**The Role of the LAC Link Governor**

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| **Caveat:**There is no statutory requirement for Governing Bodies to have a link governor for looked after children, but many local authorities recommend that they do.  |

**Contact**

The Designated Teacher for LAC pupils is encouraged to contact the Designated Governor for LAC to arrange to meet with him/her to begin ongoing liaison as needed.

**Confidentiality**

**There is a need to maintain pupil confidentiality and so the following suggestions are made for anonymous information rather than information where names of pupils would be provided.**

**Discussion on Looked After Children Could Include:**

**General Information:**

* How many children are Looked After at the school?
* Has this number increased or decreased?
* If increase/decrease what was the reason for this – family becoming looked after, family move, adopted, returned home, etc.
* Are children looked after by Swansea or other counties?
* Is communication good with social workers?

**Arrangements in Place to Support LAC:**

* What arrangements has the school put in place to support any new looked after children starting at the school?

**LAC with SEN:**

* What arrangements has the school put in place to accommodate any SEN the children may have?
* Are the looked after children on the SEN register –if so at what stage eg school action, school action plus or statement of SEN?
* What additional support for LAC is/will school be providing from their new PDG LAC premium?
* What outcomes are sought as a result of this additional support?

**LAC Personal Education Plans:**

* Look at the format of a blank Personal Education Plan.
* Use anonymised version of PEP to go through the type of things that are included in a PEP.
* Explain why a PEP is put in place ie requirement for PEP to be in place within 20 school days of pupil becoming looked after.
* Explain how the PEP is reviewed.
* Outline who attends PEP Review meetings.
* Be aware of need for support for staff completing PEP and attending eg. time allocation, debriefing if needed, training etc.

**Pupil Discipline Committee:**

* In circumstances where the Governors’ discipline body is meeting regarding a looked after child it would be helpful for the lac designated Governor to be updated fully by the Lac designated teacher before the meeting (in this instance looked after child would need to be identified).

**Governor Training**

LAC Governors should be encouraged to attend the LAC Governor Training delivered as part of the School and Governor Support Governor Training Programme.