



LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN POLICY (LAC)

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GREEN MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL POLICY ON THE EDUCATION OF LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Inclusion:

Looked After children will have access to a balanced and broadly based National Curriculum, with the opportunity to join in all the activities of the school. Classroom activities are differentiated in order for all children to succeed according to the lesson learning objective.

All children, including those with additional educational needs, will be recognised and supported, including those displaying a gift or talent in any area of the curriculum.

Green Meadow Primary School believes that in partnership with Birmingham City Council as Corporate Parents we have a special duty to safeguard and promote the education of Looked After Children.

Guidance:

The term 'looked after' refers to a child who is either accommodated (whereby the authority provides for the child on an agreed basis with the person who has parental responsibility) or is subject to a care order (whereby a court order grants shared parental responsibility to the local authority in order to protect and promote a child's welfare). Children in both instances could be living with foster carers, in a residential unit, in a residential school, with relatives, or even with parents on a part or full time basis.

AIM

To provide a safe and secure environment, where education is valued and there is a belief in the abilities and potential of all children.

To support our looked after children and give them access to every opportunity to achieve to their potential and enjoy learning.

To fulfil our schools' role as corporate parents to promote and support the education of our Looked After Children, by asking the question, '**Would this be good enough for my child?**'

IN PURSUIT OF THIS POLICY WE WILL

- Nominate a Designated teacher for Looked After Children who will act as their advocate and co-ordinate support for them.

The Designated Teacher is ____Kate Cross_____

- Nominate a school governor to ensure that the needs of Looked After Children in the school are taken into account at a school management level and to support the Designated Teacher.

The school governor is _____ Georgia Stokes _____

- Support the Designated teacher in carrying out their role by making time available and ensuring that they attend training on Looked After Children.

The named Governor should be satisfied that:

- The school has a coherent policy for looked after children
- The school's policies and procedures are reviewed in the light of social inclusion guidance and guidelines.
- The designated teacher has received appropriate training
- Looked after children have equal access to all areas of the curriculum
- The Governing Body receives an annual report

The Designated teacher will:

- Maintain an up to date record of all Looked After Children who are on the school roll. This will include:
 - Status i.e. care order or accommodated.
 - Type of Placement i.e. Foster, respite, residential.
 - Name of Social Worker, area office, telephone number.
 - Daily contact and numbers e.g. name of parent or carer or key worker in children's home.
 - SEN Code of Practice – School Action/School Action Plus where appropriate
 - Child Protection information when appropriate.
 - Baseline information and all test results.
 - Attendance figures
 - Exclusions
- Ensure that there is a Personal Education Plan for each child/young person to include appropriate targets and above information. This must be compatible with the child's/young person's Care Plan and where applicable include any other school plan, e.g. Statement of Special Education Need, and associated plans, Transition Plan, Pastoral Support Programme.
- Ensure that someone attends Looked After Child Reviews on each child/young person and/or always prepares a written report which promotes the continuity and stability of their education.
- Liaise with the Virtual School for LAC and LACES termly with regard to the performance, attendance and attainment of Looked After Children.
- Ensure that if/when the child transfers school all relevant information is forwarded to the receiving school as a matter of priority.

- Ensure that systems are in place to identify and prioritise when Looked After Children are underachieving and have early interventions to improve this in line with existing school policy.
- Ensure that systems are in place to keep staff up to date and informed about Looked After Children where and when appropriate.
- Ensure that Looked After Children, along with all children are listened to and have equal opportunity to pastoral support in school.
- Ensure that they keep the school up to date with current legislation and its implication for the school in respect of Looked After Children.
- Report to the Governing body annually on the performance of the looked after children who are on the roll of the school.

All governors and staff will:

- Support the local authority in its statutory duty to promote the educational achievement of looked after children

Date: _____ **10.06.2016** _____

Signed: _____

Date of review: _____ **June 2017** _____