Virtual School Support during Covid 19 - Children Previously in Care

Whilst all schools, families, children and young people are affected by the challenges of the Covid 19 pandemic, children and young people previously in care and their families are likely to find the situation additionally challenging. The Virtual School is therefore updating our offer of the support we can provide during Covid 19 (which may well be adjusted as the situation changes):

1. **Information and Advice line to promote the education of children previously in care**
   As far as possible, our information and advice line on education based issues will be open Tuesday to Fridays 9-3pm during term times via email or telephone (see contact details below).

2. **Online Workshops for Parents of Children and Young People Adopted from Care**
   We are working with TouchBase with the aim of delivering the following workshops for us online:
   - **27th April 2020** Moving to Secondary
   - **11th May 2020** Control battles
   - **18th May 2020** Starting School
   To book a place email: info@touchbase.org.uk. All Workshops are on Mondays from 1pm until 2.30pm and TouchBase will provide joining details when you book in to the Workshop.

3. **Online Workshops for Kinship Carers* of children and young people previously in care**
   We are working with TouchBase with the aim of delivering the following workshops for us online:
   - **4th May 2020** Moving to Secondary
   - **29th June 2020** Friendships and Play
   Please contact Tanith.Grice@brighton-hove.gov.uk (Family and Friends Team) to book a place or enquire at info@touchbase.org.uk. * Kinship carers: Carers of a child/young person previously in care who are Special Guardians or hold Child Arrangement/Residence Orders.

4. **Online Clinics for Parent Adopters & Kinship Carers of Children Previously in Care & School Staff**
   We are working with TouchBase with the aim of delivering our Clinics online/by telephone:
   - **30th March 2020** x 2 available sessions - 2pm, 3pm
   - **6th July 2020** x 2 available sessions - 1pm, 2pm
   Please contact TouchBase to book a Clinic space: info@touchbase.org.uk and to agree how the Clinic takes place ie via Zoom (online) or via telephone.

5. **Ideas to support education at home – self isolation/school closure**
   Please contact us on the Information Advice line to discuss any aspects of education at home alongside your school offer. Also see our website (address below) for additional material which you may find useful. We plan to provide more resources as and when we can create/locate them.

**Contact details:** Information/Advice line to support the education of children previously in care: sarah.lindfield@brighton-hove.gov.uk or 07808 717796. Outside Tue - Fri 9-3pm term times, you can contact colleagues at the Virtual School who will do their best to advise on 01273 2933992 or virtualschool@brighton-hove.gov.uk, or see contact information on our website [http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/schools/virtual-school-children-care-and-previously-care](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/schools/virtual-school-children-care-and-previously-care)

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1 Who have left care through Special Guardianship Orders, Child Arrangement/Residence Orders, or who have been Adopted from care.