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**GLENBOI**  
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**POLICY FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN  
LOOKED AFTER (CLA)**

### **Mission Statement**

Glenboi Community Primary School recognises our responsibility, in partnership with Rhondda Cynon Taf Council, to safeguard and promote the education of Children Looked After (CLA).

### **We aim to:**

- provide a safe and secure environment, where there is belief in the abilities and potential of all pupils.
- support our CLA pupils and give them equal access to every opportunity to achieve their potential and to enjoy learning.
- fulfil our schools' role as corporate parent, to promote and support the education of CLA pupils looked after by RCT and/or other authorities.
- ensure that all school policies and procedures are inclusive and followed for CLA.

### **The Headteacher will:**

- nominate a designated person for (CLA) who will act as an advocate, co-ordinate support and advise school staff about the needs of CLA through policy & practice.
- ensure that a school governor is nominated to oversee that the needs of CLA in the school are taken into account at a school management level and to support the designated person .
- arrange time out for the designated person to attend appropriate training and statutory review meetings.
- adhere to the local authority school admissions policy.

### **The Designated Person will:**

- ensure a positive welcome on joining the school.
- respect confidentiality and only share information with other staff that is critical to effective teacher/pupil relationships
- be an advocate for all CLA and act as a key liaison professional for school staff, carers and other agencies.
- attend relevant CLA training.
- maintain (with the support of electronic systems) an up to date record of all CLA on the school roll.
- track and monitor progress of individual CLA pupils.
- ensure educational information at times of transition is transferred speedily between agencies, new schools and individuals
- ensure that there is a Personal Education Plan for each CLA pupil that includes appropriate challenges and academic targets.

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- ensure the school shares and supports high expectations for CLA.
- foster a culture of positive collaboration and if communication difficulties arise with social workers or carers, contact is made with the appropriate Local Authority CLA Education Co-ordinator.
- ensure that CLA, along with all pupils are listened to and have equal opportunity to social and emotional support in school.
- ensure the educational needs of CLA are identified in consultation with his/her teacher(s)
- access additional support from CLA Education Services and when difficulties arise, liaise immediately with CLA Co-ordinators, Social Services, ALN services and carers
- ensure the pupil is represented at CLA reviews and/or a report document is produced and forwarded to the Independent Reviewing Officer.
- ensure any issues arising that might threaten the school placement are addressed without delay.
- collaborate with Senior Leadership Team to ensure all steps are taken to prevent exclusion
- adhere to Welsh Assembly guidance (2017) for designated persons

<http://learning.gov.wales/docs/learningwales/publications/171123-making-a-difference-looked-after-children-en.pdf>

### **All staff will:**

- have access to CLA Friendly Schools resource.

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Council/CouncillorsCommitteesandMeetings/Meetings/CorporateParentingBoard/2017/07/03/Reports/AgendaItem4CLAFriendlySchoolsResource.pdf>

- attend appropriate whole school awareness training relating to CLA.

### **School staff and Governors will:**

- support the local authority in its statutory duty to promote the educational achievement of CLA.

**Date**.....

**Date for review**.....