

Children Looked After (CLA) Policy



St John
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College

Designated members of staff is:

Maria Budzynska

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Signed (Chair of Governors).....

In line with Wandsworth Borough Council's Children's Service, the School supports the Council's commitment towards securing a first class education service and promotes inclusion and equality for our Children Looked After [CLA].

We recognise that Children Looked After:

- Nationally experience educational under-achievement
- Deserve the same life chances as any other child – to be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution to society and achieve economic well being.
- Need good corporate parenting in order to realise their potential and improve their life chances

We are committed to providing educational life chances for Children Looked After and to ensuring that they access the five outcomes as set out in the Every Child Matters Agenda.

We will ensure that:

- We participate in discussion, decision making, the planning of a PEP and a review of CLA progress, ensuring that regular attendance is maintained and that the recommendations of the Children Act 2004 and the current guidance stipulated by the DfES are followed
- The school works in partnership with the allocated Social Worker to ensure that each CLA is monitored and the PEP reviewed regularly
- Our Designated Teacher works to promote and sustain the educational achievement and welfare of each CLA in our school.

Staff are aware of how being Looked After may impact on the social, emotional and educational development of a young person. At all times we will maintain a holistic view and be aware of issues that affect their education, good behaviour and self image.

We monitor the progress of our students who are Looked After in order that key problems, challenges and successes are evident and used to inform School planning, development and interventions.

We work jointly with Wandsworth's agencies (and those of other boroughs as appropriate) to support and enable Children Looked After to access a broad and balanced curriculum to suit their individual needs and out of school hours learning whenever relevant as we recognise the positive impact this has on their self-esteem and learning.

We foster good partnerships and encourage joint working with parents/carers, social workers, health workers and other professionals in order to secure a successful schooling experience.

We share and transfer information and data speedily to relevant agencies and individuals.

We develop our knowledge and attend training related to the needs of the Child Looked After and work closely with Wandsworth's Corporate Parenting Team who are responsible for

monitoring the educational and health outcomes of Children Looked After.

Key Persons and Agencies

The name of our designated teacher responsible for Children Looked After is Maria Budzynska.

The name our School Governor with special responsibility for Children Looked After is Mrs Jane Hargrave

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