

## Our Offer for Previously Looked After Children

The HIVE Team, Virtual School Offer, is for pupils attending North Tyneside schools who have been previously looked after and have now achieved permanency through being adopted, living under a Special Guardianship Order or a Child Arrangement Order.

Whilst schools receive the Pupil Premium Plus for previously looked after children, the Virtual School staff are available to offer information and advice.

This includes training opportunities about understanding the school system, supporting learning and emotional wellbeing.

For more complex cases our Educational Psychologists and Occupational Therapist offer a consultation in school with parents / guardians to clarify needs and how best to meet them. Please check our website for further information on.



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## Mission Statement

The Hive Team supports the holistic needs of looked after and previously looked after children and young people. We aim to promote the physical, emotional and intellectual growth of our children and young people to enable them to live a contented life that reduces vulnerability, increases equality and promotes connection with family, friends and the network around them. Our purpose is to make a difference through compassion and retaining optimism. We pride ourselves in being reliable and honest, demonstrating our respect to those we seek to help. We love the work we do, striving to be creative in our approaches towards positive futures.

## Health

Our paediatricians and nurses are available to provide expert advice and information to carers, social workers, school staff and others working to support our children and families.

- The team are responsible for carrying out Initial Health Assessments and Review Health Assessments to ensure we fully understand the health needs of our children and young people and get the right support in place.
- They produce the Health Passports for young people prior to them leaving care, to ensure they have a good **understanding** of their health history and any ongoing health needs.
- They promote positive physical and mental health and encourage everyone to sign up for EASE cards so they can access our sports facilities with a friend for free.

## Virtual School

We have a team of teachers who provide direct support to individual looked after children. We have primary and secondary specialists in Maths, English and Science.

- Approaches we use include: Reading Recovery, Success@Arithmetic and the Sandwell Maths Assessments, designed to fill gaps in learning.
- We support with a range of qualifications and end of key stage assessments.
- We offer trauma-informed school intervention programmes including 'Thrive', 'Team Pupil' and 'The Key Programme', that we have developed ourselves.
- We provide training and advice for schools

Our Educational Psychologists provide a range of services including:

- Support with Special Educational Needs
- Consultations with schools and other professionals
- Direct interventions

## Information and Advice

We provide a point of contact for children's services, schools, health professionals, carers and parents and others seeking advice and information in relation to looked after and previously looked after children, young people and care leavers

Our admin team support with queries about Personal Education Plans, Pupil Premium Plus, Health Assessments, Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaires and the support The Hive Team provide. They help to keep all our information up to date and collect a range of data to support the work we do.

## Emotional Wellbeing

We use a neurodevelopmental approach that aims to promote developmental growth, build positive relationships and help address past experiences. We have a team of counsellors, educational psychologists, occupational therapist and teachers that provide emotional support to children, young people, their carers and families.

Our approaches include:

- Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy (DDP)
- Theraplay
- Video Interaction Guidance
- The Thrive Approach
- Drawing and Talking

For more information visit:  
[www.nthive.org.uk](http://www.nthive.org.uk)