

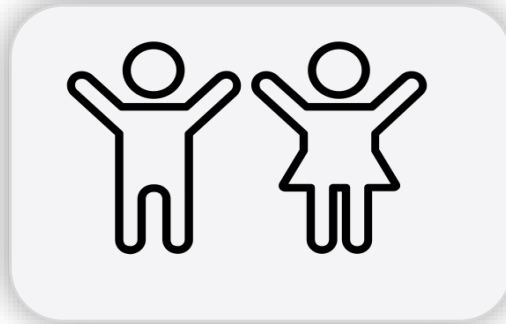
# Children with a Social Worker Newsletter Spring 2024

Two of these education advisers share responsibility for children with a social worker in Warwickshire to promote a culture of high aspirations and offer strategic advice and support to schools and social workers for these children.

# Early Education

## 3—4 year olds

Up to 15 or 30 hours of early education is available over 38 weeks of the year working families for children aged 3-4 years.



## 2-year olds

From April 2024 up to 15 hours will be available for up to 15 hours for eligible working families with a 2 year old. Applications can be made from January.

Choices and eligibility criteria can be checked here:

[Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK](#)

# Admissions

## Starting school



Deadlines for applications for a Primary school place is  
**15th January 2024.**



## Questions to consider

*Have your children with a Social Worker applied for a school place?*

# Attendance

## Raising aspirations

Children with a Social Worker are around 3 times more likely to be persistently absent from school and between 2 to 4 times more likely to be permanently excluded from school than their peers.



Virtual School works closely with the Warwickshire Attendance Service (WAS), schools and social workers to promote high expectations and help overcome identified barriers to support this cohort. Get in touch if you would like support for your Children with a Social Worker.

## Questions to consider

- *Has your attendance policy been reviewed to include the latest 'Working together to improve school attendance' guidance?*
- *Does it include offers of early help and multi agency working?*

# Progress & Attainment

## Reaching full potential

***‘Children with a social worker are more likely to have experienced complex family circumstances’***

(DfE 06.21).

These experiences can affect children’s attendance, learning, behaviour and wellbeing.

On average, children with a social worker do worse than their peers at every stage of their education.

### Outcomes

All Warwickshire Children:

EYFS GLD	69%
Y1 Phonics	79%
KS1 RWM	58%
KS2 RWM	60%
KS4 En+Ma grade 5	53%

Warwickshire CWSW:

EYFS GLD	41%
Y1 Phonics	57%
KS1 RWM	25%
KS2 RWM	33%
KS4 En+Ma grade 5	12%

**Outcomes = life chances**

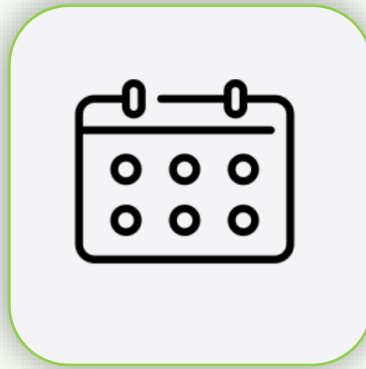
## Questions to consider

- *How do you prioritise Children with a Social Worker?*
- *Does your SLT discuss the progress, attainment and support for this cohort of pupils?*

# SEND

## Education Health Care Plan Annual Reviews

Pupils with an Education Health Care Plan who are transferring into or between schools will need an EHCP Annual Review by **15th February 2024**.



Pupils moving from Secondary School to Post 16 or into Apprenticeships or between Post 16 institutions will need an EHCP annual review **by 31st March 2024**.

### Questions to consider

- *Has the SENCo planned EHCP annual reviews for any Children with a Social Worker?*
- *Have they remembered to invite the Social Worker?*

# Training

## Virtual School offer

**9th February 2024**

1 day event exploring attachment needs, trauma, and relational care through interactive theatre and Dr. Dawn Bradley.



Online CPD modules for anyone supporting vulnerable children.



**Raising Attainment of Disadvantaged Youngsters (RADY)**

Up to 10 schools opt in to work with a RADY coach on how to have

maximum impact on your most vulnerable learners.



A structured whole school programme on best practice in trauma, attachment, mental health & wellbeing.



# Checklist

## For Children with a Social Worker lead

<b>This term</b>	Review <b>attainment</b> with SLT
<b>This term</b>	Discuss <b>attendance</b> with WAS Education Case work officer
<b>January</b>	Up to 30 hours <b>early education</b> available for 3-4 year olds
<b>January</b>	Encourage eligible families to apply for up to 15 hours <b>childcare</b> for families with a 2- year old
<b>By 15th January</b>	<b>Admissions</b> deadline for Reception and Yr3 school places (transferring from an infant school)
<b>9th February</b>	<b>Understanding CWSW training</b> 1 day exploring attachment needs, trauma, and relational care through interactive theatre and Dr. Dawn Bradley.
<b>By 15th February</b>	<b>EHCP Annual Reviews</b> completed for pupils transferring into or between schools. Invite the Social Worker
<b>By 31st March</b>	<b>EHCP Annual Reviews</b> completed for pupils moving from Secondary School to Post 16 or into Apprenticeships or between Post 16 institutions Invite the Social Worker



# And finally...

## Contact us

Please contact us if you we can help with your **strategic planning** for Children with a Social Worker cohort.

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To request a call or register for the CWSW networks, which include training support and advice, please complete our [contact form](#):

