



Marriott Primary

Achieving Together

Education of Looked After Children Policy

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The governing body of Marriott Primary School is committed to providing quality education for all its pupils, based on equality of opportunity, access and outcomes. This governing body recognises that, nationally, there is considerable educational underachievement of children in residential and foster care, when compared with their peers, and is committed to implementing the principles and practice, as outlined in "Guidance on the Education of Looked After Children" (May 2000) and Section 52 of the Children Act 2004. Children who are "looked after" may be "Accommodated" "In Care" or "remanded/ detained" as follows:

Accommodated (Section 20)

This is a voluntary arrangement, because parents are ill, missing, unable to cope, or as part of a child protection plan negotiated with the family. The parents retain parental responsibility.

In Care

A child is in care only if a court has granted a Care Order which it will issue if it believes a child to be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. A care order generally gives parental responsibility to the local authority, or shares this with the parents.

Remanded/Detained

A child can be remanded or detained as in the following:

- an emergency protection order
- removed by police using their powers of protection
- remanded by a court following criminal charges
- a court directing a social services department to accommodate a child (already on a supervision order for criminal behaviour) for up to six months.

'Looked After' is a term that refers to children for whom the Local Authority is sharing parental responsibility. This can happen either with parental agreement or when a court has made a court order.

In partnership with Leicester City Council and its services, it is our duty to safeguard and promote the education of Looked After Children.

Our Aims

- At Marriott we will ensure our looked after children thrive.
- At Marriott we will nurture and support our looked after children. We will provide every opportunity in order for them to achieve their full potential

Marriott Primary will have a Designated teacher for Looked After Children.

We will ensure that the Designated teacher is supported in carrying out their role by making time available and ensuring that they attend training on Looked After Children. The Designated teacher will ensure that up to date records are kept on all Looked After Children.

This will include:

- Status i.e. care order or accommodated.
- Type of Placement i.e. Foster, respite, residential.
- Name of Social Worker, area office, telephone number.

- Daily contact and numbers e.g. name of parent or carer or key worker in children's home.
- SEN Code of Practice – SEND support or EHC plan where appropriate
- Child Protection information when appropriate.
- Baseline information and all test results.
- Attendance figures
- Exclusions
- Ensure that there is a Personal Education Plan (PEP) for each child/young person to include appropriate targets and above information.
- Ensure that someone attends Children's Services Reviews (LAC reviews),
- Liaise with the Education Support Service for Looked After Children (Virtual Schools Team Leicester) on a regular basis.
- Ensure that if/when the child transfers school all relevant information is forwarded to the receiving school as a matter of priority.
- Ensure that systems are in place to identify and prioritise when Looked After Children are underachieving and have early interventions to improve this in line with existing school policy.
- Ensure that they keep the school up to date with current legislation and its implication for the school in respect of Looked After Children.
- Report to the Governing body annually on the performance of the looked after children who are on the roll of the school.

Marriott Primary will have a Designated Governor for Looked After Children.

All governors and staff at Marriott Primary will:

- Support the local authority in its statutory duty to promote the educational achievement of looked after children

Governors responsible for Looked after children:	Jenny Barrett
Headteacher	Ruth Neill/ Hazel Tucker
Designated Teacher for Looked After Children:	Claire Mannion