



Commissioning Alternative Provision



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Linked to school policies:

- Safeguarding including Child Protection
- Behaviour Policy
- Attendance Policy
- Supporting Children with Medical Needs

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Definition and purpose

This policy aims to provide clear guidance to All Saints School colleagues and partners in the commissioning of 'unregulated' alternative provision [AP]. The term 'unregulated' (also referred to as unregistered) to define an AP setting which is not a registered school or college (for pre-16 pupils). There are, however, unregulated AP settings which are registered for post-16 and also offer education/training to school-age pupils.

Unregulated AP settings may deliver an educational, (academic and/or vocational), social, emotional, physical and/or sensory offer, during the school day, where that provision cannot be met in school.

Typically, unregulated AP settings are used to provide alternative education or training to pupils to complement their timetable and core offer in school. Current government guidance does not always differentiate between **regulated or registered AP** (e.g., an alternative school setting for a pupil who has been permanently excluded from school, such as a pupil referral unit or short-stay school, or a hospital school) and **unregulated AP** (e.g., where a young person may access a vocational course for 1-2 days per week). Pupils accessing unregulated AP remain on the roll of the school. The guidance states:

- *Local authorities are responsible for arranging suitable education for permanently excluded pupils, and for other pupils who – because of illness or other reasons – would not receive suitable education without such arrangements being made.*
- *Directors of schools are responsible for arranging suitable full-time education from the sixth day of a fixed period exclusion.*
- *Schools may also direct pupils off-site for education, to help improve their behaviour.*
- *Statutory guidance sets out the Government's expectations of local authorities and maintained schools who commission alternative provision and pupil referral units. The Government expects those who are not legally required to have regard to the statutory guidance to still use it as a guide to good practice.¹*

As above, schools may commission off-site alternative provision (registered or unregistered) to improve behaviour, help prevent a suspension or permanent exclusion, or arrange suitable education for a suspended pupil (from the sixth school day of a suspension or permanent exclusion) under section 100 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006. Directors and Headteachers must adhere to the regulations set out in [School suspensions and permanent exclusions - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/school-suspensions-and-permanent-exclusions). For further detail on the use of off-site direction to improve behaviour, see the Norfolk County Council Directory of Unregulated Alternative Provision at [Unregulated alternative provision templates - Schools \(norfolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education/unregulated-alternative-provision-templates).

Pupils who may benefit from unregulated AP are often within the most vulnerable cohort. They may have special needs (with or without an EHCP), medical needs, attendance difficulties, challenging behaviour, a social worker, be suspended (after day 6), at risk of permanent exclusion, in care and/or known to supporting agencies such as the Youth Justice Service for example.

Unregulated AP settings are not inspected by Ofsted or any other national body, though Ofsted inspectors may visit an unregulated AP setting as part of a school's inspection (see [Ofsted](#)).

¹ [Alternative Provision Statutory guidance for local authorities; January 2013](#)

The lack of a set of national standards or inspectorate, and the fact that it is often the most vulnerable pupils who access such provisions make it imperative that the commissioning of unregulated AP is carried out in the best interests of the pupil, with safeguarding as a priority. This policy aims to ensure that All Saints School colleagues involved in the commissioning of unregulated AP follow correct procedures.

Ofsted

During an Ofsted inspection, the following will apply. Numbers and page references in brackets refer to the [School inspection handbook - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/404222/school-inspection-handbook-2019.pdf) and [Independent schools inspection handbook - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/404222/independent-schools-inspection-handbook-2019.pdf) Note that this is a summary only; further detail can be located via the inspection handbooks and the Norfolk County Council Directory of Unregulated Alternative Provision

1. **Information request (86/72, 92):** The lead inspector will request information about any off-site AP during the initial telephone conversation. In order that this information is readily available, All Saints School will maintain an accurate and up to date register/log of all pupils attending off-site AP. Responsibility for ensuring that this record is up to date is overseen by the school secretary with safeguarding responsibility. The register will include (as a minimum) names of pupils, year groups, key information (e.g., EHCP, LAC, EAL etc.), AP attended, key contact, address, days and times, the core purpose(s) of the provision. Attendance will be added into CPOM's register.
1. **Parent carer views (99-100):** Ofsted provide a letter to pass on to parent carers to notify them of an inspection. The school secretary will ensure that the parent carers of all pupils attending off-site AP receive this notification.
2. **AP contact/visits (100, 287, 363/228, 252, 317-319):** Secretary will ensure that all unregulated AP settings commissioned by the school are informed of an inspection. In some cases, inspectors will telephone or visit an unregulated AP setting to verify that All Saints School's leaders have ensured that the placement is safe and appropriate.
3. **Registration status² (362/318, 322):** Inspectors will ask the school about the registration status of any APs that they use. Any provider of AP must be registered as an independent school if it caters *full time* for 5 or more pupils of compulsory school age, or one pupil who is in care and/or has an education, health and care plan [EHCP]. All Saints School will ensure that the registration status of any unregulated AP has been checked to ensure that it is not using a provider operating as an illegal school. If the school uses AP that should be registered but is not, inspectors will carefully consider whether this affects the likelihood that pupils are safeguarded effectively. If the school uses an unregistered provider unknown to Ofsted, the inspector will inform the duty desk of the Ofsted unregistered schools team.
4. **Rationale (365/321):** Inspectors will consider the appropriateness of the commissioned placement(s), whether leaders at All Saints School have ensured that appropriate checks have been carried out, the extent to which the pupil(s) benefit from a broad and balanced curriculum if they attend off-site AP, and the attendance, behaviour and personal development of those pupils.

² [Registration of independent schools, Departmental advice for proprietors and prospective proprietors of independent schools in England; August 2019](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/404222/independent-schools-inspection-handbook-2019.pdf)

5. **Ofsted judgements (266, 367; pp90-92; pp95-97/323; pp79-81; pp83-85):** Most importantly, inappropriate or insufficient checks on the commissioning of unregulated AP may have serious consequences for the safety of a child. In addition, this may also negatively impact on an Ofsted inspection judgement.
6. All Saints School recognises that ineffective or inappropriate checks may lead to an inadequate judgement for leadership and management. Likewise, if pupils attending unregulated AP behave poorly or are unsafe, this may result in an inadequate judgement for behaviour and attitudes.

