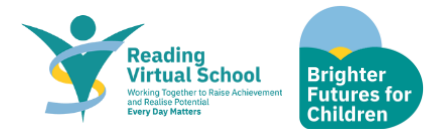
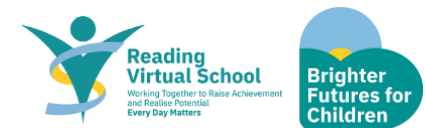


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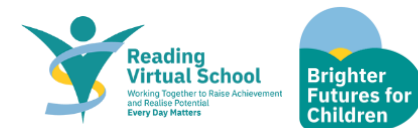
Training	Date(s) & Location:	Who for:	Delivered by:	How to book:
<p>Designated teacher and ePEP training Training for Reading designated teachers covering the role of the designated teacher, using ePEP, Pupil Premium Plus funding, attendance, raising attainment and aspiration. Please read the DfE statutory guidance prior to joining this training: The designated teacher for children looked after and previously looked after</p>	<p>Autumn term EYFS: 20 September 2024 10-11.30am Primary: 19 September 2024 3.30-5pm Secondary: 5 September 2024 3.30-5pm Post 16: 10 September 2024 3.30-5pm Spring term EYFS: 10 January 2025 10-11.30am Primary: 9 January 2025 3.30-5pm Secondary and Post 16: 9 January 2025 3.30-5pm Summer term EYFS: 25 April 2025 10-11.30am Primary: 24 April 2025 3.30-5pm Secondary and Post 16: 24 April 2025 3.30-5pm</p>	<p>New designated teachers for children looked after by Reading. Updates for all designated teachers for children looked after by Reading.</p>	<p>Matt Bevan (EYFS/Primary) Sarah Cross (Secondary/Post 16)</p>	<p>Email Matt Bevan matt.bevan@brighterfuturesforchildren.org or Sarah Cross sarah.cross@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>

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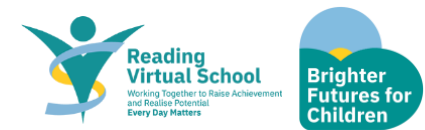
<p>ePEP attendance collection, attendance and suspension guidance training</p> <p>Advice regarding new DfE attendance guidance, attendance codes, logging attendance in ePEP and expectations for inclusion of children looked after.</p>	<p>Online 16 September 2024 2-3.30pm</p>	<p>Attendance officers and designated teachers</p>	<p>Rhi Begg Michelle Winter</p>	<p>Email Rhi Begg and Michelle Winter rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org michelle.winter@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p>Virtual School extended duties training Training for designated safeguarding leads, supporting children with a social worker and children in kinship care arrangements</p> <p>Advice and guidance regarding the extended duties guidance including the latest DfE updates, including effective practice for supporting children with a social worker, Virtual School developments and services, DfE attendance and exclusion updates. Please read the DfE guidance prior to joining this training: Promoting the Education of Children with a Social Worker</p>	<p>Autumn term 23 October 2024 1-2.30pm Spring term 11 February 2025 10-11.30am Summer term 9 May 2025 3.30-5pm</p>	<p>Designated safeguarding leads Reading Schools</p>	<p>Nicola Blake Cathy McCarthy</p>	<p>Email Cathy McCarthy cathy.mccarthy@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p>Training for designated teachers supporting children previously looked after</p> <p>Advice and guidance regarding the extended duties guidance including the latest DfE updates, including accessing and effective use of the PPP Grant, challenges for children previously looked after in education, Virtual School developments and services, DfE attendance and exclusion updates. Please read the DfE guidance prior to joining this training: Promoting the Education of Children Looked After and Children Previously Looked After.</p> <p>Within the autumn term, we will be joined by Anna Mitchell, Occupational Therapist with the Anchor Team, regarding 'Sensory integration and trauma: practical help for the classroom'.</p>	<p>Autumn Term 24 September 2024 1-2.30pm Spring term - in person, Civic Offices, Reading 4 February 2025 9.30am-12noon Summer term 2 May 2025 3.30-5pm</p>	<p>Designated safeguarding leads Reading Schools</p>	<p>Nicola Blake Cathy McCarthy</p>	<p>Email Cathy McCarthy cathy.mccarthy@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>

