

Worcestershire Children First Fostering

Promoting Educational Achievement for Looked After Children

1. Introduction and Legal Framework

Although some do well, Looked After Children as a group are at greater risk of poor experiences of education and low educational attainment than their peers. The 1989 Children Act places a duty on Local Authorities to promote the educational achievement of looked after children. The Department of Education in 'Promoting the Education of Looked After Children' (DfE) 2014 has set out the role and requirements of Local Authorities.

The duty placed on Local Authorities is reflected in legislation and guidance concerning fostering, which states that Local Authorities must ensure that looked after children receive a suitable education.

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2.2 Pupil Premium

There are several components within Pupil Premium that refer to Looked After or Previously Looked After Children (LAC).

Pupil Premium for Looked After Children (LAC) is known as **Pupil Premium Plus (PP+)**.

For Worcestershire Looked After Children this is distributed via Worcestershire Virtual School.

Pupil Premium for 'rising 3-year olds' is referred to as **Early Years Pupil Premium**. For Worcestershire this is distributed via Local Authority Finance Team.

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Pupil Premium for children who have **left Care** via Adoption Order, Child Arrangement

