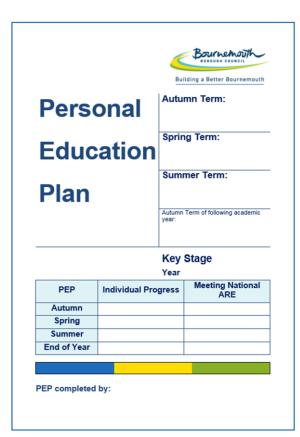
### Personal Education Plan



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"

- Nelson Mandela



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**Building a Better Bournemouth** 

# Bournemouth Virtual School For Looked After Children



Advice and Information For Young People & Professionals

### Who are we?

The role of Bournemouth Borough Council's Education Team for Looked After Children is to improve the educational outcomes and life chances of young people in the care of the local authority. We believe that when children stay in school, they have the chance to succeed educationally and socially. A stable school placement provides Looked After Children with a consistency that they may not experience in other areas of their lives. Our team consists of a Headteacher and Looked After Children Education Caseworkers.

### What is our Role?

We offer advice, support and education planning to Services concerning the education of children in the care of Bournemouth Borough Council.

We also offer guidance in the development of Personal Educational Plans (PEPs) to enhance the life chances of looked after children.

We provide training, advice and information to Designated Teachers.

# Services we offer to young people

- One-to-one support for KS4 pupils
- Promotion of the "Aim Higher" project with Bournemouth University
- Recognition and celebration of the educational achievements of Looked After Children at the annual Celebrating Success awards
- Attendance and advocacy at meetings
- Provision of educational resources and materials
- Help to arrange personalised programmes
- Liaison with the Integrated Youth Service Team

### Services we offer to Professionals

- Advice on school admissions
- Management of the PEP process
- Collation of data on GCSE and SATs results
- PEP training sessions for designated teachers, social workers and foster carers
- Education training sessions for foster carers, school governors, social workers, designated teachers and head teachers

### What do we do?

The team works closely with schools to ensure that this particularly vulnerable group of children stay in school. As part of this process the team has implemented the Personal Education Plan (PEP) to enable us to monitor children's progress as well as identifying those who may benefit from extra support.

The team works as part of a co-located multi—agency team with social workers and health professionals working solely with Looked After Children. We also work closely with Bournemouth's:

- School Admissions Service
- Special Educational Needs Team
- Educational Psychology Service (EPS)
- Dorset Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- Fostering and Adoption Team

For further information about our team and details please contact us on **01202 456345** 

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## Change for Children

In the Virtual School, every child matters and we believe that whatever a young person's background or circumstances, they have the support they need to: -

- Be healthy
- Stay safe
- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic well-being

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself"

- John Dewey