Safeguarding

There are currently no formal safeguarding requirements for safeguarding training in unregulated AP settings. Commissioning schools are required to check safeguarding arrangements at each unregulated AP setting used. All Saints School will use the document **01 Pre-placement visit record³** ([Appendix 1](#)) to ensure that all safeguarding checks have been carried out pre-placement.

[Keeping children safe in education 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) requires the following:

327. Where a school places a pupil with an alternative provision provider, the school continues to be responsible for the safeguarding of that pupil and should be satisfied that the provider meets the needs of the pupil.

*328. Schools should obtain **written confirmation** from the alternative provision provider that appropriate safeguarding checks have been carried out on individuals working at the establishment, i.e., those checks that the school would otherwise perform in respect of its own staff. (See [Appendix 7](#))*

All Saints School will ensure that all unregulated settings commissioned are provided with the following key information. This may be recorded using the document **02 Initial Referral and Admissions** ([Appendix 2](#)) or Service Level Agreement.

- a) Name and contact details (telephone and email) for the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads.
- b) Clear Service Level Agreement on how safeguarding concerns will be communicated, followed up and by whom; and how regular communication between the school and unregulated AP will be assured. [Appendix 2](#) may also be used for this purpose.

Pupils attending unregulated AP may feel more at ease and therefore make disclosures more readily. It is therefore essential that the school and AP setting agree procedures before any placement starts. It may be good practice for Pupils attending off-site AP to be a standing agenda item for DSL meetings, to ensure that colleagues responsible for safeguarding are able to address issues and identify any patterns or trends.

All Saints School will ensure a risk assessment is undertaken before the child starts which assures the school that there are appropriate safeguarding arrangements in place. A schedule of visits should be implemented to provide ongoing assurances that the unregulated AP is appropriate for the child and safeguarding arrangements in place are robust.

All Saints School will gain assurances from the unregulated AP in relation to their safeguarding policy, and procedures, the training attended by staff and that appropriate safer recruitment checks have

been undertaken as required in part 3 of [Keeping children safe in education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/keeping-children-safe-in-education) See also [Appendix 7](#).

Pupils attending unregulated AP should know how to report worries or concerns and to whom. This should be the same for their parents or carers. There should be a relationship where children can talk freely to all members of staff if they are concerned or worried. Children will be reassured that they are safe and everything they say is taken seriously.

All Saints School will ensure that relevant staff have regular communication with the child to give them the opportunity to share what is going well and ask if they have any concerns.

Attendance

It is essential that the unregulated AP setting communicates attendance on a **daily** basis. Agreement on how and at what time this will be done must be reached and recorded pre-placement (see [Appendix 2](#) or use the Service Level Agreement). It is not sufficient for an AP setting to only communicate absence; schools must be informed of positive attendance (unless accompanied by a member of school staff).

Pupils attending an off-site **registered** AP school (such as a PRU or hospital school) should be coded as D as they will be temporarily dual-registered.

Pupils attending off-site unregulated AP where there is **face-to-face, supervised provision**, should be coded as B in the register, but only once the AP setting has confirmed daily attendance. The register **must not** be flood-coded ahead of time.

Some pupils may be accessing online provision which is not face-to-face (even on screen); this should be coded as C.

Further detail and guidance is available at [Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

Pre-placement

Pre-placement, All Saints School will ensure that the following checklist has been met:

- a) Liaison with all relevant stakeholders (including the pupil, parent carer, EHCP Coordinator, social worker, Virtual School Advisor for Children in Care, health professional etc.) to ensure that the planned provision is in the best interest of the child
- b) Following initial contact with the AP setting, a site visit and record using the **01 Pre-placement visit record (Appendix 1)**
- c) Completion of the **02 Initial Referral and Admissions (Appendix 2)** form to include the following:
 - a. Key pupil details
 - b. Emergency contacts
 - c. Agreed course offer, start date, length of course including a taster day if appropriate
 - d. Agreement that the pupil will attend **no more** than 4 sessions (2 days) per week, to avoid any risk of the setting being deemed an illegal school (see above and also the Norfolk County Council Directory for more information)
 - e. Key professional contacts
 - f. Core aims and objectives of the placement

- g. How progress will be monitored and communicated back to All Saints School (when, how, how often)
 - h. If and how the placement contributes to the pupil's post-16 plans
 - i. SEND/EAL needs of the pupil, including relevant EHCP targets as appropriate
 - j. If appropriate, links to the pupil's Individual Healthcare plan; GP contact details
 - k. Youth Justice Service contacts if appropriate
 - l. How **daily** attendance will be reported back to All Saints School, procedures for non-attendance
 - m. School DSL contact details and agreement for the recording and communicating of safeguarding concerns
 - n. Photo consent
 - o. Behaviour expectations which are in line with the school's own policy (i.e., no smoking etc.); the **04 Learner Code of Conduct (Appendix 4)** may be used. How will behaviour incidents (including praise and positive feedback) be communicated? How will such feedback contribute to *[All Saints School's]* tracking system for behaviour (and impact on rewards if, for example, reward trips depend on a number of positive points earned)
 - p. Risk assessment
 - q. Agreement of what will happen if the pupil is suspended from school and the suspension impacts on the days during which they would normally be at the AP
 - r. Equipment, clothing required
 - s. Contact with animals and any relevant risk assessments
 - t. Transport
 - u. How lunches and/or snacks will be provided; especially if the pupil is in receipt of Free School Meals, and/or if they have a food allergy/intolerance/are pregnant etc.
 - v. How the setting/school will communicate with parent/carers
 - w. If a TA or other school colleague will accompany the pupil, their contact details and what will happen if that colleague is absent for any reason
- d) If relevant, a pre-placement baseline assessment (helpful if the placement is for social, emotional and/or to improve behaviour). Suggestions are available in the document **03 Pre-placement baseline (Appendix 3)** if the school does not already have a social and emotional tracking system in place.
 - e) Funding: additional funding may be available to the school for an AP placement. Please refer to [SEND funding - Schools \(norfolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/SEND-funding-Schools) for further guidance
 - f) The operational lead for the oversight of pupils attending off-site AP will ensure that all relevant documentation (including emails) are stored centrally on the school G Drive to ensure access as required. Access to key information should depend on the system, not a person.
 - g) All Saints School understands that when AP is commissioned to meet the specific needs of a pupil, they have the responsibility to ensure that the pupil is not disadvantaged in respect of being kept safe, attendance or educational outcomes, including personal development (access to visits and trips, for example).

