

Ashfield Primary School



Children Looked After Policy

Ashfield Primary School believes that as part of the “Corporate Parent”, we have a special duty to safeguard and promote the education of children and young people in public care.

In this respect, our aims are:

- To provide a safe and secure environment, which values education and believes in the abilities and potential of all children and young people
- To bring the educational attainments of our children and young people in public care nearer to those of their peers
- To identify our school's role as a Corporate Parent to promote and support the education of our children and young people in public care, by asking the question: **Would this be good enough for my child?**

In pursuit of these aims we will:

- **Appoint a Designated teacher for children and young people in public care who will act as their advocate and co-ordinate support for them – currently Headteacher.**

The Designated teacher will:

- **Maintain a register of all children and young people in public care in line with recommendations.**
- **Along with the social worker, ensure there is a Personal Education Plan for each child and young person**
- **Ensure that someone from the school attends the Statutory Care Review for each child or young person wherever possible, and / or always prepares a written report which promotes the continuity and stability of their education**
- **Ensure that on admission or transfer all relevant information is obtained at the outset (see Admission form pro-forma attached to this policy)**
- **Ensure that systems are in place to identify and prioritise underachievement, and that early interventions address this.**
- **Attend any relevant training.**
- **Ensure that systems are in place to keep staff up-to-date and informed about children and young people in public care**
- **Ensure that children and young people in public care are listened to and have access to support and a trusted adult in school**
- **Provide the governing body with at least an annual feedback (anonymous) on the academic progress and any other issues around looked after children.**

All governors and staff will:

- **Work in partnership with parents, carers and other agencies especially Virtual School, Social Care and the Health Professionals to coordinate support for children and young people in public care**
- **Create an ethos of support and acceptance in the school and an environment where children and young people who do not live with their birth families are equally accepted and valued**
- **Maintain high expectations for children and young people in public care**

Where appointed, the Nominated Governor for children and young people in public care:

- **Take a lead in carrying out the actions of the Governing Body in relation to children and young people in public care**
- **Liaise with and support the Designated teacher**
- **Ensure that the school's other policies and procedures give children and young people in public care equal access in respect of admission, the National Curriculum, additional educational support where needed, extra curricular activities, and work experience and careers guidance**

Date ratified by the governing board of Ashfield Primary School: 24/01/2024

Next review date: Spring 2026

Associated policies:

- Equal Opportunities
- Anti-bullying
- Racial equality
- SEND
- Single Equalities Scheme
- Health & Safety
- Curriculum

Admission form for children and young people in public care

Name ----- Date of Birth -----

Any previous name used -----

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Name of carer or keyworker -----

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Home Address----- Tel: -----

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Social Worker ----- Tel: -----

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Team Manager -----

Area Office -----

Why is the child/young person in public care?

please circle

Care Order Accommodated On remand

Who is caring for the child/young person

please circle

Parent Relative Foster Care Residential Home

Is there anyone who should NOT have access to or information about the child/young person?

Who should be contacted in emergency?

----- Tel:-----

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Parents Name (if applicable)

Parents Address

Other Schools Attended

Is there an SEN statement for the child/young person? YES NO

What stage of CoP are they on? -----

Admitted by-----

Into Year -----

Date -----

Please ensure that this form is sent on if the child/young person changes school