

## 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 an Individual Development Plan (IDP) 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