

Children in our Care Policy

(In conjunction with Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council)

**POLICY FOR CHILDREN IN OUR CARE (CIOC)
AND PREVIOUSLY IN CARE**

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Policy Review Cycle:

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to promote the educational attainment, achievement, progression and welfare of Children in Our Care. The local authority has a statutory role to play for all children in its care and acts as a Corporate Parent.

In light of the _____ of the role of Designated Teachers and The Virtual _____ Head,

- To ensure the speedy transfer of information and school records between agencies and other schools;
- To ensure the school admits Looked After and Previously Looked After Children in line with the Admissions Code of Practice; schools should admit all looked after children separate to 'In Year Fair Access Protocols'.
- To ensure that the Head Teacher considers a range of strategies before exclusion for a looked after child, which should be a last resort. This includes contacting the Head of The Virtual School and securing First Day Response provision.

Training

- To develop a knowledge of Vulnerable Children / Education Inclusion procedures by attending training events organised by the Local Authority and other providers;
- To attend training for Designated Teachers as appropriate;
- To cascade training to school staff as appropriate.

- c) **In each of The Trust schools, there will be a link governor with special responsibility for Looked After and Previously Looked After Children:**
The Governor

achievable targets. The PEP developed by Stockton schools/colleges is age group specific. Areas for consideration will include:

- Essential pupil information
- Contact and care information
- Education/(Provision)

Further information available on The Virtual School Website: <http://ntvs.org.uk/>

DfE Statutory Guidance:

[Statutory Guidance for Designated Teachers for Looked After and Previously Looked After Children](#)

[Statutory Guidance for Local Authority and Virtual School Head](#)

Local Authority contact details for the Education of Looked After and Previously Looked After Children are:

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