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Amendments / Comments:	Page 3 - During the initial induction training staff should	
Outcome:	This Policy: is designed to support staff during their initial settling in period and point staff towards the essential routines, policies and procedures we use at Astley Park School.	
Cross Reference:	AUP Policy Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy Curriculum Policies Dress Code Policy Health & Safety Policy Online Safety Policy Staff Attendance Policy Technical Security Policy	

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Astley Park School is committed to the fair treatment of all in line with the Equality Act 2010. An equality impact assessment has been completed on this policy to ensure that it can be implemented consistently regardless of any protected characteristics and all will be treated with dignity and respect.

POLICY REVIEW

To ensure that this policy is relevant and up to date, comments and suggestions for additions or amendments are sought from users of this document. To contribute towards the process of review, please contact the author of the policy.

INDUCTION POLICY

Introduction

In other professions staff would not necessarily expect to have contact with clients immediately but to spend time getting to know how relevant systems work.

Schools, by the way they are organised and operate are different organisations, and staff are required to hit the ground running.

The induction procedure is designed to support staff during their initial settling in period and point staff towards the essential routines, policies and procedures we use at Astley Park School.

Main Points

- Oversight of the induction process will be carried out by the Deputy Headteacher.
- An orientation visit will take place prior to commencement of employment.
- Once the staff member has commenced employment formal induction training specific to their role will take place over the first six weeks.
- It is recognised that some aspects of their induction will take longer to achieve. eg on-line training modules, demonstration of competencies. However, these must be completed in the first six months of employment.
- During the induction period new staff will be supported by a named mentor allocated to them.

During the orientation visit staff should:

- Be introduced to their personal mentor.
- Become familiar with all parts of the building.
- Meet the staff team with whom they will be working most closely.
- Be introduced to other key staff. e.g., DSL
- Be informed about basic everyday routines. e.g., Working hours, timing of the school day etc.
- Be informed of important policies and procedures. e.g., Safeguarding, dress code etc.

During the initial induction training staff should;

Receive a range of role specific training on the following topics;

- Child protection and safeguarding
- Behaviour management
- Playground routines
- Risk Assessments – including offsite visits (EVOLVE)
- Assessment
- Curriculum
- Core policies and procedures
- ICT equipment and online systems
- Attendance, dinner and bus registers
- Special health issues relating to children in class
- Key pupil information
- Access to stationery and materials
- Location of pupil records
- Changing procedure for PE and Games
- Golden Rules
- Awards

School Policies

During their induction staff will also need to familiarise themselves with a wide variety of important policies and procedures. Support will be provided by mentors as well as colleagues. In most cases it is sufficient simply to know where the information on specific policies is kept so that they can be referred to when needed rather than to have read every document.

Follow up

After the initial six-week period staff should meet with their mentor to discuss their progress and develop an individualised plan for further learning. This record of induction should be copied to the head teacher and the original used as the basis of the member of staff's own professional development file.

Completion

At the end of the six-month induction period staff will need to meet with their mentor to go through their record of induction to check for the following:

- Has everything been achieved?
- Have any obvious gaps in the programme been identified?
- What are their immediate training needs?
- Will their probation period need extending, and key targets identified to address these areas.

