

Supporting Children who are Looked After:

TIPS FOR DESIGNATED TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF

- 1 Don't refer to us as 'the looked after'.
- 2 Challenge stereotyping and prejudice.
- 3 Think about how you introduce yourself to us, for example, send a letter in Year 6 with a photo and information about you.
- 4 Keep information confidential and use discretion. Talk to us about what information you're going to pass on to whom. Help us to consider what information we want to share about ourselves.
- 5 Make sure all school staff are aware of any strategies in place to support us.
- 6 Be approachable and meet with us regularly. Alternatively, allow us to talk to a different member of staff if we would find this more helpful.
- 7 Attend our Personal Education Plan (PEP) meetings.
- 8 Don't put everything down to 'problems at home'.
- 9 Arrange extra support for our education if we need it.
- 10 Talk to us about what other services are available to support and help us.

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