



Children in Care and Young Carers Policy

Introduction

Shear Soccer aims to support our children in care/ever in Care or Adopted by

- providing a safe and secure environment, which values education and believes in the abilities and potential of all children
- ensuring that the children are not disadvantaged, and their progress is in line with their peers
- ensuring that children in care, ever in care or adopted have access to alternative education appropriate to their age and ability
- liaising with carers, natural parents (as appropriate) and social workers on a wide variety of educational and care issues and supporting all PEP (Personal Education Plans) for children currently in care
- providing relevant child protection and disability information shared if appropriate (if not appropriate to share, indicate the confidential nature of the information) with the Safeguarding Officer and Local Authority's Education Safeguarding team and Single Central Referral Unit
- sharing relevant health information with referring agencies
- ensuring that systems are in place to keep staff up to date and informed about children in care or ever in care or adopted
- training key staff in child protection
- safeguarding concerns for a child in care, children who have previously been in care or Adopted contact are sought from the DSL, and if necessary - Multi-Agency Referral Unit.

All staff are committed to ensuring improved life chances for children in care, ever in care, or adopted, by ensuring that the relevant staff have reasonable support and time to complete tasks and responsibilities. Also, to establish and maintain appropriate and regular reporting and monitoring procedures both within Shear Soccer and with other agencies.

Young Carers

At Shear Soccer we are aware that children in our provision may well have caring roles at home.

We believe that all children and young people should have equal access to education, regardless of what is happening at home and that no child should have to take on inappropriate or excessive caring responsibilities.

When a young person does look after someone in their family who has a serious illness, disability or substance misuse problem, they may need extra support to help them get the most out of their education.

We aim to understand the issues faced by young carers and support any child who helps to look after someone at home.

We aim to support young carers through a holistic approach and through working with other agencies and professionals, with the understanding that support for the whole family is in the best interests of the young carer.

Shear Soccer view young carers in the same way as any other child but understand that they have the additional burden of caring responsibilities and will consult with the family of the child or young person or the young person themselves, along with referring agencies to understand the nature of these responsibilities and how they may impact on their life to enable appropriate and structured support to be offered.

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Review Date	Name	Actions	Next Review
016/02/2026	Adam Shearer	Review of policy, updates completed where deemed necessary. KCSIE updates have been added to the policy	16/02/2027