

Statement concerning Looked After Children (LAC) at QEGS, Blackburn.

The term Looked After Children has a specific legal meaning based on the Children Act. A child is looked after by a local authority if he or she has been provided with accommodation for a continuous period of more than 24 hours, in the circumstances set out in sections 20 and 21 of the Children Act 1989, or is placed in the care of a local authority by virtue of an order made under part IV of the Act.

At QEGS numbers of Looked After Children are currently small. However, we do our very best to make sure that they are well catered for in our school.

Aims of the care of a Looked After Child at QEGS, Blackburn.

- To liaise effectively with social services and other outside agencies to best provide for the needs of the child.
- To have high aspirations for the educational and personal achievement of a Looked After Child.
- To focus on development areas and to try to assist the child to achieve their true potential.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Designated Person (Nick Vyse) will:

- Closely monitor the progress and attendance of the Looked After Child.
- Ensure that a Looked After Child has a PEP (Personal Education Plan) that reflects his/her achievements and targets.
- Keep the PEP up to date, particularly in time to inform review meetings.
- Work in partnership with all professionals, parents and carers of a Looked After Child.
- Ensure confidentiality for the Looked After Child and only share information on a need to know basis.
- Ensure the efficient transfer of information between individuals and other relevant agencies and to a new school if and when the child transfers.
- Keep the Headmaster and the Governor with oversight of safeguarding (Mr David Peat) informed about concerns relating to a Looked After Child.

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