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Commissioning of Unregulated Alternative Provision						
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#### References

Alternative Provision Statutory guidance for local authorities; January 2013

Independent schools inspection handbook - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023 KCSIE 2023

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)

#### **Definition and purpose**

Responsibility for the alternative provision used rests with the commissioner

This policy aims to provide clear guidance to Sheringham Woodfields 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 their home 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.
- Governing bodies 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.<sup>2</sup>

#### Power of schools to direct a pupil off-site for education to improve behaviour

- Governing bodies of maintained schools have the power to direct a pupil off-site for education to improve his or her behaviour. The Secretary of State has made regulations, as is required by the related primary legislation, concerning schools' use of this power.
- Under revised off-site regulations, the governing body must:
  - ensure that parents (and the local authority where the pupil has a EHCP of special educational needs) are given clear information about the placement: why, when, where, and how it will be reviewed
  - o keep the placement under review and involve parents in the review. The regulations specify regular reviews but do not specify how often reviews must take place (that should be decided on a case-by-case basis). Reviews should be frequent enough to provide assurance that the off-site education is achieving its objectives and that the pupil is benefitting from it; and have regard to guidance from the Secretary of State on the use of this power new statutory guidance on this issue can be found below at paragraph 41
- This legislation does not apply to Academies. They can arrange off-site provision for similar purposes under their general powers, set out in the Academy Trust's Articles of Association. Though the regulations and guidance do not apply, they can provide Academies with an example of good practice.<sup>3</sup>

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. Governors and Headteachers must adhere to the regulations set out in <a href="School suspensions and permanent exclusions - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)">School suspensions and permanent exclusions - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>. For further detail on the use of off-site direction to improve behaviour, see the Norfolk County Council Directory of Unregulated Alternative Provision at <a href="Unregulated alternative provision templates - Schools (norfolk.gov.uk)">Unregulated alternative provision templates - Schools (norfolk.gov.uk)</a>.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Alternative Provision Statutory guidance for local authorities; January 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Alternative Provision Statutory guidance for local authorities; January 2013

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 <u>Ofsted</u>).

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 Sheringham Woodfields 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 <u>School inspection handbook - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u> and <u>Independent schools inspection handbook - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u> (paragraph numbers in italics for the latter – delete as appropriate). 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, Sheringham Woodfields 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 Head Teacher or Deputy Head Teacher. 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.
- 1. **Parent carer views (99-100)**: Ofsted provide a letter to pass on to parent carers to notify them of an inspection. The Head Teacher 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): The Head Teacher 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 Sheringham Woodfields Schools' leaders have ensured that the placement is safe and appropriate.
- 3. Registration status<sup>4</sup> (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]. Sheringham Woodfields 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.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Registration of independent schools, Departmental advice for proprietors and prospective proprietors of independent schools in England; August 2019

- 4. Rationale (365/321): Inspectors will consider the appropriateness of the commissioned placement(s), whether leaders at Sheringham Woodfields 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.
- 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. Sheringham Woodfields 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. Sheringham Woodfields School will use the document **01 Pre-placement visit record**<sup>5</sup> (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)

Sheringham Woodfields 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 Lead
- 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. <u>Appendix 2</u> 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.

Sheringham Woodfields School will ensure a risk assessment is undertaken before the child starts which assures the school that there are appropriate safeguarding arrangements in

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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.

Sheringham Woodfields 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 <a href="Keeping children">Keeping children</a> safe in education - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) 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.

Sheringham Woodfields 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 preplacement (see <u>Appendix 2</u> 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 within 30 minutes of the pupil's planned arrival at the AP (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 <u>Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>

#### **Pre-placement**

Pre-placement, Sheringham Woodfields 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** (<u>Appendix 2</u>) 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 Sheringham Woodfields 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
- How daily attendance will be reported back to Sheringham Woodfields 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 Sheringham Woodfields Schools 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) 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 at [name system/drive etc.] to ensure access as required. Access to key information should depend on the system, not a person.
- g) Sheringham Woodfields 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, Sheringham Woodfields School and the AP provider will have agreed the frequency and method of progress reporting. This should take place at least once every half-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** (<u>Appendix 6</u>) 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

Sheringham Woodfields School will ensure that there is effective governance and oversight of the school's commissioning of unregulated AP. The nominated governor/trustee is named on the front of this policy.

The nominated governor will monitor Sheringham Woodfields Schools use of unregulated AP via the Headteacher's termly report to governors (if a section for this does not pre-exist, it is recommended that it be added) and via the operational lead for this area of work.

The nominated governor will ensure that this policy is updated annually, in line with national and local guidance.

