

LEMINGTON RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES POLICY

At Lemington Riverside Primary School we strive to give every child the best possible opportunity to thrive, learn and make the progress which will enable them to have a happy and fulfilled life. We recognise that for many families there are times when circumstances within the family make this difficult for the children. The circumstances might arise from bereavement, illness, unemployment, the return of a family member from active service or the breakdown of a marriage or partnership.

This policy seeks to lay down the procedures which we will adopt to support the child and family through a difficult period. We see this not as a safeguarding issue, for which we have policies in place, but as an ability to learn and thrive issue.

Procedures

1. All staff, not only teaching staff, should be alert for changes in behaviour, mood and appearance and should monitor such changes.
2. Concerns should be discussed with the Head Teacher or, in her absence, the Deputy Head Teacher and, depending on the nature of the problem, the issue will be
 - a) dealt with in school
 - b) parents will be invited into school to discuss the problem and possible methods of dealing with it
 - c) advice will be sought from the school's Family Support Officer who may
 - i) arrange a home visit
 - ii) arrange a Team Around the Child meeting
 - d) where there are multiple needs a CAF (Common Assessment Framework) will be put in place, actions agreed and follow up meetings arranged until the problem has been resolved.
3. In the case of bereavement following the death of a close family member the Head Teacher will discuss the matter with the family and the FSO and if the family is agreeable the FSO will make a home visit and assess the need for extra support/emotional support for the child.

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