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LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN POLICY

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In line with Surrey County Council Children's Services, the School supports the Council's commitment towards securing a first-class education service and promotes inclusion and equality for our looked after children.

We recognise that looked after children:

1. Nationally experience educational under achievement.
2. Deserve the same life chances as any other child – to be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution to society and achieve economic well-being
3. Need good corporate parenting in order to realise their potential and improve their life chances.

We are committed to providing educational life chances for looked after children ('LAC'). We will ensure that:

1. We participate in discussion, decision making, the planning of a personal education plan and a review of LAC progress, ensuring that regular attendance is maintained and that the recommendations of the Children Act 2004 and the current guidance stipulated by the DfE are followed.
2. The school works in partnership with the allocated Social Worker to ensure that each LAC is monitored, and the education plan reviewed regularly.
3. Our Designated Teacher works to promote and sustain the educational achievement and welfare of LAC in our school.
4. Staff are aware of how being looked after may impact on the social, emotional and educational development of a young person. At all times we will maintain a holistic view and be aware of issues that affect their education, good behaviour and self-image.
5. We monitor the progress of our students who are Looked After in order that key problems, challenges and successes are evident and used to inform School planning, development and interventions.
6. We work jointly with Hampshire agencies (and those of other boroughs/counties as appropriate) to support and enable LAC to access a broad and balanced curriculum to suit their individual needs and out of school hours learning whenever relevant as we recognise the positive impact this has on their self-esteem and learning.

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7. We foster good partnerships and encourage joint working with parents/carers, social workers, health workers and other professionals in order to secure a successful schooling experience.
8. We share and transfer information and data speedily to relevant agencies and individuals.

We develop our knowledge and attend training related to the needs of the LAC and work closely with Hampshire's Corporate Parenting Team who are responsible for monitoring the educational and health outcomes of LAC.

Key Persons and Agencies

Designated school lead: Rebecca Williams DHT

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