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The HOPE: Bristol's Virtual School



An introduction for education settings, carers and social care staff

What is The HOPE?

The HOPE is Bristol City Council's Virtual School for Children in Care (CIC) and Previously Looked After Children (PLAC). The HOPE exists to improve the educational experience and outcomes of these children. We are part of the Corporate Parenting Team for children in care.

The HOPE is for children and young people who are:

- in the care of or a care leaver of Bristol and educated in Bristol
- in the care of or a care leaver of Bristol and educated in another local authority
- children who are previously looked after by virtue of an Adoption Order, Special Guardianship Order or Child Arrangement Order.

We work with children in Early Years, Statutory School Age and Post 16

We also support young people up to 25 years old if they:

- are still in education
- have special needs

The HOPE doesn't have its own school building, but we do have a staff team. Our pupils go to real schools or education settings. We work with the staff in those settings to action plan and offer support and we can monitor and track how well our young people are doing.

Why do we need a virtual school?

Many individual children and young people in care, care leavers or who are previously looked after, enjoy and do well at school. However, as a group, some do not perform as well in their education as their peers. Local authorities in England must appoint at least one person, a Virtual School Headteacher, to fulfil the local authority's statutory duty to promote the educational achievement of its looked after children, care leavers and Previously Looked After Children, wherever they live or are educated.

The HOPE's Vision and Values

Our vision is contained in The HOPE's logo: 'Helping our Pupils Excel'.

Underpinning our vision are three core values:

- Aspiration
- Collaboration
- Respect

What does The HOPE do for CiC?

The HOPE's job is to monitor how our learners are doing and put systems, processes, structures and support in place to help our young people do their best, and to support and challenge schools/education providers and other agencies to help them do better. The HOPE's staff team monitor:

- how well all our learners are attending their provision
- how they are getting on in individual subjects
- what help they need, what we all might be able to provide and do to support them to be the very best they can.

The HOPE works with many departments across Bristol City Council to ensure young people receive the best possible education. We also work with external agencies to best support education for children and young people in care.

Schools/Education settings

- The HOPE works with designated teachers for CiC and other education staff to monitor and track individual CiC's progress, attainment, and attendance.
- We provide guidance to achieve the best possible outcomes for individual CiC.
- We ensure that SEND needs are identified and supported.
- We provide training to designated teachers and named governors for CiC.
- We pay the CiC Pupil Premium funding to settings (if set criteria are met).

Social care staff

- The HOPE advises social workers on choice of schools and on specific concerns relating to the education of CiC.
- We attend as many first and transition Personal Education Plan (PEP) meetings as possible as well as PEP meetings where there are complex concerns/needs to be discussed.
- We train social care staff on educational issues.

Carers

- The HOPE advises carers on specific advice relating to the education of CiC.
- We offer training on educational issues to carers, in partnership with our social care colleagues.

Children and young people in care

- We organise activities and events for our young people such as visits to universities to encourage their aspirations to go on to higher education.
- We meet individual young people at PEP meetings.
- We organise projects for the benefit of young people e.g. Letterbox and My Books.
- We sometimes organise a tutor for a young person to have additional help with their schoolwork.

Elected members and governance board

- We report regularly to Elected members on the educational outcomes of our young people in care. We also have a governance board which oversees our work.

The HOPE team also works with other local authorities who either have children looked after by Bristol in their schools/settings or that have placed children and young people that they look after in Bristol.

What does the HOPE do for previously looked after children?

The HOPE provides information, training and advice to schools, other professionals, and families for previously looked after children who left care in England and Wales through:

- an Adoption Order (AO)
- a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) or
- a Child Arrangements Order (CAO) - formerly known as Residence Orders
- or who were adopted from 'state care' outside England and Wales.

To access our advice the court order must still be current and the child must be educated in Bristol.

Please visit our web pages: www.bristol.gov.uk/web/the-hope/previously-looked-after-children

If you can't find the answer on our web pages, please email post.lac@bristol.gov.uk

What does the HOPE do for Post 16 (CiC and Care Leavers)?

The HOPE offer continues into Post 16 to the end of Year 13. We will continue to offer support, guidance, and advice to care leavers and education providers. We will attend PEPs where possible, support around access to the bursary, offer training and will monitor/track the progress of all Bristol's CiC/Care Leavers.

From Year 14 (Post 18) we will continue to offer support, guidance and advice as requested for Care leavers currently in education or training including Higher Education, or for those wishing to return. We will continue to monitor/track the progress Post 18 of Care Leavers with an EHCP for as long as they remain in education/training.