Mid-placement

Pre-placement, All Saints School and the AP provider will have agreed the frequency and method of progress reporting. This should take place at least once every term.

During the placement, a school colleague will visit the pupil on site and observe them undertaking the activity. A record of this visit should be logged on the form **05 Alternative Provision Progress visit record (Appendix 5)**.

Where possible, the pupil's perspective and views should be recorded on the form **06 Mid or End of placement evaluation (Appendix 6)**. If special needs are a barrier to communication, other methods may be appropriate (such as photographs showing that a non-verbal pupil is happy and engaged, for example).

Parent carers and the centre lead at the provision (or relevant tutor or key worker) should also complete form **06 Mid or End of placement evaluation (Appendix 6)**. If relevant, other professionals (such as an EHCP Coordinator or Virtual School for Children in Care Adviser) may also contribute their views.

Evaluations and placement evidence may be shared during PEPs or EHCP reviews as appropriate.

If the mid-placement visit record and/or evaluation show that changes are required to the offer, such as the type of activity, days or times attended etc., then this should be reviewed, and the initial admissions form amended to reflect the changes.

Any pre-placement baseline assessments may be repeated mid-placement to demonstrate progress.

End of placement

At the end of the placement, the form **06 Mid or End of placement evaluation (Appendix 6)** should be completed by the school, pupil, AP setting and parent/carer. If relevant, other professionals (such as an EHCP Coordinator or Virtual School for Children in Care Adviser) may also contribute their views.

Any pre-placement baseline assessments may be repeated at the end of the placement to demonstrate progress.

Governance

All Saints School will ensure that there is effective governance and oversight of the school's commissioning of unregulated AP. The nominated staff member is named on the front of this policy.

The headteacher will monitor All Saints School's use of unregulated AP and present this information in the Headteacher's half termly report to the Advisory Board and via the operational lead for this area of work. An Advisory Board member responsible for Safeguarding will carry out the relevant checks during the annual safeguarding review.

The policy is updated annually, in line with national and local guidance.

References

[Alternative Provision Statutory guidance for local authorities; January 2013](#)

[Independent schools inspection handbook - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Keeping children safe in education 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

[Registration of independent schools, Departmental advice for proprietors and prospective proprietors of independent schools in England; August 2019](#)

[School inspection handbook - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[School suspensions and permanent exclusions - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Appendix 1

Unregulated Alternative Provision

01 Pre-placement visit record

Name of AP setting

Address

Telephone

Key contact at the AP setting (name/role)

Email

Pre-placement visit carried out by
(name/role)

School/organisation

Email

PRE-PLACEMENT

	Y/N	By (name/role)	Date	Comments
Has the commissioner carried out a pre-placement visit to the setting?				
Has the young person been actively involved in planning for this placement?				
Has the parent/carer been actively involved in planning for this placement?				
Have any other relevant professionals been actively involved in planning for this placement? (e.g., LAC Adviser, EHCP Co, YOT key worker etc.)				
Has a taster session been arranged for the young person?				

	Y/N	By (name/role)	Date	Comments
Has the commissioner requested references/recommendations from other schools/commissioners?				
Has the commissioner requested and received a copy of the Norfolk County Council Quality Assurance visit report from the provider? (if available)				
Has the commissioner checked the Norfolk County Council Unregulated Alternative Provision Directory for information regarding legal duties (number of hours/days permitted)? NOTE – the directory is not an approved list and commissioners are responsible for carrying out their own checks				
Is the setting listed in the Unregulated Alternative Provision Directory ? If not, please contact sonia.walker@norfolk.gov.uk				
Is the commissioner aware of the checks that Ofsted may make when schools commission Alternative Provision? (see the Unregulated Alternative Provision Directory , p4-6)				
Does the AP setting have a website? Has the referrer checked this?				
Does the setting have a social media feed? Has the commissioner checked this for any potential concerns?				
Has the AP setting been inspected? Are reports available?				

	Y/N	By (name/role)	Date	Comments
Is the school/commissioner confident that the setting is not operating illegally (see Unregulated Alternative Provision Directory for further details and DfE guidance)?				

SAFEGUARDING

	Y/N	By (name/role)	Date	Comments
Does the AP setting have an appropriate safeguarding policy?				
When a pre-placement visit was carried out, were signing-in procedures appropriate?				
Was information provided about safeguarding leads? (e.g., leaflet, posters, lanyards etc.)				
Who in the AP setting has been trained in safeguarding? When? Is there evidence of training?				
Are staff trained in working with young people with SEND?				
Does the commissioner have assurance that all staff have up to date DBS checks in place?				
What is the AP setting's GDPR policy?				
What is the AP setting's photo consent policy?				
Does the AP setting have an appropriate system for recording safeguarding concerns?				
Does the AP setting have an appropriate system for notifying				

commissioners/schools of safeguarding issues?

Does the AP setting have a secure method of storing safeguarding concern forms/files?

Is there a single central record which includes all staff and volunteers? (See [Keeping children safe in education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/keeping-children-safe-in-education) from paragraph 211)

Has the commissioner agreed how and when **daily** attendance/absence will be communicated to the commissioner/school?

