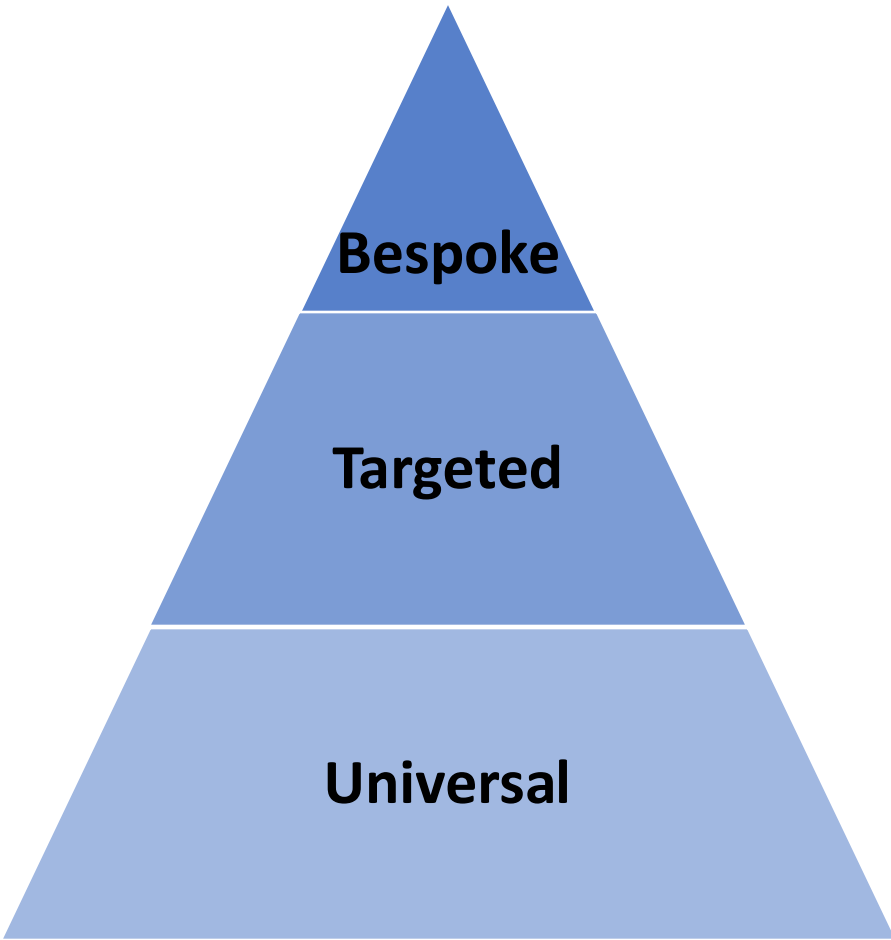




Kinship Offer 2024/25



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Bespoke – Tier 3

- This tier is accessed through a referral form process. Referrals are triaged weekly, and advisers will contact both home and school. We will liaise with other professionals as necessary to determine the most effective child-centred approach.
- A Voluntary Personalised Education Plan (VPEP) tool can be shared by the Virtual School, to support home/school communication. As per DfE guidance, when a child is in kinship care and a Special Guardianship Order is in place and there may be issues surrounding suspensions, attendance or risk of PEX, the virtual school can be contacted for additional advice and guidance.
- As part of advice and guidance given, we may offer to chair a VPEP meeting or attend a meeting(s) of wider professionals to support.
- When there are no further actions for the Virtual School, the referral will then be closed to the team. Family/school will be advised to contact Norfolk VS, if further advice is needed.

Targeted – Tier 2

- Proactive school-wide work focused on supporting the kinship cohort. Schools with high numbers of pupils within the kinship cohort will be prioritised to offer the school visit. Alternatively, schools can contact the team to request a visit.
- Kinship training, in co-production with key partners, to be offered – academic year 25-26.

Universal – Tier 1

- **Advice Line every Thursday 9:30am – 12pm during term time** to support with school, home or social care (with consent of parent/guardian) via phone to offer advice and signposting. Call General Enquires to be directed to an adviser **01603 303323**.
- Queries for the kinship cohort can also be made to the virtual school via email, and these will be triaged every Wednesday during term time, to respond to requests for information, support and guidance.
- Attendance at support groups for parents/guardians, where requested.
- Participation events open to previously in care and kinship cohorts.
- A guide summarising the needs of the kinship cohort and how the Norfolk VS might support can be found [here](#). A One Minute Guide to kinship in education can be found [here](#).
- Kinship Carers Essential Mobile Toolkit, with information about supporting kinship children in education.
- Please note that professionals supporting those in kinship care can also access the Virtual School offer of training, including trauma and attachment awareness training.