

Policy & Procedure

Newcroft
Primary Academy



Newcroft Primary Academy Children in Care Policy 2016-2019

This policy is reviewed every three years and was agreed by the Governing Body of Newcroft Primary Academy in Autumn 2016 **and will be reviewed again in Autumn 2019**

Signed: _____ Chair of Teaching & Learning

Date: _____

Non-Statutory Policy

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Children in Care Policy

Aims and Vision



Delivery

At Newcroft Primary Academy we believe that all Children in Care should have equitable access to excellent educational provision and achieve at a similar level to all Leicestershire children.

We recognise that nationally there is considerable educational underachievement of children in residential and foster care, when compared with their peers. All staff and governors are committed to ensuring improved educational life chances for Children in Care by ensuring that:

- Staff are aware that being or becoming a Child in Care has a major impact on children's lives and that when considering children's learning and or behaviour, due consideration will be given;
- Staff are aware of and enabled to carry out their responsibilities effectively with the full support of the head teacher (as designated teacher);
- School staff and governors are aware of the DfE Statutory guidance:

Duty on local authorities to promote the educational achievement of Children in Care;

- There is a dedicated Governor to monitor the work of the school in supporting its Children in Care as a part of a larger group of vulnerable children;
- We contribute to the process whereby all Children in Care have a high quality Personal Educational Plan (PEP) in place within 20 days of starting our school. This will include SMART educational targets and will be linked to the child's Care Plan and any other plan resulting from the assessment of the child (IEP, PSP, Statement of Educational Need);

- Following the writing of a PEP, any educational recommendations in that PEP will be adhered to by staff in order that any Child in Care has the opportunity to achieve his or her targets;
- We encourage each Child in Care to access out of hours learning activities realising the positive impact this could have on their self –esteem and learning ;
- We will send reports/ representatives to any review held for the child;
- We will forward appropriate documents, in a timely fashion, to any receiving school at point of transition where the receiving school is made known;
- We take a proactive approach in co-operating with, and supporting, the relevant Local Authority with regard to the education of Children in Care attending the school.

Training

- We will attend Local Authority and other training regarding the roles and responsibilities involved in the education of Children in Care.
- The Head teacher will be responsible for ensuring all staff are briefed on the regulations and practice outlined in this policy.

Equality Statement

At Newcroft Primary Academy, we actively seek to encourage equity and equality through our teaching. As such, we seek to advance the equality of opportunity between people who share any of the following characteristic:

- gender;
- ethnicity;
- disability;
- religion or belief;
- sexual orientation;
- gender reassignment;
- pregnancy or maternity.

The use of stereotypes under any of the above headings will always be challenged.

Inclusion

Our school is an inclusive school. We aim to make all pupils feel included in all our activities. We make all our teaching fully inclusive. We recognise the entitlement of all pupils to a balanced, broadly-based curriculum. We have systems in place for early identification of barriers to their learning and participation so that they can engage in school activities with all other pupils. We acknowledge the need for high expectations and suitable targets for all children.