Is the site secure?

If the site is not secure, have potential risks been addressed?

Are there post-16 or adults also learning on site at the setting? If so, how is safeguarding for school-age young people being ensured?

As per KCSIE 327-328, has the school received written confirmation from the AP that *appropriate safeguarding checks have been carried out on individuals working at the establishment, i.e., those checks that the school would otherwise perform in respect of its own staff*

HEALTH AND SAFETY

	Y/N	By (name/role)	Date	Comments
Does the AP setting have adequate insurance? (see below)				

Can they provide certificates to show this? On the certificates, do the amounts covered (£) match those recommended?

Does the AP setting have an adequate Health and Safety policy?

Is there an appropriate Risk Assessment template? If not, use sample provided.

Can the AP setting demonstrate that it has carried out appropriate fire risk assessments?

Can the AP setting demonstrate that it regularly carries out practice fire evacuation procedures?

Does the AP setting have a First Aid policy?

Who are the AP setting's trained First Aiders? How are they identified (e.g., posters, lanyards etc.)?

Has the commissioner seen evidence of in-date First Aid training certificates?

If the AP setting involves contact with animals, have all appropriate safety measures been agreed?

If the AP setting involves the use of machinery and/or tools, has a risk assessment been created?

If the placement involves the use of machinery/tools, when/how will the young person receive suitable training?

Will the young person require any special clothing or equipment? If so, who will provide this?

Is the environment appropriate for the young person? Is it well-maintained?

If off-site visits or trips form part of the placement, are suitable risk assessments in place?

BEHAVIOUR

	Y/N	By (name/role)	Date	Comments
Does the AP setting have an appropriate behaviour policy/code of conduct?				
Is there a rewards system? Can this be linked to the school's own system?				
Are there any sanctions?				
What is the policy around smoking?				
How does the AP setting demonstrate that behaviour management is strong?				
Are appropriate systems in place for recording and communicating behaviour incidents?				
Does the AP setting have its own behaviour contract/code of conduct which the young person is required to sign?				
Have the commissioner and setting agreed on processes if the placement does not work/is not appropriate?				

PROVISION OFFER

	Y/N	By (name/role)	Date	Comments
Does the school have clear aims and objectives for this AP placement in line with the young person's curriculum?				
Does the school have clear aims and objectives for this AP placement in line with the young person's post-16 plans?				
Will the young person be undertaking any qualifications?				
Can the AP setting provide evidence of a success rate with these qualifications?				
How can the AP setting demonstrate that teaching and learning is of a high standard?				
Has the commissioner carried out a pre-placement baseline assessment which can be reviewed to assess progress?				
Are appropriate progress tracking systems in place?				
Has the commissioner agreed how and when progress at the AP setting will be communicated to the school?				
Have appropriate arrangements been made for transport?				
Have appropriate arrangements been made for snacks and lunches?				
If the young person receives Free School Meals – how will they receive their entitlement?				

AP setting Risk Assessment (to be adapted/replaced with school/commissioner’s own version as required)



Very likely to occur/High risk

Likely to occur/Medium risk

Not very likely to occur/Low risk

List of significant hazards (potential to cause harm)	Who might be harmed	Type of harm	Risk rating	Control Measures (actions to control the risk - include procedure for the task/activity where these are specified)	New risk rating
<i>E.g., Farm machinery on site and moving around during the day</i>	<i>Young person</i>	<i>Injury or fatality due to moving parts of the machinery</i>		<i>Young person to be supervised by an adult, at all times, when moving around the site. Machines to only be used if absolutely necessary during the times when young people are on site.</i>	
<i>E.g., animals</i>	<i>Young person</i>	<i>An animal may bite or kick a young person.</i>		<i>Young person to be supervised by an adult, at all times, when around animals. Young person to be taught the correct way to respond to/hold/feed animals. Young person to not be left alone with animals.</i>	
<i>Etc.</i>					

Recommended Levels of Insurance Cover

- Public Liability insurance for a minimum of five-million-pound sterling (£5,000,000) in respect of any one act or occurrence or series of acts or occurrences in any one year

- Employer's Liability insurance for a minimum of ten-million-pound sterling (£10,000,000) in respect of any one act or occurrence or series of acts or occurrences in any one year
- Professional Negligence insurance for a minimum of two-million-pound sterling (£2,000,000) in respect of any one act or occurrence or series of acts or occurrences in any one year
- The Service Provider and its Personnel shall have in place motor vehicle insurance commensurate with the potential liabilities of the Service Provider relating to the operation of vehicles used for the transport of Service User/s and their visitors
- Subcontractor Liability – the Service Provider shall ensure that the same levels of insurance are maintained for any sub-contracted Services

The onus is on the Service Provider to ensure that its insurance policies are always adequate to cover eventualities pertaining to its business, but the school also holds a responsibility to pupils placed there.

Relevant documentation

- Alternative Provision – Statutory guidance for local authorities - DfE January 2013 (Also applies to *Advisory bodies and head teachers; state schools; academies; PRUs; AP providers*)
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/268940/alternative_provision_statutory_guidance_pdf_version.pdf
- Keeping Children Safe in Education: Statutory guidance for schools and colleges [Keeping children safe in education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/690495/La_Guidance_March_2018.pdf)
- Unregistered independent schools and out of school settings – DfE March 2018
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/690495/La_Guidance_March_2018.pdf

Appendix 2

02 Initial Referral (Section A) and Admission form (Section B)

SECTION A to be completed **prior** to placement being agreed

SECTION B to be completed when **placement has been agreed**

Where relevant, cells have a variety of possible responses included colleagues should delete the information as applicable. All cells may be expanded.

SECTION A

STUDENT NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

School

Year group

School key contact name

School key contact role

School key contact telephone

School key contact email

ULN Number

% attendance at time of referral

SEND

NO KNOWN SEND

SEND SUPPORT

EHCP IN APPLICATION

EHCP IN YES TO ASSESS STAGE

EHCP IN DRAFT

EHCP IN PLACE

If the YP has an EHCP, have the relevant sections/targets been attached to this referral?

