

# Looked After Child Policy

## **Aim**

Plume Avenue Nursery will ensure that all policies and procedures are followed for Looked After Children (LAC) as for all children in our care.

## **Method**

We will ensure that:

- all LAC have access to a broad and balanced curriculum, differentiated appropriately to their individual needs and abilities
- LAC take as full a part as possible in all nursery activities
- carers and social workers of LAC are kept fully informed of their child's progress and attainment
- LAC pupils are involved, where practicable, in decisions affecting their future provision.

## Admissions

In line with our admissions policy we will not discriminate against LAC joining the nursery. It is vital that we give them a positive welcome. If necessary we may offer additional support and pre-entry visits to help the new child settle.

## Monitoring Progress

In partnership with carers and social workers, the nursery will create a "One Plan" to ascertain the current level of development of the LAC to ensure continuity of learning. Where appropriate we will request copies of other / previous settings reports and observations.

## Partnership with parents/carers and care workers

At Plume Avenue Nursery we firmly believe in developing a strong partnership with parents/carers and care workers to enable LAC to achieve their potential.

## Links with external agencies/organisations

We also recognise the important contribution that external support services make in supporting LAC.

Colleagues from the following support services may be involved with individual LAC

- LAC teams
- Educational psychologists and others from Local Authority SEN services
- Social care worker/ Community care worker/ Residential child care worker

