



Integrated Service for Looked After & Adopted Children

Mentoring Service

Our vision is to improve the life chances of looked after and adopted young people by supporting them do as well as they can in education. Our aim is to promote the achievement, aspirations and self-esteem of Key Stage 4 looked after and adopted young people in the Worcestershire education system.

What is the ISL Mentoring Service?

The ISL Mentoring Service aims to support the attainment of looked after and adopted young people and help them to achieve their potential by:-

- Staying in contact with young people, where appropriate from years 9 to year 12
- Helping to raise the self esteem and confidence of young people and improving their self image as learners
- Improving the quantity and quality of coursework completed in time to meet assessment deadlines
- Enabling young people to follow a structured revision programme which is appropriate to their lifestyle
- Striving to improve the attendance of young people at school or college, both to individual lessons and as an overall percentage measured over a fixed period

What is the Mentor's role?

The role of the Mentor is to support and empower looked after and adopted young people to make appropriate choices, for example:

- Use a variety of resources with young people to develop emotional intelligence and raise self esteem
- Equip young people with a range of strategies to assist them to take responsibility for their own thoughts, feelings and behaviour
- Encourage young people to develop a support network and to access it when required
- Work with young people to develop the personal organisation skills necessary to support their education
- Promote young people's engagement in community and leisure activities

- Promote and assist young people's attendance at examinations
- Support the young people in raising their aspirations and identifying appropriate school, college and work placements
- Signpost and/or organise appropriate support to enable young people to achieve their goals and aspirations
- Ensure young people access all available additional funding, e.g. PEA and EMA

Making a referral

Anyone closely involved with the looked after or adopted young person can, on their behalf, make a referral for a Mentor. This includes the carers, adoptive parents, social workers, fostering social workers, education professionals or health professionals.

For further information, support or advice:

If you have any question or would like to access our support please contact us in the following ways.

North Worcestershire

By telephone:

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By post:

ISL Team 1, Worcestershire County Council, The Birches, 98 New Road, Bromsgrove, B60 2LB

South Worcestershire

By telephone:

01905 455319

By post:

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