



The Hub @ Lynnfield

Transition Support for Primary Aged International New Arrivals

What is The Hub @Lynnfield

The Education Hub ('The Hub') has been created by Hartlepool Local Authority.

The aim is to provide a nurturing, educational environment for the children resettled from overseas in Hartlepool prior to transition into mainstream education. The hope is to equip them with the social, emotional and basic academic skills in order to achieve their maximum potential.

Lynnfield Primary School have been commissioned by Hartlepool Local Authority to deliver this support to the children.

Why do we have a Hub?

The motivational factors to set up such a provision stemmed from our understanding of the trauma and difficulties that children who have been resettled in Hartlepool have faced.

It is recognised that many have faced significant disruption to schooling due to the conflict within the countries they have fled from and once here, children will need to catch up while simultaneously learning a new language and adjusting to a new cultural and social environment.

Additionally, the emotional trauma experienced by many refugee children may affect their cognitive, emotional and social development and increase their academic challenges. Research which has focused on best practice in supporting refugee children has shown that they tend to perform better in school when educators understand the trauma associated with the refugee experience. Educators who have this understanding are more likely to recognise when any social and emotional difficulties and apparent learning difficulties are trauma related and can offer support accordingly (*The Educational and Mental Health Needs of Syrian Refugee Children – Migration Policy Institute October 2015*). Prior to transition to schools, Hartlepool Local Authority decided to take steps to ensure emotional and social needs were addressed as a priority before access to mainstream was offered.

Who can attend The Hub?

All primary aged children who have been resettled in Hartlepool under the UK Resettlement Schemes are eligible for a funded place within The Hub.

Any other primary aged international new arrival/ asylum seeker are able to attend if their home school purchases a place (See Appendix)

How is a place allocated?

When a family is resettled in Hartlepool an application will be made for a school place in the school of parents' choice. A child **must** be on roll of a school in order to access The Hub.

Parent will be asked whether they wish for their child to have a period of intensive support within The Hub. If parents agree then the home school can make the referral.

How long will the children attend for?

On arrival the children's home school and Lynnfield staff should meet to plan the support the children will receive and regular review points. During these regular reviews a plan for transition to the child's home school will be made. This transition will take a range of different forms and timescales depending on the individual needs of the children.

It is expected that the child's home school liaise regularly with The Hub staff and meet with the child and their family to discuss progress and ensure that the child and their family have a sense of belonging at their home school.

How is the child marked in the register?

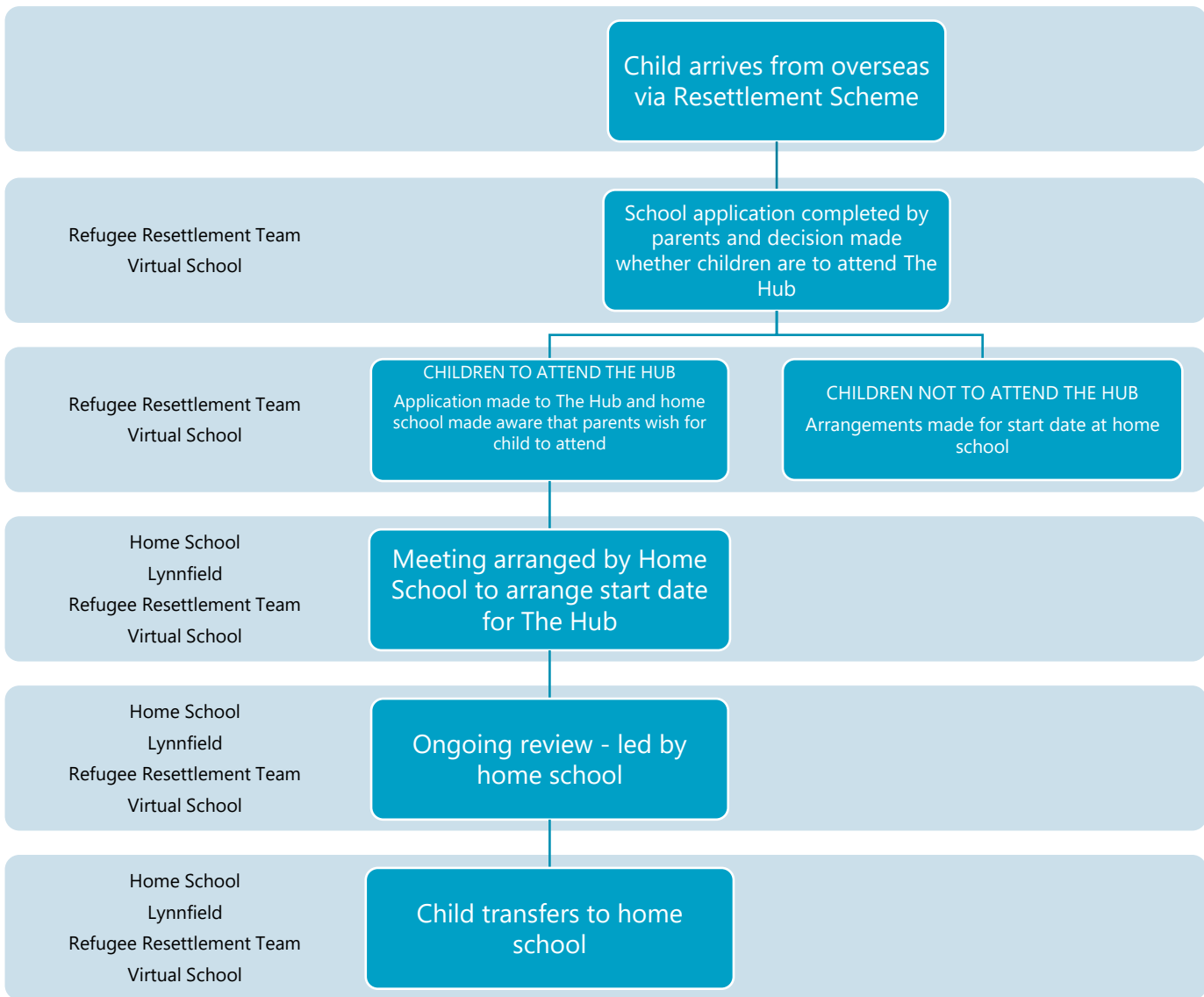
All children must be on roll at their home school.

The children are a 'Guest' at Lynnfield.

Lynnfield marks the children present/ absent as appropriate and shares the attendance with their home school.

The home school marks the children as 'educated offsite' – B code if the child attends and the appropriate absent mark if they are not in school.

Appendix 1- Accessing Support from The Hub@ Lynnfield



Appendix 2- Costs

Places for children resettled in Hartlepool are funded via the Refugee Resettlement Fund¹

If a school wishes to purchase a placement at The Hub then this will be via the English as an Additional Language Service Level Agreement. Each placement will cost £60 per pupil per day.

¹ Home Office Funding