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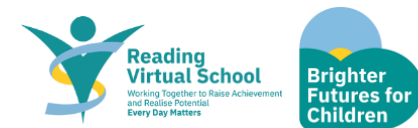
<p>Inclusive careers support workshop: Broadening horizons and raising aspirations</p> <p>Topics will include, how professionals can support vulnerable children to pursue and visualise career goals, secondary school careers strategies, SEND pathways and resources, the importance of parental engagement, self-development, and careers services available in Reading. This session will include advise and strategies for children looked after, children previously looked after and children with a social worker.</p>	<p>Online 6 March 2025 1.30-3pm</p>	<p>School careers leads, foster carers, social workers and BFFC staff supporting children and young people with social care involvement</p>	<p>Nicola Blake Sarah Cross Romana Taylor Cathy McCarthy</p>	<p>Email Sarah Cross sarah.cross@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p>Inclusion Training: SEND</p> <p>autumn term: Virtual School mainstream core standards and early intervention</p> <p>Spring Term: Assess, Plan, Do, Review cycle</p> <p>Summer Term: Creating therapeutic risk assessments</p>	<p>Online</p> <p>Autumn term 1 October 2024 11.30am-1pm</p> <p>Spring term 29 January 2025 12.30-2pm</p> <p>Summer term 30 April 2025 10-11.30am</p>	<p>Designated teachers, designated safeguarding leads, SENCOs and social workers</p>	<p>Rhi Begg Michelle Winter Ellie Hayes</p>	<p>Email Rhi Begg rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p>Supporting reading for primary school pupils</p> <p>Delivered by our senior educational psychologist for children looked after, advice and guidance for supporting the attainment and progress of reading for primary aged children.</p>	<p>Online 12 November 2024 3.30-4.30pm</p>	<p>Designated teachers, class teachers and SENCOs Primary schools</p>	<p>Ellie Hayes</p>	<p>Email Rhi Begg rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>

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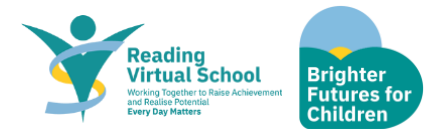
<p>Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaires Training for social workers from our senior educational psychologist for children looked after, covering: What is an SDQ, why do we use SDQs, the DfE statutory return, PEP requirements.</p>	<p>Online Autumn term 14 October 2024 2.30-3.30pm Spring term 10 February 2025 2.30-3.30pm Summer term 12 May 2025 2.30-3.30pm</p>	<p>Social workers</p>	<p>Ellie Hayes</p>	<p>Email Rhi Begg rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p>Emotion Coaching Training from our senior educational psychologist for children looked after, covering: What is emotion coaching, teaching in the moment, effects on the child, steps 1-4 of emotion coaching.</p>	<p>Bespoke training From January 2025 onwards Two-hour sessions</p>	<p>School senior leadership teams, including designated teachers</p>	<p>Ellie Hayes</p>	<p>Email Rhi Begg rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p>Primary writing hubs Virtual School supporting network meeting for sharing good practice and strategies for supporting increasing attainment and progress in Writing for Primary ages pupils. One session this academic year will be supported by Peter Worley, The Philosophy Foundation.</p>	<p>Bespoke training as invited by Matt Bevan</p>	<p>Designated teacher and class teachers Primary schools</p>	<p>Matt Bevan</p>	<p>Participating settings will be contacted via email from Matt Bevan matt.bevan@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p>Successful transitions training Proving key details of planning for successful education transitions for children looked after and children previously looked after.</p>	<p>Online 27 March 2025 2.30-3.30pm</p>	<p>Designated teachers and designated safeguarding leads, specifically those working with Year 6 and 7 cohorts.</p>	<p>Matt Bevan Sarah Cross Lisa Palmer Cathy McCarthy</p>	<p>Email Matt Bevan matt.bevan@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>

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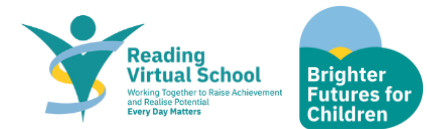
<p style="text-align: center;">Care Leaders Online</p> <p>This online training helps practitioners understand what life is really like for children in care and how to support them, by following the real story of a young person from the moment they enter care to the moment they leave. Focusing on who they meet, the services they receive, the moments that have had impact and their thoughts about what was happening.</p>	<p>Online platform available on demand throughout the academic year, with live seminars each month.</p>	<p>Designated teachers and designated safeguarding leads</p>	<p>The Care Leaders</p>	<p>Delegates will be added to the platform by the Virtual School Contact Rhi Begg if you need advice or support. rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Virtual reality trauma awareness session</p> <p>Reading Virtual School’s virtual reality trauma awareness session, incorporates Antser’s virtual reality equipment and immersive films. The session closely follows the lives of children and young people from pre-birth to adolescence, placing the user at the heart of their experiences, enabling users to understand the impact of trauma, abuse, and neglect through the eyes of the child.</p>	<p>Available until February 2025. Bespoke training available to schools in Reading. Bookable.</p>	<p>Reading education staff</p>	<p>Nicola Blake Cathy McCarthy</p>	<p>Email Cathy McCarthy cathy.mccarthy@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Virtual School drop-in clinic for children previously looked after and children in kinship care arrangements</p> <p>Providing advice and guidance regarding education related queries. Bookings are required.</p>	<p>Held monthly on the following Tuesdays between 4– 5pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Autumn term</p> <p>10 September 2024 22 October 2024 19 November 2024 10 December 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Spring term</p> <p>21 January 2025 11 February 2025 25 March 2025 22 April 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Summer term</p> <p>13 May 2025 17 June 2025 15 July 2025</p>	<p>Professionals supporting children previously looked after and children in kinship care. Special guardians, kinship carers and parents.</p>	<p>Cathy McCarthy</p>	<p>Email Cathy McCarthy cathy.mccarthy@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>

