

# LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN POLICY

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## 1. POLICY STATEMENT

The Federation is committed to promoting the educational achievements, opportunities and welfare of children looked after under the Children Act 1989, thereby contributing towards achieving the five outcomes of *Every Child Matters*.

## 2. TO WHOM THIS POLICY APPLIES

This policy applies to all Federation staff, the Governing Body and those pupils looked after under Sections 20, 21, 31, 38, 44 and 46 of the Children Act 1989. The Federation recognises that the principles of this policy may also apply to children who have previously been 'looked after' and/or are adopted.

## 3. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THIS POLICY

The Designated Teacher for Looked After Children.

## 4. THE PRINCIPLES BEHIND THIS POLICY

The educational attainment of children in public care is nationally recognised as considerably below that of their peers: the intention of this policy is for Federation staff to work in collaboration with other agencies involved with our 'looked after' students in order to work towards addressing this discrepancy.

Children who come into public care have often experienced loss, trauma and repeated changes of personal circumstances. Therefore, the Federation recognises the importance of providing a personalised approach in all aspects of its work with these students.

## 5. PROCEDURES

The Federation will follow Rutland County Council's protocol for the educational provision of 'looked after children.'