



Who we are:

The Virtual School are an innovative team working alongside schools and settings to ensure they provide the best provision for children and young people in our care and care leavers.

All Derbyshire's cared for children, young people and care leavers are part of the Virtual School.

The Virtual School has a staffing structure similar to that of an actual school but without a school building.

Children and young people will remain enrolled at their existing school or setting with the Virtual School offering support, guidance and training, to ensure that educational services are effectively co-ordinated and that cared for children and young people get the best opportunities to help them reach their fullest potential.

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Our Vision:

To improve the lives of all the children and young people in our care through nurturing, empowering and inspiring them in partnership with all their supporters.

Our children and young people will become:

- Resilient learners
- Responsible citizens
- Creative thinkers
- Reflective individuals



With you we will:

Listen **Train** **Challenge**
Support **Create opportunities**

And together we will ensure:

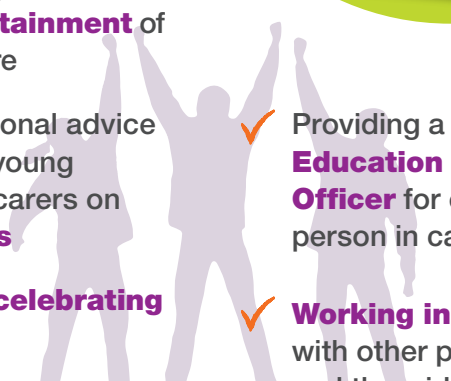
- All children and young people in our care feel nurtured, valued and supported in their learning and will fulfil their aspirational goals and ambitions
- Children and young people shape the Virtual School and the wider services for all Children in Care
- An improved sense of Corporate Parenting, Social Pedagogy and a shared responsibility for our Children in Care
- Every school and educational setting is empowered and confident to meet the needs of children and young people in our care and provide tailored support enabling progress and success
- The educational gap between children and young people in care and those who are not will be closed



"We will work with all and for all"

What the Virtual School is doing:

- ✓ Providing Children in our Care with **advice and guidance** to support them to reach their full potential
- ✓ Tracking and **monitoring attendance**, exclusion and progress
- ✓ Providing a range of **training for schools**, designated teachers and other professionals
- ✓ Challenging schools and educational settings **to support and raise the attainment** of Children in our Care
- ✓ Providing educational advice and guidance to young people and their carers on **future pathways**
- ✓ Providing a named **Education Support Officer** for every young person in care
- ✓ Recognising and **celebrating achievement**
- ✓ Encourage our children to **participate** in creative learning and enriching experiences
- ✓ **Advocating** that all Children in our Care receive their educational entitlement including those that have arrived from other countries seeking asylum
- ✓ Working in partnership with other professionals and the wider community to support the aspirations of our young people
- ✓ Working with schools and settings to ensure **Pupil Premium Plus** is used effectively to support personalised success



The Virtual School

Derbyshire's Virtual School aims to enhance the life opportunities for Children in Care by supporting their education and enabling them to achieve the best they can.



Developing relationships

Education Welfare Services Manager

Monitoring and improving the attendance of Children in Care through advice, support and direct intervention.

Assistant Head Teacher - Innovations and Learning

Seeking out and supporting new ways of promoting the goals and ambitions of young people and their supporters through developing pedagogy and practice.



Planning for the future

Post 16 Information and Guidance

Working with young people in care to explore ideas and aspirations, develop career ideas and plans to achieve their goals.

Head Teacher

Ensuring that arrangements are in place to improve the educational experiences and outcomes for Children in Care.

Early Years & Key Stage 1 Intervention Lead

Championing the needs of Children in Care aged 0-7 and offering support, advice and training to those working with them to accelerate progress.

PEP Administration

Organising Personal Education Plans and Pupil Premium Plus payments to schools for Children in Care.

Post 16 and HE Lead Advisory Teacher

Working with young people in care to explore ideas and aspirations and develop career plans to achieve their goals.

Data Manager

Maintaining and managing data systems to support the work of the Virtual School.

Specialist Senior Educational Psychologist

Applying psychology to support Children in Care and all those around them through consultation, training and direct work.

Arts Education Consultant

Ensuring that all children and young people in care have inspiring opportunities to experience the arts and learn creatively.

Business Services

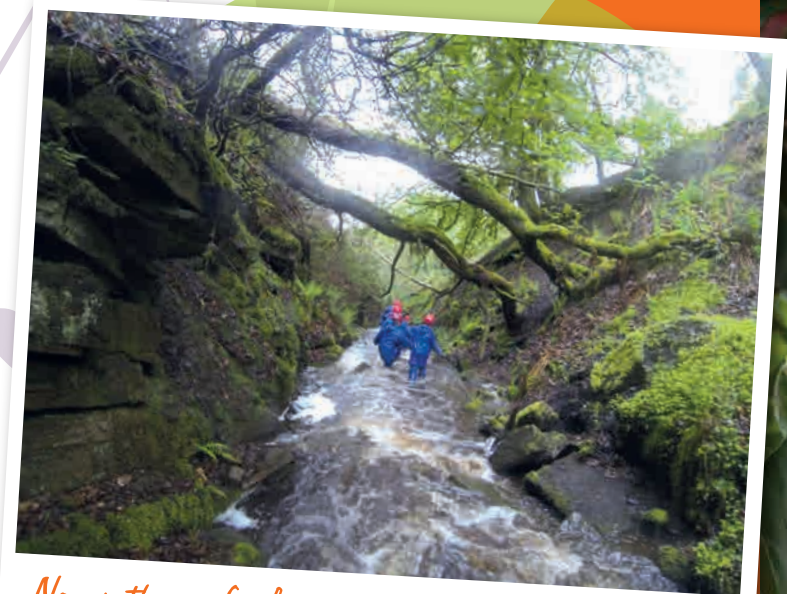
Providing administrative and clerical support service to all staff within the Virtual School and a central point of contact.

Education Support Officers (Early Year's Primary and Secondary)

Working with schools and partners to champion and nurture young people's education, aspirations and well-being to help them succeed.

Assistant Head Teacher - Primary

Overseeing and positively promoting the attainment and improved life chances of Children in Care aged 0-11.



New pathways for learning

UASC (Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children)

Education Support Team

Advocating for the Children in Care recently arrived from other countries and seeking asylum.

Assistant Head Teacher - Secondary

Overseeing education for secondary aged Children in Care. Offering advice and support to improve educational outcomes.

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