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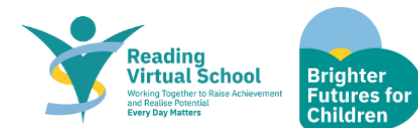
<p>Virtual School drop-in clinic for professionals supporting children with a social worker Providing advice and guidance regarding education related queries. Bookings are required.</p>	<p>Held fortnightly on the following Wednesdays between 10am – 12noon</p> <p>Autumn term 4 September 2024 18 September 2024 2 October 2024 16 October 2024 30 October 2024 13 November 2024 27 November 2024 11 December 2024</p> <p>Spring term 8 January 2025 22 January 2025 5 February 2025 19 February 2025 5 March 2025 19 March 2025 2 April 2025</p> <p>Summer term 14 May 2025 28 May 2025 11 June 2025 25 June 2025 9 July 2025 23 July 2025</p>	<p>Professionals supporting children with a social worker</p>	<p>Nicola Blake Cathy McCarthy</p>	<p>Email Cathy McCarthy (cathy.mccarthy@brighterfuturesforchildren.org)</p>
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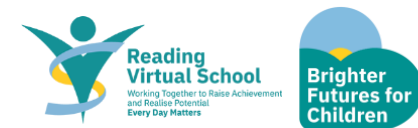
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<p style="text-align: center;">Year 6 transition planning</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bespoke Year 6 transition support, delivered by Lisa Palmer, Education Support - Virtual School for Children Looked After</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Support offered in PEP meetings, year 6 summer term, year 7 autumn term.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Designated teachers, designated Safeguarding leads specifically those working with Year 6 and foster carers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lisa Palmer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Email Lisa Palmer lisa.palmer@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>

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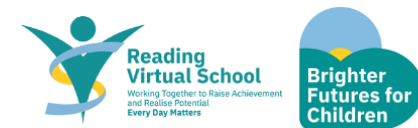
<p>Personal Education Plan (PEP) training for social workers</p> <p>Training to cover the roles and responsibilities of the social worker within PEP meetings for children looked after and details of how to use ePEP.</p>	<p>Online</p> <p>Autumn term 2 September 2024 2-3pm</p> <p>Spring term 6 January 2025 3-4pm</p> <p>Summer term 22 April 2025 11am-12noon</p>	<p>Social workers</p>	<p>Matt Bevan Sarah Cross</p>	<p>Email Matt Bevan matt.bevan@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p>Understanding education for social workers</p> <p>Part 1 will cover: EYFS and primary education; homework; letterbox book scheme; enrichment; attendance; transitions; therapeutic language; suspensions and exclusions; and SEND.</p> <p>Part 2 will cover: Secondary and post-16 education; types of qualifications; school roles and responsibilities; homework; enrichment; additional education programmes of support; transitions; types of alternative provision; elective home education</p>	<p>Online</p> <p>Autumn term</p> <p>Part 1 25 November 2024 3-4.30pm</p> <p>Part 2 26 November 2024 3-4.30pm</p> <p>Spring term</p> <p>Part 1 13 March 2025 3-4.30pm</p> <p>Part 2 14 March 2025 3-4.30pm</p> <p>Summer term</p> <p>Part 1 7 July 2025 3-4.30pm</p> <p>Part 2 8 July 2025 3-4.30pm</p>	<p>Social workers</p>	<p>Virtual School</p>	<p>Contact Rhi Begg if you need advice or support. rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>

