

## SGO SUPPORT PLAN

### **Basic Information**

Name, age and date of birth of children	
Name and date of birth of carers	
Other family members living in the home	
Name of social worker, team manager and team details	
Type of placement	
Current legal status	
Date of plan	
Review arrangements	Annually following the making of the SGO

**Warwickshire County Council offers a range of support services specifically for carers. Please select any of the supports from the offer and incorporate them into this plan.**

### **Family Strengths and Assets**

Every family has its own strengths and resources. All communities offer both universal and targeted support.

Community resource or family support	Type of support available

### **Core Support Services**

All carers can access a range of basic support services. Please indicate whether you would be interested in receiving information on the following:

Service	
Ongoing advice and assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Carers groups	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Workshops on related issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Newsletter and updates	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## The child

<b><u>Description of health</u></b>
<b><u>Identified need</u></b>
<b>Guide:</b> All carers can meet with the designated nurse for children in care to get an up to date picture of the child's health needs.

Action	Person responsible	Timescale

## Education

<b><u>Description of education</u></b>
<b><u>Identified need</u></b>
<b>Guide:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children with a Special Guardianship Order will be given priority and a supportive letter can be provided</li><li>• Children with a Special Guardianship Order can receive Pupil Premium</li><li>• The Virtual School will continue to offer support to ensure that the child is helped to achieve well in education</li></ul>

Action	Person responsible	Timescale

## Emotional and Behavioural Development

<b>Description of emotional and behavioural development</b>
<b>Identified need</b>
Guide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Court will be asked to share copies of any relevant assessments</li><li>• Education, RISE and health services should all contribute to this support plan</li></ul>

Action	Person Responsible	Timescale

## Attachment

<b>Attachment description</b>
<b><u>Identified need</u></b>
Guide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children who have experienced challenging early experiences or had experiences of changes in care can experience attachment insecurity</li><li>• Where children have experienced attachment insecurity they may require more therapeutic parenting approaches or professional support</li></ul>

Action	Person Responsible	Timescale

## Identity

<b>Identity description</b>
<b>Identified needs</b>

**Guide:**

- A life story book and later life letter should be provided as standard
- The foster care should provide photographs, mementos and keepsakes
- The SGO support team can advise carers on the use of life story work

Action	Person Responsible	Timescale

**Family time**

**Family time arrangements**

**Identified need**

**Guide:**

- Family time can be arranged on a yearly basis to avoid disruption
- Family time should include consideration of direct and indirect methods
- Exchange methods should be agreed in advance
- Consideration should be given to difficult and emotional times
- Supervision arrangements should be planned and reviewed
- Decisions should be made as to who is responsible for the costs of family time

Action	Person Responsible	Timescale

## Carers

<b>Financial Considerations</b>
<b>Identified need</b> <b>SGO allowances of...</b> <b>Agreed...</b>
Guide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advice MUST be given to carers regarding financial support post order</li><li>• Advice MUST be given to carers regarding tax credits and other benefits</li><li>• A FABA assessment will be completed as part of the Connected Persons Assessment</li><li>• FABA provide the recommended amount and this is approved by the operations manager for the child's social work team.</li><li>• Exceptional circumstances funding will need to be considered by the service managers or Assistant Director</li><li>• The carers must notify children's services of any changes in circumstances which might impact on the financial support</li></ul>

Action	Person Responsible	Timescale

## Housing

<b>Housing needs</b>
<b>Identified need</b>
Guide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health and safety advice must be implemented prior to the placement starting</li><li>• Warwickshire County Council can support but not direct housing allocations</li></ul>

Action	Person Responsible	Timescale

## Other members of the household

<b><u>Details of other members of the household, including birth children</u></b>
<b><u>Identified need</u></b>
Guide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The support needs of all members of the household are important and need to be supported to promote the security of the placement</li></ul>

Action	Person Responsible	Timescale

## Practical and emotional support

<b>Practical and emotional support in place</b>
<b>Identified need</b>
Guide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The making of the Order may signal the end of statutory social work involvement</li><li>• Continuing support can be accessed via the SGO Support Team</li><li>• SGO Support Team can support with accessing the Adoption Support Fund</li><li>• Carers can access the support groups and training run by the SGO Support Team</li><li>• Carers will receive all updates and communications from the SGO Support Team</li><li>• Reviews of the plan can be held as need arises, otherwise annually.</li></ul>

Action	Person Responsible	Timescale
Review of the plan can be held as need arises, otherwise annually.	SGO Support Team	

## **Birth Family**

<b><u>Birth family situation</u></b>
<b><u>Identified need</u></b>
Guide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family time arrangements should be arranged and agreed</li><li>• Family time arrangements should include plans for contact between siblings</li><li>• Mediation, Family Group Conferences and other supports can be available to assist in managing extended family issues</li></ul>

Action	Person Responsible	Timescale

## **Other Comments and support**

<b>Additional requests</b>
<b>Identified need</b>
Guide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Specific families may have needs that do not fall within the boxes above, please include any other support which would assist in promoting this permanence plan.</li></ul>

Action	Person Responsible	Timescale

## **Agreement**

For plans to work best they should be agreed by everyone affected.

### **Carers:**

Signed ..... Date.....

Signed ..... Date .....

### **Child:**

Signed ..... Date.....

### **Child's Social Worker:**

Signed ..... Date.....

### **Connected Person Team:**

Signed ..... Date.....

### **SGO Support Team:**

Signed ..... Date.....