Does the YP have an Individual Learning Plan (ILP)?

Is the ILP attached to this referral?

Has the YP undergone a risk assessment?

Is a copy of the risk assessment attached to this referral?

Is the pupil a child in care?

Is the pupil an Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker?

Is the pupil a refugee?

If yes, (to all 3 previous Qs) is the Virtual School aware of this referral?

Does the pupil have an Individual Healthcare Plan?

If the pupil has an Individual Healthcare Plan, is it attached to this referral?

Is the pupil open to social care?

YES NO FSP S17 S47 OTHER

If any other agencies are involved, please list here

Does the pupil have a Behaviour Support Plan?

If the pupil has a Behaviour Support plan, is it attached to this referral?

Day(s) / timings required (NO MORE THAN 2 FULL DAYS OR 4 SESSIONS)

Preferred attendance duration

E.g. one term

Proposed start date

Proposed end date

Does the YP attend any other Alternative Provision?

If Yes, please specify days and times

If Yes, which course(s) (provide level)

Is the pupil a Young Carer?

Is the pupil from a Gypsy, Roma or Traveller community?

SECTION B CORE INFORMATION

STUDENT NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

GENDER

MALE FEMALE

Ethnicity⁴

- IDENTIFIES AS MALE
- IDENTIFIES AS FEMALE
- NON-BINARY
- WHITE BRITISH
- IRISH
- WHITE GYSPY ROMA
- TRAVELLER OF IRISH HERITAGE
- ANY OTHER BACKGROUND
- WHITE AND BLACK CARIBBEAN
AND BLACK AFRICAN
- WHITE AND ASIAN
- ANY OTHER MIXED OR MULTIPLE ETHNIC
BACKGROUND
- INDIAN
- PAKISTANI BANGLADESHI
- CHINESE
- ANY OTHER ASIAN BACKGROUND
- BLACK AFRICAN
- BLACK CARIBBEAN
- ARAB
- ANY OTHER ETHNIC GROUP

Name of Parent/Carer

Email of parent/carers

Mobile telephone

Home telephone

Work telephone

Emergency Contact 1

Name/relationship

Emergency Contact 1

Telephone number

⁴ [List of ethnic groups - GOV.UK \(ethnicity-facts-figures.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/ethnicity-facts-figures)

Emergency Contact 2

Name/relationship

Emergency Contact 2

Telephone number

Course/provision offer

Days and times to attend (NO MORE THAN 4 SESSIONS TOTAL/2 FULL DAYS)

Agreed taster date (if applicable)

Agreed start date

Planned end date

Time and method of arrival (please state if different on different days)

Time and method of departure (please state if different on different days)

If relevant, EHCP Coordinator email

If relevant, YOT keyworker email

If relevant, Virtual School Children in care Adviser email

If relevant, social worker/FSP email

SAFEGUARDING

Attendance

Please document how and when attendance at the AP setting will be communicated to the school/commissioner

Agreed day/time (e.g., by 9am every Monday and Wednesday)

Method (e.g., by email to the key contact/school pastoral lead/attendance lead)

Provide relevant email addresses/telephone numbers and name/role of key contact

Procedures for non-attendance

If the young person has not arrived by (insert time), the following will take place (this list is to be adapted by the school/commissioner):

School/commissioner informed as per the agreement above

Telephone call to the young person's parent/carer

Telephone call to the relevant professional (provide detail as necessary. For example, it would not necessarily be essential to inform an EHCP Coordinator, but if the young person is at risk, then the social worker/FSP/YOT worker may need informing)

If the young person's whereabouts are not known – indicate agreed safeguarding procedures here

School Designated Safeguarding Lead name

School Designated Safeguarding Lead email

School Designated Safeguarding Lead telephone

Agreed process for the recording and informing of a safeguarding concern

This checklist is to be adapted by the school/commissioner according to its own safeguarding policy and processes:

Has the school shared its own preferred safeguarding record form? Has a minimum timeline been agreed? (e.g., within 30 minutes etc.)

Has the AP setting shared a copy of its safeguarding record form?

Sample forms and templates can be sourced at [Safeguarding forms and templates - Schools \(norfolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk)

Is there any safeguarding information that the AP setting needs to know in advance of a placement?

Has a Risk Assessment been completed?

Method of communication – detail how concerns will be shared and with whom (e.g., DSL contact, as above, via email using the school's safeguarding template/access to shared drive etc.)

How will the AP setting log the concern?

Who will follow this up? When? How?

Has the school checked the AP setting's own safeguarding policy?

General

Photo consent

Has the school/commissioner checked that the young person will not be mixing with post-16 students/adults who are not staff, while at the setting?

Will any of the provision take place off-site? Will this require an additional risk assessment or consent form?

Is photo consent required?

Does the school or AP setting have consent to share photographs of this young person on social media/on their website/in the press?

Will additional consent be checked if needed (e.g., for a special event)?

AIMS AND OUTCOMES

KEY OBJECTIVE 1

KEY OBJECTIVE 2

KEY OBJECTIVE 3

If these objectives are linked to PEP targets and/or EHCP outcomes, please list here

How do the objectives meet the curriculum provision of this young person? If relevant, please provide any current levels in core subjects

If the aims are social/emotional, will any baseline tests be completed at the beginning and then during/at the end of the placement to demonstrate progress?

How will the AP setting communicate progress? (format/regularity) To whom?

If progress is not evident, what steps will be taken?

How will all parties ensure that progress is shared with other relevant professionals (EHCP Co/LAC Adviser etc.)?

Does the setting have a shared drive which the school contact can access to view progress?

Will the young person be working towards any qualifications? If so, provide detail, with expected levels and completion timeframes

Agree dates and times when the school/commissioner can visit the young person in the setting. (see 06Alternative Provision Progress Visit record)

Agree that the school/commissioner may carry out unplanned visits to the young person in the setting

If in KS4-5 (Y10-13), how will this placement contribute to post-16/18 planning for this young person?

