



LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN POLICY

Adopted by the Governing Body

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Signed David B. Hake Chair of Governors

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Introduction

Broadly speaking, a child is '*looked after*' by the authority if he/she is in their care or provided with accommodation by the authority in the exercise of their social services function.

These students fall into one of five categories –

- (i) children who are accommodated under a voluntary agreement with their parents (Section 76) – this will also include those receiving over 120 days of respite/short break care per year. Parents retain Parental Responsibility (PR).
- (ii) children who are the subject of a care order (Section 31) or interim care order (Section 38). Parents share PR with the local authority.
- (iii) children who are the subject of emergency orders for their protection (Section 44 and 46)
- (iv) children who are compulsorily accommodated. This includes children remanded to the local authority or subject to a criminal justice supervision order with a residence requirement. (Section 21)
- (v) unaccompanied asylum seeking children, under the age of 18, without parent or guardian (Section 20)

The school's policy for 'looked after' children comes into effect when the school has been informed that a child:

- a) already attending school becomes a looked after child
- b) a looked after child is admitted to the school.

This is usually done by the Education Authority.

The Head Teacher will:

- Nominate a designated teacher for Looked After Children who will act as an advocate and co-ordinate support.
- Ensure that a school governor is nominated to oversee 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.
- Arrange time out for the designated teacher to attend where appropriate training and statutory review meetings.
- Ensure that the NAFW Guidance 2/2001 is incorporated into school policy.
- Adhere to the local authority school admissions policy

Designated Person

The school is required to have a designated person. At this time the person nominated is

Mrs Pippa Raggett

The responsibilities of the named person are to:

- Keep a list of 'looked after' pupils.
- Act as liaison person between the school and other agencies in relation to 'looked after' pupils.
- Advocate for 'looked after' pupils in school.
- Ensure pupil's views are sought and opportunities are provided for pupils to discuss their views.
- Attend training on 'looked after' pupils provided by social services and LEA.
- Ensure that teaching staff have relevant information/training on 'looked after' pupils to enable them to positively promote educational issues.
- Act as advisor for other staff/governors on issues relevant to 'looked after' pupils.
- Ensure all 'looked after' pupils have a PEP - Personal Educational Plan that has been written involving outside agencies as much as possible. The PEP is initiated by the Social Services. Keep general circulars, legislation and information on 'looked after' children available and up to date as it arrives in school.
- Ensure speedy transfer of educational information between the agencies and individuals when requested.

Confidentiality must be maintained at all times and therefore levels of information to different members of staff will vary.

Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi adheres to and complies with

- ❖ GDPR/DPA
- ❖ The European Convention on Human Rights.
- ❖ NAW Circular 2/2001.

