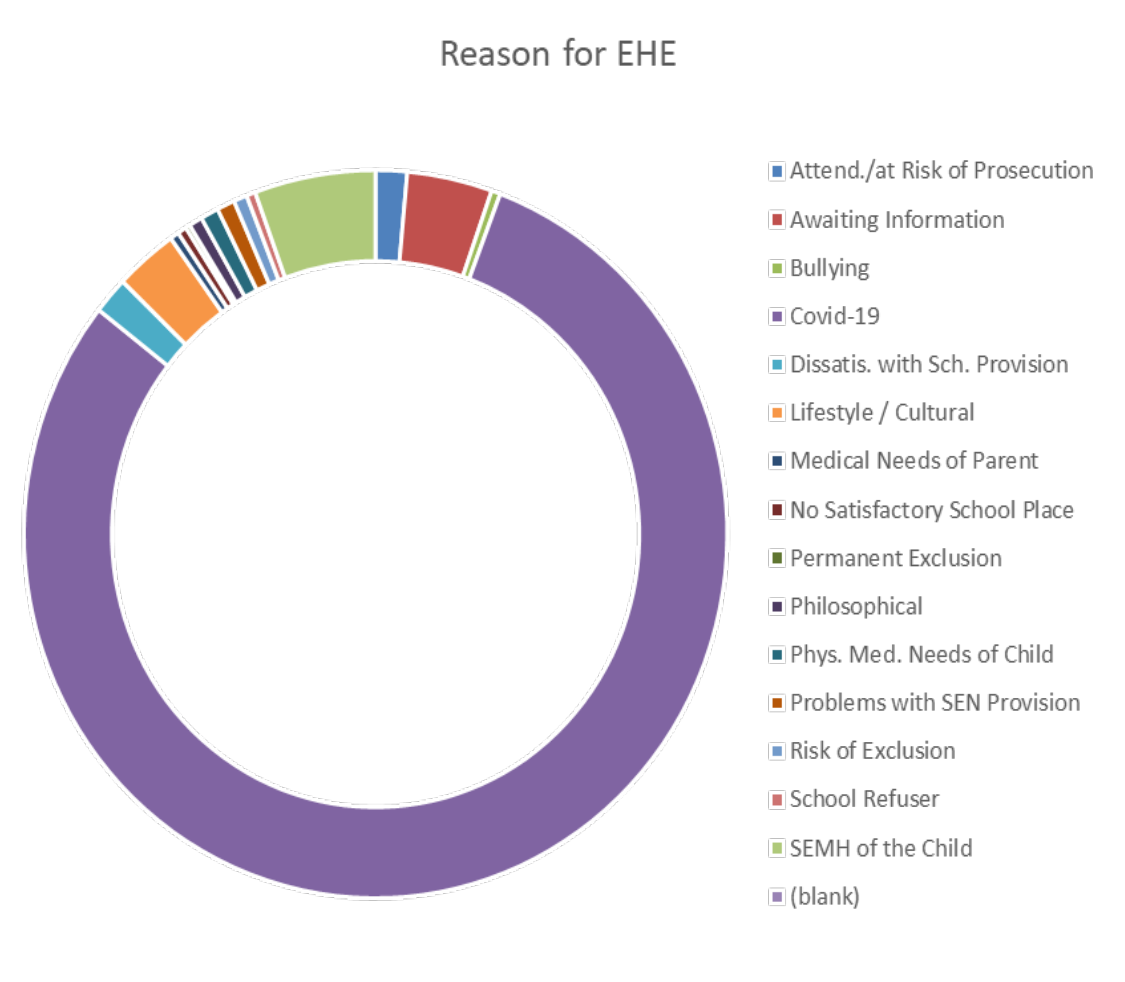
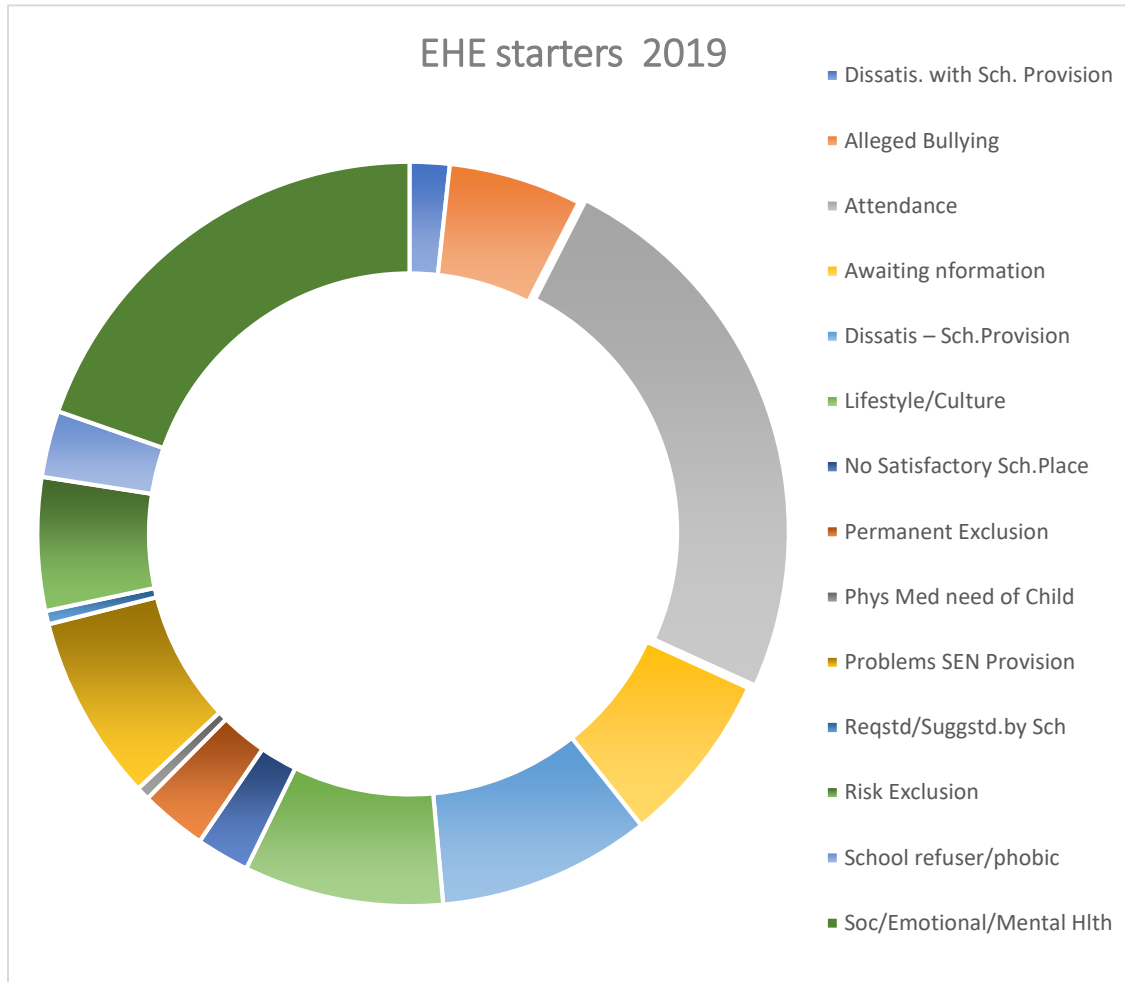


