

Bishop Walsh Catholic School

Alternative Provision Policy

Academic year 2023-2024

A. Philosophy:

Bishop Walsh Catholic School is committed to ensuring the right of every individual in our school to develop their full potential in our Catholic community. We recognise that some young people on roll at Bishop Walsh Catholic School require an alternative to mainstream education. This document is designed to ensure that young people who attend alternative provision are safeguarded and to ensure placements are quality assured to the same standard.

B. Context:

Alternative provision is an educational provision utilised for students who are not accessing mainstream education for a number of reasons including;

1. Supporting pupils with SEND
2. Fulfilling Educational Health and Care Plan provisions (EHCPs)
3. Supporting pupils with medical difficulties inc. mental health to access education
4. To provide provision which reduces the risk of a student being permanently excluded from school.

The use of alternative provision will only be considered if it is in the best interests of the student. Any agreement will be monitored and reviewed at regular intervals to ensure that the provision continues to be in the pupils' best interests.

The final decision to refer a student to alternative provision is at the discretion of the Principal, following consultation with other members of staff, parents and the pupil

The cost, quality of the provision and its suitability to the pupil will be carefully considered before alternative provision is allocated.

Full time education is 25 hours per week. Our young people must receive full time provision in total whether in one setting or more, unless a young person's medical condition or social circumstances make full time education inappropriate. Decisions regarding timetable allocations will be taken with Bishop Walsh Catholic School and the provider.

C. List of Alternative providers and/or dual registered facilities currently utilised

Education Provider	Contacts
The Edge Academy	The Edge Academy 946 Bristol Road South Northfield Birmingham B31 2LQ Mr Andrew Wakefield



<p>East Birmingham Network Academy 2</p>	<p>EBN Academy 10 High Street Castle Vale B35 7PR 01212727020 Matthew Baldwin enquiry@ebnfs2.org</p>
<p>James Brindley</p>	<p>Northfield Centre Bell Hill Northfield B31 1LD Sophie Gasson 0121 666 6409</p>

D. Quality assurance

In order to ensure the quality of alternative provision, staff will make termly visits to the provision to meet with the pupil and staff at the provision. If concerns are raised there will be follow up visits and actions taken.

Formal quality assurance of alternative providers will take place annually?

E. Safeguarding

The provider:

- Will sign the consent form stating that Keeping Children Safe in Education has been read
- Inform the school when a young person does not attend the provision for more than 2 consecutive days without parental contact
- Follow their safeguarding procedures but also keep Bishop Walsh Catholic School informed of any safeguarding concerns so that the DSL can be made aware and take action where necessary.
- Inform parents of any first aid treatment

Bishop Walsh Catholic School will:

- Send an appropriate member of staff to the provision before a student starts placement there
- Complete all relevant checks included in the appendix
- Share information that is in the best interests of the students to share e.g. medical conditions, healthcare plans or strategies to support them achieve
- Record and track the use of alternative providers

F. Attendance

Tracking attendance at alternative providers will be considered on a case by case basis to ensure that any variation in service is considered. Procedures for tracking attendance will be discussed and agreed in the initial meeting with the provider.

Students who are dual registered will be monitored using the procedures of the provider. These are considered when the placement is commissioned. Bishop Walsh Catholic School will monitor attendance weekly but will ask to be informed if pupils are missing from their provision for 2 days without contact from parents. Bishop Walsh Catholic School staff will then decide how to proceed.

If a temporary part time timetable is introduced, parents must notify Bishop Walsh that their child is at home on days when students are not timetabled or required to be at the provision. If contact is not made by parents/carers then normal attendance procedures will be followed.

All part time timetables must be agreed between the provider and Bishop Walsh Catholic School and must be temporary with a view to increasing the placement to full time.

Appendix 1: Letter sent to providers

Dear (Insert name of provider)

In line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023, where a school places a pupil with an alternative provider, the 'home school' continues to be responsible for the safeguarding of the pupil. The school also needs to be satisfied that the provider meets the needs of the pupil.

Bishop Walsh Catholic School therefore asks that you provide written confirmation that appropriate safeguarding checks have been completed for individuals working within (insert name of provider)

Please can you confirm:

DSL Name:	
DSL Contact Number:	
Designated teacher for LAC/PLAC	
Designated teacher contact number:	
First Aider:	
All staff have an enhanced DBS check with a barred list check?	
Is there a staff and volunteer record - single central record of qualifications, recruitment and vetting checks?	
All staff have received Safeguard training & know how to refer if they are concerned?	
All staff have received CSE training?	
All staff have received Prevent training?	
All staff have read KCSIE 2023?	

and sexual violence guidance?	
Ofsted Registered (Yes or No)	
Ofsted Rating:	
URN Number:	
Insurance Certificate supplied	
Ratio of staff: student	
Has the venue been visited and key members of staff met?	
Has a quality of venue check been carried out	
Are all Risk assessments in place?	
Are all policies and procedures in place to keep young people safe?	
If you are unregistered provision can you confirm you are not operating as an illegal school – An illegal school is one which provides full time education to 5 or more students of school age or to a child with an EHCP or a child who is CLA.	

Print Name:

Signed:

Date:

Position

Please return the signed form to

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