Who is the careers lead at school? Are they aware of this placement?

Will any careers advice be provided during this placement?

Will the placement involve any work experience?

How will progress during work experience be recorded? How will this be shared?

Will the setting facilitate any college visits? How and when?

SEND/LAC/Health/YOT information

Core information

List the key needs here

What are the key needs for this young person?

Does the young person require additional adult support? Will this be provided by the school? (e.g., TA)

If so, what are their contact details?

List the basics of what AP staff need to know (this can be expanded in detail if required)

EHCP/PEP/ILP/BSP targets

List any relevant targets from the pupil's EHCP, PEP, Individual Learning Plan or Behaviour Support Plan

If relevant, list key targets related to mental health and/or Social, Emotional and Mental Health [SEMH] issues

How will this placement support the pupil to achieve these targets?

Will AP colleagues be invited to reviews as appropriate? If so, please provide dates and times if known

English as an additional language

If the pupil speaks a language other than English as their first language, which languages are spoken at home?

Will the pupil require any additional support?

How will this be provided?

Health

Does this young person have an Individual Healthcare Plan? [Supporting pupils with medical conditions at school - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-pupils-with-medical-conditions-at-school)

Is there any other relevant health information?

Does the young person have an inhaler/EpiPen/other health equipment?

Does the young person take any medication during the day?

Does this require secure storage?

If so – it must be provided to the setting in the original box with dosage instructions (not a cut out blister pack)

Does the young person have any access requirements?

GP contact details

Please provide the name of the pupil’s GP, surgery address and telephone number

YOT

If the young person has a YOT worker, please add their contact details here.

Have they been notified of this placement?

Have you checked in with the YOT worker to ensure that the setting is advisable on a given day (e.g., to avoid mixing with known associates if inappropriate)?

BEHAVIOUR

Expectations

Has the 05Learner Code of Conduct been completed?

Summarise here the expected behaviour from the young person, e.g.

XX will arrive on time

XX will not smoke on site

Policy

XX will complete all work to the best of their ability

XX will follow instructions etc.

Has the school checked the Behaviour policy/expectations of the setting?

If the young person attends more than 1 AP setting, are the expectations different?

What are the potential consequences of this?

What is the setting's policy around smoking?

What is the policy on leaving the AP site?

Has the AP setting shared its use of sanctions with the commissioner (if relevant)?

How often (and to whom) will the AP setting report back to the school on the young person's behaviour?

Has the school shared its behaviour system with the AP setting and is it possible for the setting to contribute to this (e.g., issuing a 'positive' point). Provide detail of how this will be communicated.

Is there a rewards policy? Has this been shared? Will the pupil be able to transfer rewards between AP and school (so that they are not disadvantaged by not being at school for 1-2 days per week)?

Have all policies been effectively shared and agreed with the young person? If so – by whom and when?

Suspension and exclusion

Has a discussion taken place, and agreement reached, on what would happen if the young person received a suspension from school? E.g., will this impact on the AP setting? Will the suspension take place on the same day as the young person would usually attend the AP? If so – how can this time be made up etc.

Would there be circumstances in which a day spent at the AP could be in lieu of a suspension? E.g., to reflect upon behaviour and complete work in a different environment. If so, are there any cost/transport/lunch/consent implications etc.?

EQUIPMENT/USE OF MACHINERY/TOOLS

Equipment

Provide detail of what will be required ahead of the placement/what the AP setting will provide/if funding is required etc. (e.g., hard hats, appropriate footwear etc.)

Are there any specific clothing requirements?

Does hair need to be tied back?

Is jewellery permitted?

Does the AP setting maintain logs to evidence that young people have received appropriate training?

Use of machinery, tools and/or digital equipment

Has an appropriate risk assessment with regard to the use of tools, machinery and/or digital equipment been agreed?

What is the induction process?

What will be the staffing ratios at the setting?

Animals

If relevant, how will the young person receive appropriate induction in handling/assisting with animals?

Is any appropriate clothing required?

Are there any health risks associated with contact with animals (e.g., allergies)?

PRACTICALITIES

Transport

How will the young person travel to and from the AP setting

If by taxi, what are the key contact details for the taxi company?

If via another adult not named above – provide contact details

If transport is not available on a given day, what steps will be taken?

Lunch/snacks

Are snacks/lunch provided?

If the young person receives Free School Meals, how will the school ensure that lunch is provided? (e.g., if a packed lunch is provided at

school, but the young person is travelling direct from home)

Does the young person have any food allergies/dietary requirements?

Is there a setting policy (e.g., no nuts on site etc.)?

Is there a tuck shop and/or vending machine on site? What is provided? Will the young person require cash?

Is drinking water provided on site?

Signatures⁵

We, the named persons below certify that we are authorised to refer the young person named and accept the terms of business as agreed with the referring agency/school.

We confirm that all details are current, correct and that all relevant information has been shared.

We agree to inform relevant parties (named below) of any changes in circumstance/support needs in writing/via email.

Signatory	Signature	Date
Parent/carer		
Young person		
School referrer		
AP contact/lead		
Other professional (name/role)		

A completed copy of this form will be forwarded to:

- Parent/carer
- Young person
- School contact
- AP contact
- EHCP Coordinator
- LAC Adviser
- YOT Key worker
- NHS professional
- Other relevant professional

⁵ If electronic, the school/referrer must retain its own evidence of this (e.g., email, record of telephone conversation)

Appendix 3

03 Pre-placement baseline (young person)

If the Alternative Provision placement has an aim related to social and emotional or mental health, it may be appropriate to conduct a pre-placement questionnaire with the young person.

This can be revisited once every half term (for example) and progress measured.

Schools may have their own pre-existing templates, and/or systems such as [Boxall Profile Online](#) or [the THRIVE approach](#) which are already in use in school.

Alternative templates (for a range of ages and stages) can be accessed via the sites listed below.

