

A carers guide to.....



The Virtual School in Islington.

For many children in care, school life can be challenging. They may find it harder to trust adults; their educational experience may have been disrupted; and their capacity to build and maintain friendships may be impaired. They need good schools, with good staff who understand how to support and challenge them.

Good schools can be the key to their success. School can provide the stability they need, a safe place in a turbulent world, an opportunity to excel, a route map out of their difficulties into a more positive future.

So, what is a 'Virtual School'?

We aren't a proper school with a school building although we do have a classroom. We are an education support team, based in Elwood Street with the Children's Social Care teams. Our role is to provide support and challenge to a variety of people in order to get the best possible educational outcome for our young people.

We support the Social Workers, carers and young people directly. We challenge the schools by attending many PEP meetings and helping set SMART targets. We also have some resources to provide a range of extra support for our young people in care, whether they are based in Islington or scattered across the country.

We have specialist teachers on the team, as well as specialist mentors and others who focus on attendance and exclusions.

You are welcome to call us any time on the number below, or drop in for a cup of tea and a chat.