



*Have faith... believe you can*

## **St John the Baptist School**

### **Policy on Looked After Children**

In line with the Surrey Children's Service, the School supports the Council's commitment to securing a first class education service and promotion of inclusion and equality for our Looked After Children.

#### **SJB recognises that Looked After Children:-**

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

**SJB is committed to providing educational life chances for Looked After Children 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 PEPs and review of LAC's progress, also 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 Looked After Child is monitored and that PEPs are reviewed regularly.

- Our Child Protection Officers Mandy Hughes & Rachael Hornby work to promote and sustain the educational achievement and welfare of Looked After Children in our school.

- Staff are aware of how being a Looked After Child 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 LAC students in order that key problems, challenges and successes are recognised and shared in school planning, development and interventions.

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

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

- We share and transfer information and data speedily in cooperation with relevant agencies and individuals.

We develop our knowledge and attend training related to the needs of the Looked After Child and work closely with Surrey's Corporate Parenting Team who are responsible for monitoring the educational and health outcomes of LAC.

**Key Persons and Agencies:**

**Designed Staff Members responsible for Looked After Children:**

Mandy Hughes – Child Protection Officer

Rachael Hornby – Child Protection officer (In Training)

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