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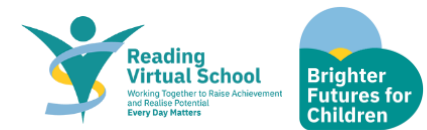
<p>Embedding Inclusive Practice: suspensions and exclusions</p> <p>The Embedding Inclusive Practice training will provide social workers and professionals with further insight into the processes surrounding suspensions and permanent exclusions.</p> <p>Topics will include, expectations of professionals supporting SEND children and young people, family engagement, incorporating the child's voice and encouraging creative thinking to support inclusive practice.</p>	<p>Online 10 March 2025 1-2.30pm</p>	<p>Social workers, and all BFFC practitioners supporting children with a social worker, children previously looked after and children in kinship care.</p>	<p>Nicola Blake Scott Bennett Maggie Buckley Cathy McCarthy</p>	<p>Email Cathy McCarthy cathy.mccarthy@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p>Foster carer drop-in clinic</p> <p>Providing advice and guidance regarding education related queries. Booking required</p>	<p>Online Occurs every six weeks on a Wednesday from 2-4pm.</p> <p>Autumn term 16 October 2024 27 November 2024</p> <p>Spring term 8 January 2025 19 February 2025 2 April 2025</p> <p>Summer term 14 May 2025 25 June 2025 6 August 2025</p>	<p>Foster carers</p>	<p>Virtual School</p>	<p>Email Rhi Begg rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p>AC Education webinar EBSA for educators</p>	<p>Online - link to be emailed from AC Education 19 September 2024 3.30-5pm</p>	<p>1 Member of staff from any Reading school, or school attended by a child looked after.</p>	<p>AC Education</p>	<p>Email Rhi Begg rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>

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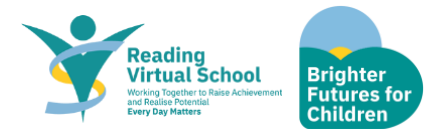
<p style="text-align: center;">AC Education webinar To be confirmed</p>	<p>Online - link to be emailed from AC Education October - <i>date to be confirmed.</i> 3.30-5pm</p>	<p>1 member of staff from any Reading school, or school attended by a child looked after.</p>	<p>AC Education</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Email Rhi Begg rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AC Education webinar Relational approaches for supporting young people with ACEs</p>	<p>Online - link to be emailed from AC Education 13 November 2024 3.30-5pm</p>	<p>1 Member of staff from any Reading school, or school attended by a child looked after.</p>	<p>AC Education</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Email Rhi Begg rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AC Education webinar Educators- Having tricky conversations with families</p>	<p>Online - link to be emailed from AC Education 03 December 2024 3.30-5pm</p>	<p>1 Member of staff from any Reading school, or school attended by a child looked after.</p>	<p>AC Education</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Email Rhi Begg rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AC Education webinar EBSA for Educators</p>	<p>Online- link to be emailed from AC Education 28 January 2025 3.30-5pm</p>	<p>1 Member of staff from any Reading school, or school attended by a child looked after.</p>	<p>AC Education</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Email Rhi Begg rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AC Education webinar To be confirmed</p>	<p>Online- link to be emailed from AC Education February- <i>date to be confirmed.</i> 3.30-5pm</p>	<p>1 Member of staff from any Reading school, or school attended by a child looked after.</p>	<p>AC Education</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Email Rhi Begg rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">AC Education Webinar Prevention and recovery of staff burnout in schools</p>	<p>Online- link to be emailed from AC Education 13 March 2025 3.30-5pm</p>	<p>1 Member of staff from any Reading school, or school attended by a child looked after.</p>	<p>AC Education</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Email Rhi Begg rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AC Education webinar Strategies for supporting anxious students</p>	<p>Online- link to be emailed from AC Education 30 April 2025 3.30-5pm</p>	<p>1 Member of staff from any Reading school, or school attended by a child looked after.</p>	<p>AC Education</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Email Rhi Begg rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AC Education webinar To be confirmed</p>	<p>Online- link to be emailed from AC Education May- <i>date to be confirmed.</i> 3.30-5pm</p>	<p>1 Member of staff from any Reading school, or school attended by a child looked after.</p>	<p>AC Education</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Email Rhi Begg rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AC Education webinar To be confirmed</p>	<p>Online- link to be emailed from AC Education June- <i>date to be confirmed.</i> 3.30-5pm</p>	<p>1 Member of staff from any Reading school, or school attended by a child looked after.</p>	<p>AC Education</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Email Rhi Begg rhiannon.begg@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>
<p>Pupil Premium for Children Previously Looked After Information, advice and guidance regarding children previously looked after, the school census and Pupil Premium Plus funding</p>	<p>Online Autumn Term <i>Date and Time to be confirmed</i></p>	<p>School Business Managers Reading Schools</p>	<p>Cathy McCarthy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Email Cathy McCarthy cathy.mccarthy@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</p>

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<p>Reading DSL/DT meeting Virtual School updates, as part of education updates from Reading local authority teams</p>	<p>Online every term 17 October 2024 2.30-4pm 12 February 2025 (TBC) 2.30-4pm 18 June 2025 (TBC) 2.30-4pm</p>	<p>Designated teachers and designated safeguarding leads Reading Schools</p>	<p>Virtual School</p>	<p>DTs and DSLs are invited to this forum, by BfFC.</p>
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