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A bespoke 1:1 tuition service, where the education delivered is tailored to meet the exact requirements of the student involved.

LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN POLICY

Rationale

We aim to promote the educational achievement and welfare of students in public care. We are committed to providing high quality education for all students based on equality of access, opportunity, and outcomes.

We recognise the significant role education providers can play in improving outcomes for Looked After Children (LAC), who nationally may experience lower attainment and higher levels of exclusion than their peers.

We are committed to ensuring that Looked After Children are supported to be safe, healthy, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution, and develop economic wellbeing.

This policy is informed by statutory duties under the Children Act 1989 and subsequent guidance relating to the education of Looked After Children.

Aims

- To ensure that LAC have equal access to high quality education and opportunities
- To ensure LAC have access to a broad and balanced curriculum appropriate to their needs
- To provide a personalised and differentiated approach based on individual needs and circumstances
- To ensure that carers, social workers, and relevant professionals are kept informed of progress and attainment
- To involve LAC, where appropriate, in decisions about their educational provision
- To work collaboratively with external agencies and support services
- To reduce barriers to learning and support improved educational outcomes for LAC

Definition

Under the Children Act 1989, a child is looked after by a local authority if they are:

1. Accommodated under a voluntary agreement with parents (Section 20)
2. Subject to a care order or interim care order (Sections 31 and 38)
3. Subject to emergency protection orders or similar legal orders (Sections 44 and 46)
4. Remanded to local authority accommodation or subject to criminal justice arrangements with residence requirements (Section 21)



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The term 'Looked After Child' (LAC) applies to all children in the care of a local authority, including those placed in foster care, residential homes, residential schools, or living with parents under supervision.

Children may be looked after by one local authority but educated in another.

Success Criteria

- LAC receive appropriate support to enable full engagement in education
- Progress and attainment gaps between LAC and peers are reduced
- LAC are supported to remain engaged in learning and reduce risk of exclusion or disengagement
- Effective communication is maintained with carers, social workers, and relevant professionals
- Provision is responsive, personalised, and regularly reviewed

References

- Children Act 1989
- Children and Social Work Act 2017
- Department for Education: Promoting the education of looked-after and previously looked-after children (statutory guidance)
- Department for Education: Keeping Children Safe in Education (2024)
- Department for Education: Working Together to Safeguard Children (2023)

Review

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