The proportion of children with an EHCP who are EHE experienced a slight decrease last year, currently this year we have 54 children with an EHCP.

The majority of EHE children (71%) identify themselves as white British/English, with 11% choosing not to express a definition and 8 % identified at Gypsy Roma Traveller heritage.



In 2020 of the parents starting EHE 80% are saying they have chosen to do so due to the Covid 19 pandemic. In comparison during the same period in 2019 the highest reasons given for choosing EHE were attendance issues, followed by Social, emotional, mental health issues.



EHE population vulnerability indicators

Current whole population

- 0 currently looked after by LA
- 8 Previously looked after by LA
- 6 on child protection plan
- 24 Currently Child in need (CIN)
- 18 previously known to Youth Offending Service
- 54 with an EHCP
- 315 cases categorised as a concern (education or welfare)

01/09/20 – 22/10/20 starters

- 0 currently Looked after by LA
- 3 previously Looked after by LA
- 4 on child protection plan
- 7 Currently Child in Need (CIN)
- 0 previously known to Youth Offending Service
- 31 receiving Early Help Support
- 8 with an EHCP
- 29 cases categorised as a concern (education or welfare) .

Local and National Picture

- 3 new staff within EHE service
- Additional resources to cope with Covid increase
- Draft EHE policy to be shared with EHE parents.
- Use of school attendance orders has increased, but only used when parents have not demonstrated satisfactory education provision or progress.
- National increase in parents choosing to EHE due to Covid 19
- Survey completed for Commons Education Select Committee about EHE on 06.11.2020 and oral evidence sessions took place during November
- The DfE “Out of school consultation” report is due out in January 2021
- April 2019 saw the New DfE guidance for LA’s and parents
- DfE are stating they remain committed to registration system