



Somerset Inclusion

Virtual School & Learning Support Team



Education Plan for Previously Looked After Children

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Education Plans for Previously Looked After Children (EPPLAC)	
What is an EPPLAC?	The EPPLAC (Education Plan for Previously Looked After Children) is a tool to support schools and parents in securing and promoting the education and well-being of Previously Looked After Children. This document provides a format for an education planning meeting in order to identify strengths and needs and to plan a programme of support for the child. The EPPLAC can only be completed with the consent of the parents/carers. A copy of the EPPLAC can be found here Schools – Somerset Virtual School
Who is the EPPLAC for?	The EPPLAC is for any child or young person who has been previously looked after and has subsequently been adopted or made the subject of a special guardianship or child arrangement order. The EPPLAC can be used for any child or young person who falls into this category. There is no statutory requirement to complete an EPPLAC and it can only be completed with the consent of the parents/carers.
Do I need parental consent to complete an EPPLAC?	Yes you can only complete the EPPLAC with the consent of the parent/carer. As a young person grows older ideally they should be involved in any decision making around consent.
Who completes the EPPLAC?	The EPPLAC should be completed by the Designated Teacher with the support of those who know the child well and where appropriate the child themselves.
Who should attend the EPPLAC meeting?	The meeting should be attended by anyone who may be able to support the child and where appropriate the child's voice should form part of the meeting (either in person or having been previously sought by a trusted adult).
Can the child/young person's views be captured differently?	Yes, please consider how to involve them in the meeting and how best to capture their views. Ideally this is done prior to the meeting and then shared at the meeting.
How often should an EPPLAC be completed?	There is no specified frequency for completing EPPLACs, however we recommend completing them at least annually. They can be completed more frequently depending on the needs identified. We would also recommend completing an EPPLAC when a child is due to transition to a new school to support the receiving school to gain a good understanding of the child.
Who should receive a copy of the EPPLAC?	Everyone in attendance at the meeting should receive a copy of the EPPLAC and anyone else who is involved with the Child/Young Person and the family who may be able to support working towards the outcomes agreed. A copy of the EPPLAC should also be set to the PLAC mailbox placinclusionsomerset@somerset.gov.uk