

# **THE FRIARY SCHOOL**

## **Looked After Children Policy**

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### **Aims**

- This policy is designed to support School Aims 4 and 5 and objectives 5, 8 and 19.
- The school and the governing body recognise that they have a vital role to play in promoting all children and young people's social and emotional development. This is particularly important in relation to looked after children as school is a place of consistency and continuity.
- Looked after children will not be treated as different but may require greater support and planning than their peers

### **Support**

The school and governing body will provide support for all looked after children in the areas of admissions, raising staff awareness, record keeping, inclusion and pastoral care. This will be achieved as follows:

- 1 There will be a designated teacher for looked after children (Mrs Broad) under the direction of a member of the Senior Management Team (Mr Martin).
- 2 The designated teacher will be responsible for receiving, agreeing and reviewing Personal Education Plans (PEP) from social workers, co-ordinating the development of the plan and providing a central point of contact for all associated professionals involved, compiling Educational feedback to inform LAC review.
- 3 The designated teacher will also be responsible for:
  - Maintaining a list of all pupils who are looked after.
  - Induction of new pupils who are looked after.
  - Raising staff awareness of development in LAC issues.
  - Liaison with SENCO if the child has special educational needs.
  - Completing a termly review of academic and general progress. This will be discussed with pupils and carers. Individual targets will be agreed on.
  - Ensuring looked after children understand the support mechanisms available to all pupils in areas such as bullying, options advice and careers pathways.
  - Co-ordinating academic support from Children in Public Care Team.
  - Ensuring Connexions Interviews (a priority at KS4/5).
  - Reporting to the school governors on a yearly basis.

### **Annexe**

- (i) Definition of looked after children Page 3 DES booklet.
- (ii) Glossary – page 32 & 33 DES booklet.