



Pontypridd High School

Children Looked After Policy

*'Learning and achieving together'
'Dysgu a chyflawni gyda'n gilydd'*

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Member of staff responsible:	ALNCO
Committee Responsible:	Wellbeing

Mission Statement

Pontypridd High School recognises our responsibility, in partnership with Rhondda Cynon Taf Council, to safeguard and promote the education of Looked After Children.

We aim to:

- Provide a safe and secure environment, where there is belief in the abilities and potential of all pupils.
- Support our Children Looked After (CLA) and give them equal access to every opportunity to achieve their potential and to enjoy learning.
- Fulfil our schools' role as corporate parent, to promote and support the education of CLA pupils looked after by RCT and/or other authorities.
- Ensure that all school policies and procedures are inclusive and followed for CLA.

The Headteacher will:

- nominate a designated person for Looked After Children (CLA) 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 (CLA) in the school are taken into account at a school management level and to support the designated person .
- arrange time out for the designated person to attend where appropriate training and statutory review meetings.
- adhere to the local authority school admissions policy.

The Designated Person will:

- ensure a positive welcome on joining the school.
- respect confidentiality and only share information with other staff that is critical to effective teacher/pupil relationships
- be an advocate for all CLA and act as a key liaison professional for school staff, carers and other agencies.
- attend all relevant CLA training.
- maintain (with the support of electronic systems) an up to date record of all CLA on the school roll.
- track and monitor progress of individual CLA pupils.

- ensure educational information is transferred speedily between agencies, new schools and individuals.
- ensure that there is a Personal Education Plan for each CLA pupil that includes appropriate challenges and academic targets.
- ensure the school shares and supports high expectations for CLA.
- foster a culture of positive collaboration and if communication difficulties arise with social workers or carers, contact is made with the CLA Co-ordinator.
- ensure that CLA, along with all pupils are listened to and have equal opportunity to social and emotional support in school.
- ensure the educational needs of CLA are identified in consultation with his/her teacher(s)
- access additional support from CLA Education Services.
- ensure the pupil is represented at CLA reviews and/or report document is produced and forwarded to the Independent Reviewing Officer.
- ensure any issues arising that might threaten the school placement are addressed without delay.
- collaborate with Senior Leadership Team to ensure all steps are taken to prevent exclusion
- adhere to Welsh Assembly guidance (2017) for designated persons

<http://learning.gov.wales/docs/learningwales/publications/171123-making-a-difference-looked-after-children-en.pdf>

All staff will:

- have access to CLA Friendly Schools resource.

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Council/CouncillorsCommitteesandMeetings/Meetings/CorporateParentingBoard/2017/07/03/Reports/AgendaItem4CLAFriendlySchoolsResource.pdf>

- attend appropriate whole school awareness training relating to CLA.

School staff and Governors will:

- support the local authority in its statutory duty to promote the educational achievement of CLA.

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Date for review.....

This policy links to a number of other school policies including:-

Attendance

<https://www.pontypriddhighschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1213&type=pdf>

Exclusion

<https://www.pontypriddhighschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1205&type=pdf>

ALN

<https://www.pontypriddhighschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1196&type=pdf>

Safeguarding <https://www.pontypriddhighschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1207&type=pdf>

Positive Relationships

<https://www.pontypriddhighschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1215&type=pdf>

Data Protection

<https://www.pontypriddhighschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1215&type=pdf>