Circumstances in which use of the CAF is expected:

The CAF process is expected to be used to support children and young people in the following specific circumstances:

- All children who are permanently excluded *
- All children who reach the statutory trigger for being persistently absent (unauthorised absences) and are referred to the Education Welfare Service. *▲
- All children who receive 2 or more fixed term exclusions in a 6 month period where there is a history of challenging behaviour and non engagement or where patterns of behaviour are emerging **
- All children who are on the Early Support Programme
- All children managed through family support (level 2 & 3) at Children’s Centres and MALT
- All teenage parents 17 and under
- All children receiving targeted youth support through the Challenge and Support Team ***
- All children prior to request for statutory assessment of Special Education Needs (SEN) process ****
- All children who use substances problematically (ideally prior to accessing treatment services / as part of treatment plan and to support exit strategy) *
- All children who experience domestic violence (e.g. when assessed as medium risk using the Risk Identification Form) *
- All children who are young carers (e.g. when accessing young carers support)
- All children in homeless accommodation for more than 6 months

Exception Criteria:

*Exceptions applicable to all groups - those who are already open to Children’s Social Care, YOT, Family Intervention Project, or open to specialist CAMHS with a Care Programme Approach; or where it is an absolute one off incident where no previous concerns exist.▲ some filters will apply.

** Exceptions those pupils whose exclusions are an absolute one off incident trigged by an automatic fixed term exclusion i.e. swearing at staff or smoking on school premises.

*** Exceptions, where a pre assessment has evidenced that no further support is required.

**** Exceptions were a child/young person has suffered sudden debilitating illness or accident, e.g. a Road Traffic Accident; or newly arrived in the country with very obvious and profound disabilities.

Progress milestones for achievement:

From the 1st April 2011 we will be monitoring our progress using the following periodic milestones and target achievements:

- 50% of target groups receiving support via the CAF by November 30th 2011
- 80% of target groups receiving support via the CAF by 1st April 2012
- 100% of target groups receiving support via the CAF by 31st July 2012

Please note:

ANY circumstances requiring early assessment and effective support could necessitate use of the CAF process. The above circumstances have been identified to strengthen Nottingham’s commitment to the CAF by providing priority areas of focus until 31st July 2012.