## **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?				
Has the commissioner				
requested				
references/recommendations				
from other				
schools/commissioners?				
Has the commissioner				
requested and received a copy				

	Y/N	By (name/role)	Date	Comments
of the Norfolk County Council				
Quality Assurance visit report				
from the provider? (if				
available)				
Has the commissioner checked				
the Norfolk County Council				
<u>Unregulated Alternative</u>				
Provision Directory for				
information regarding legal				
duties (number of hours/days				
permitted)? <b>NOTE – the</b>				
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 <b>Ofsted</b> 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?				
Is the school/commissioner				
confident that the setting is not				
operating illegally (see				
<u>Unregulated Alternative</u>				
Provision Directory for further				
details and DfE guidance)?				

## **SAFEGUARDING**

	Y/N	By (name/role)	Date	Comments
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Does the AP setting have an				
appropriate safeguarding				
policy?	<del> </del>			
When a pre-placement visit was				
carried out, were signing-in				
procedures appropriate?	<u> </u>			
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) from				
paragraph 211)				
Has the commissioner agreed				
how and when <b>daily</b>				
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				
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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	Likely to occur/Medium	Not very likely to
occur/High risk	risk	occur/Low risk

f harm Risk rating	Control Measures (actions to control the risk - include procedure for the task/activity where these are specified)	New risk rating
or due to parts ery	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.	
mal fe or roung	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.	
		animals. Young person to not be left

#### **Recommended Levels of Insurance Cover**

- <u>Public Liability insurance</u> 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

- <u>Professional Negligence insurance</u> 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 <u>motor vehicle</u> <u>insurance</u> 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
- <u>Subcontractor Liability</u> 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 governing 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)
- Unregistered independent schools and out of school settings DfE March 2018
   https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/atta
   chment 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**

DATE OF BIRTH  School  Year group  School key contact name  School key contact role  School key contact telephone  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?
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Plan (ILP)?
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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
	IDENTIFIES AS MALE
	IDENTIFIES AS FEMALE
	NON-BINARY
Ethnicity <sup>6</sup>	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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> List of ethnic groups - GOV.UK (ethnicity-facts-figures.service.gov.uk)

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	PAKISTANI BANGLADESHI
	CHINESE
	ANY OTHER ASIAN BACKGROUND
	BLACK AFRICAN
	BLACK CARIBBEAN
	ARAB
	ANY OTHER ETHNIC GROUP
Name of Parent/Carer	
Email of parent/carer	
Mobile telephone	
Home telephone	
Work telephone	
Emergency Contact 1	
Name/relationship	
Emergency Contact 1	
Telephone number	
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

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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	This shocklist is to be adopted by the
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) 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?
General	Has the school checked the AP setting's own safeguarding policy? 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?
Photo consent	Is photo consent required?
riioto consent	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)?
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## **AIMS AND OUTCOMES**

## SEND/LAC/Health/YOT information

Care information	List the Levy needs have
Core information	List the key needs here
What are the key needs for this young	Does the young person require additional adult
person?	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,
Ellor / El /El /Bor targets	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)
	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
<b>УОТ</b>	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**

Exportations	Has the 05Learner Code of Conduct been
Expectations	
	completed? Summarise here the expected behaviour from the
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	young person, e.g. XX will arrive on time
	XX will not smoke on site
	XX will complete all work to the best of their
	ability
Dallar	XX will follow instructions etc.
Policy	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
Cuanancian and avaluaian	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	Has an appropriate risk assessment with regard
equipment	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?

## Signatures<sup>7</sup>

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

 $<sup>^{7}</sup>$  If electronic, the school/referrer must retain its own evidence of this (e.g., email, record of telephone conversation)

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

#### **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 <u>Boxall Profile Online</u> or <u>the THRIVE approach</u> 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	Young person to sign here
about the following	
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.

## Signatures<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> If electronic, the school/referrer must retain its own evidence of this (e.g., email, record of telephone conversation)

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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		
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 be placement continue? Should the placement be extended?

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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			
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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> If electronic, the school/referrer must retain its own evidence of this (e.g., email, record of telephone conversation)

## **Appendix 6**

#### 06 Mid or End of Placement Evaluation<sup>10</sup>

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
<ol> <li>The adults at the AP are/were very skilled in what they are/were teaching/delivering.</li> </ol>					
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					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Delete as appropriate (Mid/End)

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
<ol> <li>I understand/understood why my</li> </ol>					
young person was referred to an AP					
2. I felt included as part of the referral					
process					
<ol><li>I have received good communication</li></ol>					
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
	5	4	3	2	1
<ol> <li>The initial objectives are being/have been achieved (provide detail below)</li> </ol>					
<ol> <li>The learner is attending/has attended well</li> </ol>					
<ol> <li>The learner is engaging/has engaged well</li> </ol>					
The learner is making/has made academic progress (provide detail below)					
<ol><li>The learner is making/has made good progress in vocational courses</li></ol>					
<ol><li>The learner is making/has made SEMH progress</li></ol>					

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
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):

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 Sheringham Woodfields School is obliged to obtain written confirmation of the following (according to Part 3 of <u>Keeping children safe in education 2022 (publishing.service.gov.uk)</u>

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)	