



Previously Looked After and adopted children

Dear Parent

The purpose of this letter is to once again bring to your attention some information that you may, if you are a parent of a Previously Looked After or adopted child, find beneficial.

Firstly, Previously Looked After and adopted children are entitled to Pupil Premium Plus funding which is a grant allocated to schools to specifically support the Education and address any wider issues that the children may face. Children entitled to this funding would be:-

- Children who have been adopted
- Children who have a Special Guardianship Order (SGO)
- Children who have a Child Arrangement Order (CAO)
- Children who have a residence order (RO)

In order for the school to claim this Pupil Premium Plus funding the children have to be recorded in the school management system. If your child qualifies for this funding please contact the school as soon as possible for further information.

Secondly, it is the role of the Virtual School in Gateshead to not only support and promote the Education of Children in Care but also to provide advice and information to assist parents of Previously Looked After and adopted children to advocate for their children as effectively as possible.

Parents of children in this group will soon be able to benefit from:-

- Regular network meetings enabling parents to talk to each other and, where appropriate, Educational professionals.
- Training around specific issues and challenges that parents may be concerned about e.g. Trauma and Attachment, Special Educational Needs (SEN), Behaviour

If you would like your family to benefit from your membership of this network and receive information regarding any of the above benefits please send your name and contact details to me at the following email address: jeanthompson@gateshead.gov.uk

The date of the first planned network meeting is July 6th at 1pm at the Angel View Inn. (opposite the Angel of the North) This will be an informal meeting over tea/ coffee and biscuits giving you the opportunity to meet members of the Virtual School and hear about what we can offer.

Kind regards

Jean Thompson

Please note that any data school hold will be held in accordance with guidance set out in the General Data Protection Act 2018(GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DP18)