

INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING

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I am sending you this article because it reflects my deepest fears about my children as they are being forced back into the school environment because of the BoSTES policies.

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She says: "If I could give one piece of advice to parents whose children are being bullied it's to never, ever let the authorities tell you what's best for your child.

"You need to do whatever you think is right to remove them from that situation, no matter what the school says."

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My name is _____ and I am having issues re-registering my sons for Home Schooling. We have been home Schooling for the last 12 months due to Medical reasons.

I have 2 teenage sons 13yrs and 16yrs both whom are being treated by professional Doctors. Both doctors have recommended we continue Home schooling as the school environment poses great risks for my sons psychologically. On submitting my application to continue home schooling I attached a letter of consent from my ex husband which was obtained when we first started home schooling. The letter had no end date and clearly gave consent for me to home school our sons. On receiving my application BoSTES contacted my ex _____ to confirm his consent to which he withdrew. _____ is not in our lives nor has been for many years. Since the signing of the consent letter we have heard from him once. It is with huge fear and concern that the BoSTES expect me to ignore the doctors advice and enrol my boys into the school environment, based on their policy. Given that it makes no difference to _____ whether the boys go to school or are home schooled, it is clear by him withdrawing his consent, he has only done so because he can. It is simply another way to make our life difficult and for him to gain some power and control. The sad thing here is it is these boys whom will be effected.

After reading the article attached I am requesting you to please change this rule the BoSTES is using as the consequences could be devastating.

This is my greatest fear, as before we home schooled my son was suicidal.

I believe to expect a mother to ignore professional Medical advice is totally unjust and unfair, asking a mother to enrol her children back into an environment she clearly knows is damaging is barbaric. If it were your children would you enrol them just because a piece of paper or policy made you, even though the last 12 months your children have improved and are happy and content home schooling ????

I am now completeing an External review into my application and am praying my boys will NOT be made to go back to school.

Regards