

Policy Title:	Supporting Pregnant Schoolgirls
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Other relevant policies:	Relationships and Sex Education Policy
Acronyms:	MC - Management Committee TLC - Teaching & Learning Committee SWC - Safeguarding & Wellbeing Committee FC – Finance Committee H&SPC - Health & Safety and Premises Committee PERS - Personnel Committee LA - Local Authority WBC - West Berkshire Council HT - Headteacher SLT - Senior Leadership Team EWS - Education Welfare Service FSSW - Family Schools Support Worker SEND - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
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2: Introduction	All Local Authorities have a duty to provide suitable education for all learners for whom they are responsible, including learners of compulsory school age who become parents. West Berkshire has a similar belief in that all schools and units have a responsibility to any of their learners who become pregnant or become parents.
3: Statement	<p>Where ever possible and appropriate pregnant schoolgirls should continue to receive education within their current educational environment.</p> <p>Pregnant school girls are entitled to a maximum of 18 weeks maternity leave and during this time they will remain on the roll of the school.</p> <p>If for reasons of ill health the learner is not able to attend the school or if the learner requests it during maternity leave the school is expected to oversee her education, including setting and marking work.</p>
4: Guidelines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All schools should have a Policy on Sex and Relationships Education that promotes an understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships • Feelings, emotions and respect. 2. If however a learner becomes pregnant the school will call a meeting to discuss the learner's education and how this will be delivered during the pregnancy and maternity leave. Where ever possible the learner will continue to attend the school. If for some reason this is not deemed to be appropriate the school will secure a package, with the support of the EWS (Education Welfare Service) and any other agency involved, which is suitable to the learner's age, ability, aptitude and individual needs, including any special educational needs she may have. 3. If the learner has a Statement of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) the SEND Manager should be contacted as the Statement might need amending. 4. The learner should continue with the usual curriculum but if any subjects are felt to be inappropriate a clearly laid out alternative programme should be put in place. 5. If for any reason the learner cannot attend school because of medical reasons prior to maternity leave then home education could be applied for through The Medical Tuition Service (MTS). The school however is still responsible for planning and

	<p>marking work. A letter from a GP or consultant should be forwarded to the Medical Tuition Service with the referral.</p> <p>6. Where ever possible arrangements should be made for learners to sit their examinations.</p> <p>7. Learners who have missed a key part of the final year of education should be encouraged to go on to further education.</p> <p>8. The learners and their families should be put in touch with any relevant agencies and the Family Schools Support Worker (FSSW) could help with this.</p>
5: Useful documents	<p>Guidance on the Education of School Age Parents. 12:10:2001 Ref: DFES/0629/2001</p> <p>West Berkshire Teenage Pregnancy Strategy 2017; contact Nikki Davies, West Berkshire.)</p>

6: Change Record				
Version Number	Date Approved	Management Committee Minute Reference	Description of Amendments	Review Date
3	Nov 19		Transferred to icollege format and contact details updated	September 2019
4	Nov 20		<i>Minor changes and KCSIE additions</i>	<i>Nov 2020</i>

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<p>Keeping Children Safe in Education</p> <p>All staff with the iCollege take seriously their responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of children and young people in their care; this includes protecting children from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children's Mental and Physical health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.</p>