- [The Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire](#)
 - The website provides easily downloadable questionnaires and scoring systems for use with school-age young people.
- [The Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale \(WEMWBS\)](#)
 - Schools may register (without cost) to use this well-being scale questionnaire.
- [Assessment: Wishes & Feelings Archives - Free Social Work Tools and Resources: SocialWorkersToolbox.com](#)
 - This website provides a variety of tools (questionnaires, feelings faces, feelings charts etc.) which are downloadable without charge.
- [Cafcass resources for professionals](#)
 - This website provides resources such as a wishes and feelings pack, which can be used freely by schools.

Appendix 4

04 Learner Code of Conduct agreement

This Code of Conduct is an agreement between the parties listed below. It can be adapted to suit the setting's existing behaviour policy.

Student name

Date of birth

School

Year group

School/commissioner contact name

School/commissioner contact email

School/commissioner contact telephone

School/commissioner contact role

Parent/carer(s) name

Parent/carer(s) email

Parent/carer(s) telephone

AP lead name

AP lead email

AP lead telephone

Key Expectations

Please take time to read the expectations and code of conduct for attending our alternative provision [AP]. Many of the rules/expectations mirror those of mainstream schools.

Learners are still expected to be able to maintain an appropriate level of behaviour and respect the boundaries that are in place.

**Whilst at my AP I agree to/have been told
about the following**

Young person to sign here

If I cannot attend for any reason, I will inform the
AP by *(time)*

I will arrive on time and ready to learn

I will be respectful of all others and property

I will do my best in all sessions

I will wear appropriate clothing for the setting, in
line with non-school uniform days. (No slogans,
offensive or revealing clothing)

If I require medication, I will hand it in upon
arrival. My parent or carer will call in to discuss
requirements

I understand I may need special equipment or
have to wear special clothing and agree to use or
wear what is asked of me

If I have an accident, I will inform my
teacher/instructor straight away

I have been told what to expect if there is a fire
alarm and been shown where to go

I understand I cannot leave site during the
session/without supervision

I understand that my mobile phone needs to be
in my bag away during the day

I understand that school and AP sites are non-smoking and agree to adhere to the smoking, drug and alcohol rules

I understand that breaching any of the above will lead to my parents/carers being called and consequences being put in place after discussion with my school

By reading and signing this contract you are agreeing to adhering the rules of the designated alternative provider. If you would like anything explained in further detail now or over the course of your placement, please ask any of the named keyworkers above.

Signatures⁶

We, the named persons below certify that we are authorised to refer the young person named and accept the terms of business as agreed with the referring agency/school.

We confirm that all details are current, correct and that all relevant information has been shared.

We also agree to inform relevant parties (named below) of any changes in circumstance/support needs in writing/via email.

Signatory

Signature

Date

Parent/carer

Young person

School referrer

AP contact/lead

⁶ If electronic, the school/referrer must retain its own evidence of this (e.g., email, record of telephone conversation)

**Other professional
(name/role)**

A completed copy of this form will be forwarded to (delete as applicable):

- Parent/carer
- Young person
- School contact
- AP contact
- EHCP Co
- LAC Adviser
- YOT Key worker
- NHS professional
- Other relevant professional

Appendix 5

05 Progress visit to Alternative Provision (AP)

Note that the “06 Mid or End of placement evaluation form” can be completed during a progress visit (this may then replace some sections below).

With the agreement of the provider and young person, photographs may be taken of work completed to evidence progress in EHCP/LAC reviews/PEPs, for example.

Core information

Name of pupil

Date of birth

Name of AP

Date and time of visit

Visit completed by (name and role)

Most recent risk assessment seen

School risk assessment updated

Copy received

Visit procedures

Was this visit planned or unannounced?

On arrival, was your identity checked?

On arrival, were you provided with any safeguarding information?

On arrival, were you provided with any fire evacuation information?

On arrival, were you signed in effectively?

Did the site feel safe?

Was it easy to identify staff (e.g., uniforms/lanyards)?

Were the young people on site being effectively supported?

Is the learner's risk assessment being followed?

Does the current risk assessment meet need?

Is the AP setting communicating well with the school/commissioner on attendance?

Is the AP setting communicating well with the school/commissioner on engagement?

Is the AP setting communicating well with the school/commissioner on progress?

Is the AP setting communicating well with the school/commissioner on behaviour?

General comments

Provide detail if any of the answers above are 'no'.

Add any other relevant comments/notes following your visit, e.g., safety on site, anything you saw which was done well, anything of concern; did you see any post-16 mixing with school-age pupils? Did you witness any inappropriate behaviour? Was the quality of instruction of a high standard? Was the atmosphere calm and purposeful? etc. (Cell can be expanded)

Placement Objectives

Original objective

Progress to date

1.

2.

3.

Young person's views on the placement

Have you been enjoying the placement?

What have you been learning?

How has this helped you?

What impact has it had on your time in

school?

What is the most useful thing about this placement?

What support do you get here?

If you weren't happy here, do you know who to speak to?

Parent/carer views on the placement

Is your child enjoying the placement?

Have you noticed any changes in your child since starting the placement?

Is attending the placement having a positive impact on your child when they are at school?

Provider's view on the placement

Does the young person appear to be enjoying the placement?

Does the young person fully engage with all activities whilst here?

Has there been any change in the behaviour of the young person since attending?

How do you manage any behaviour concerns?

Identified actions:

E.g., Do any of the objectives need revising or changing? Does the risk assessment need updating? Should the placement continue? Should the placement be extended?

Signatures⁷

We, the named persons below certify that we are authorised to refer the young person named and accept the terms of business as agreed with the referring agency/school.

We confirm that all details are current, correct and that all relevant information has been shared.

We also agree to inform relevant parties (named below) of any changes in circumstance/support needs in writing/via email.

