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I am a former homeschooling parent. My now adult children have dyslexia and are autistic. We tried both big and small state schools and in different years used a flexible distance education school and registered with the home education department. My children struggled to follow the curriculum strictly as they were often above and below grade level in different areas and did best with one on one tutoring which the schools were unable to provide for them outside of about an hour a week. We focused on maths, literacy and covered a lot of all the other subject areas by following the children's interests. They are now well rounded and well adjusted adults. Children with disabilities need an IEP. Homeschooling parents have been able to provide individual education plans thus far. Any changes to how homeschooling parents report needs to take into consideration that many families chose this path because of specific learning differences or other challenging health issues.

My son finished off his education at a flexi school. Many of the other youths came from quite disadvantaged homes and state schools. Just attending a school in person does not fix the issues from growing up in a disadvantaged home situation. Most abusive and/or neglectful parents are not homeschooling as it is a significant undertaking. I believe there are better ways to find the tiny minority that are, than to disrupt the learning styles of all home educated children.