

Case Study Family Z

Child A 7 years 6months (Year 3)

Child B 5years 4months (Reception)

Child C 2 years (Nursery)

The Z Family came to us in September after spending much of lockdown in a refuge out of the area. The family are subject to a Child Protection Plan and have been known to social services since 2015.

They have a very chequered past with numerous police call outs and intense support from social workers. Other professionals were extremely worried about the family, their living conditions and the harassment of Mum from the Dad of all three children. Dad has a restraining order and he is not allowed any contact with them

Numerous health assessments/appointments were not kept and various accidents in the home noted.

Child A is in Year 3 but working at Reception level. Staff have real worries re his attainment and this has been noted by our SENCO in Pupil Progress meetings. A has the support of a LSA for most of the day and works with the Reception class for Phonics sessions. His progress will be assessed again at the next Pupil Progress Meeting in April.

Child B is settling well into the Reception class and is largely working at age related expectations

Child C Has just started in the 2 year old Nursery provision and is settling in although she has been ill and her attendance has been affected.

We have worked closely with the social worker and report back any Notes of Concern.

We have become increasingly aware that Mum needs some support with routines especially getting the children in school and on time. After the Christmas break the children's attendance was under 70% and when they were in school they were often so late that they received an absence mark. This could not continue as it was vital that both A and B arrived on time to settle in and be ready for the school day.

I spoke to Mum on various occasions and she received an Attendance letter which was ignored so, after discussing with the Education Welfare Officer, it was decided to call a formal meeting with the social worker in attendance and a representative from the classes.

We discussed routines and Mum is to meet with a Family Support Officer to give guidance on following them including time management and household routines.

Mum is also going to access mental health support around healthy relationships under the Freedom programme or New Beginnings.

Since the meeting she has tried very hard to get the children in and on time and has at times made use of our Breakfast Club. Attendance is now at 81% and rising but we will monitor closely.

As the children settle in Mum has become to trust us more and we have stressed to her that we are here to help all the family.

