

How to contact VSKPLAC

Email: vskplac@kent.gov.uk

You will receive an email to confirm mutually convenient time for an hour phone consultation.

Is an EPLAC/EPAC meeting needed?

Yes. Parent will contact the school/Early Years provider to ask to set up the meeting.

No—I feel confident enough to solve the issue without the need for a meeting.

Will a VSK representative be required to attend the EPLAC/EPAC meeting?

Yes

No

Review Consultation arranged for three to six months time to review progress following EPAC meeting.

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Promoting the Education of Previously Looked After Children

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Supporting parents and schools to ensure the best outcomes for Previously Looked After Children.



“ Having someone to talk to about my child gave me the confidence to ask school the questions I needed to ask. ”

Parent of an adopted pupil.



Virtual School Kent acts as a Local Authority champion to promote the progress and educational attainment of Children in Care. We have excellent working relationships with schools across Kent. VSK staff have expertise in educational issues, Special Educational Needs and a good understanding of the emotional and developmental impact and associated trauma with being taken into care.

Previously Looked After children are those children who have been in care and are now adopted, under Special Guardianship or Child Arrangement Orders.

Designated Teachers in schools have a responsibility to ensure that Previously Looked After Children are given the support they need to reach their full educational potential and it is VSK's duty to empower parents to advocate for their children as effectively as possible and provide guidance and support to the Designated Teachers to ensure that they are addressing children's needs effectively.



How can VSKPLAC help you? Website

The VSK website has recently been updated and is now packed with information and advice on education for parents and schools, including links to other websites and resources. Please visit:

www.virtualschool.lea.kent.sch.uk

Information for Parents and Schools

School Resources

Information on EPLAC/EPAC meetings

PP+ Funding explained

Frequently Asked Questions

Phone consultation

VSKPLAC can offer advice over the phone to parents and will suggest next steps for you to follow to ensure that your child is getting the right support.

This may include signposting you to other services, websites, explaining educational processes etc. Please see the back of this leaflet for further information.

What is an EPLAC/EPAC Meeting?

Education Plans for Previously Looked After Children and Education Plans for Adopted Children help schools and Early Years settings raise awareness of the needs and issues faced by Previously Looked After Children and encourage positive collaboration between home and school. The child centred approach to the meetings should ensure that the strengths and needs of your child are regularly reviewed by you and the school.

It is recommended that the meetings are summarised in an EPLAC/EPAC form which can then be reviewed when necessary. Guidance for use of the plans, forms and further information are available on the VSK website. www.virtualschool.lea.kent.sch.uk