⁷ If electronic, the school/referrer must retain its own evidence of this (e.g., email, record of telephone conversation)

Signatory

Signature

Date

Parent/carer

Young person

School referrer

AP contact/lead

Other professional (name/role)

A completed copy of this form will be forwarded to:

- Parent/carer
- Young person
- School contact
- AP contact
- EHCP Co
- LAC Adviser
- YOT Key worker
- NHS professional
- Other relevant professional

Appendix 6

06 Mid or End of Placement Evaluation⁸

This evaluation can be completed remotely, or during a progress visit (see "05 Alternative Provision Progress Visit").

Core information

Pupil Name

Date of birth

School/commissioner

School/commissioner (name/role)

AP lead completing this form (name/role)

Date of visit and/or evaluation

Dates of placement

Course(s) completed

Placement objectives

1

2

3

Young person's evaluation

If completed mid-placement, scores can be calculated and compared over time

Strongly agree

Agree

Agree and disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

5

4

3

2

1

1. The adults at the AP are/were very skilled in what they are/were teaching/delivering.

⁸ Delete as appropriate (Mid/End)

2. I receive(d) enough support whilst at the setting
3. I always feel/felt safe whilst at the setting
4. I know/knew who I can/could talk to if needed
5. I understand/understood how the sessions are/were helping me to progress in the future
6. I am more confident as a result of this placement
7. I am coping better at school as a result of this placement
8. I receive(d) enough support whilst at the setting
9. I always feel/felt safe whilst at the setting
10. I know/knew who I can/could talk to if needed
11. I understand/understood how the sessions are/were helping me to progress in the future
12. I am more confident as a result of this placement
13. I am coping better at school as a result of this placement

Total score

Has the score changed since any previous evaluation?

General comments

What are you enjoying/did you enjoy most?

Is there anything you would like to see changed?

How do you feel attending an AP has helped you?
(Cell can be expanded)

Signed/date

Parent/carer evaluation

If completed mid-placement, scores can be calculated and compared over time

Strongly agree	Agree	Agree and disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
5	4	3	2	1

1. I understand/understood why my young person was referred to an AP
2. I felt included as part of the referral process
3. I have received good communication throughout the AP placement
4. The AP provides/provided a safe and friendly learning environment
5. The AP is helping/has helped my young person to progress through education

Total score

Has the score changed since any previous evaluation?

General comments

Add more information on the scoring above including achievements made and any potential areas of on-going concern. (Cell can be expanded)

Signed/date

Alternative Provider report

If completed mid-placement, scores can be calculated and compared over time

Strongly agree	Agree	Agree and disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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5

3

1

4

2

1. The initial objectives are being/have been achieved (provide detail below)
2. The learner is attending/has attended well
3. The learner is engaging/has engaged well
4. The learner is making/has made academic progress (provide detail below)
5. The learner is making/has made good progress in vocational courses
6. The learner is making/has made SEMH progress

Total score

Has the score changed since any previous evaluation?

General comments

E.g. attendance data, achievements that have been made, objectives met and any potential areas of on-going concern, need for risk assessments to be reviewed etc. (Cell can be expanded)

Signed/date

School/commissioner comment

If completed mid-placement, scores can be calculated and compared over time

Strongly agree

Agree

Agree and disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

5

4

3

2

1

1. The rationale for sending the learner to AP are being/have been achieved

2. The learner is coping/has coped better at school since attending.
3. Attendance at school is improving/has improved since the placement started
4. Engagement at school is improving/has improved since the placement started
5. The learner's behaviour at school is improving/has improved since the placement started
6. Communication has been clear between the school and the AP
7. The AP placement has supported the learner's next steps

Total score

Has the score changed since any previous evaluation?

General comments

E.g., Do objectives need reviewing? Is an extension/cessation required? Does the learner require any additional support? (Cell can be expanded)

Signed/date

Agreed actions as a result of this evaluation:

Once complete, forward copies of this evaluation to all relevant parties.

Appendix 7

Unregulated alternative provider safer recruitment checks

As per [Keeping children safe in education 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk):

327. Where a school places a pupil with an alternative provision provider, the school continues to be responsible for the safeguarding of that pupil and should be satisfied that the provider meets the needs of the pupil.

*328. Schools should obtain **written confirmation** from the alternative provision provider that appropriate safeguarding checks have been carried out on individuals working at the establishment, i.e., those checks that the school would otherwise perform in respect of its own staff.*

Therefore All Saints School is obliged to obtain written confirmation of the following (according to Part 3 of [Keeping children safe in education 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk))

Prior to any placement being agreed, the following must be completed by the AP centre lead or proprietor, signed and returned to the school. Failure to complete this form may result in placements being paused or ceased and funding withdrawn.

Name of provision

Address of provision

Proprietor/centre lead name/role

Proprietor/centre lead contact telephone and email

I, the undersigned, confirm that in respect of all employees and volunteers at the above named unregulated alternative provision, the following checks and procedures are in place and affirm that all staff are suitable to work with children. I understand that the school may request sight of relevant documents during a pre or mid-placement visit.

1. **Staff files** are in place and contain evidence of
 - a. Application forms containing
 - i. personal details (current and former names, current address and national insurance number)
 - ii. details of their present (or last) employment and reason for leaving
 - iii. full employment history

- iv. qualifications
- v. details of referees
- vi. a statement of personal qualities and experience

- b. A self-declaration of any criminal record or information which may make them unsuitable to work with children
- c. Evidence of right to work in the UK
- d. Photocopies of identity checks (with a photograph)
- e. At least 2 references, including 1 from the applicant's current or most recent employer
- f. A risk assessment as required
- g. Interview notes which include a safeguarding question
- h. Photocopies of qualifications

2. **Staff tracker or single central record** which includes:

- a. Name and address of employee/volunteer
- b. Date employment started
- c. Date identity checks carried out and by whom
- d. Date DBS checked and by whom
- e. Risk assessment in place yes/no
- f. Right to work in the UK checks – when and by whom
- g. Qualifications check – when and by whom
- h. Prohibition order checks- when and by whom (for those in 'teaching activity')

Signed

Date

Received by school (name/date)