

The Pledge

As your Corporate Parents we want you to be successful in all you do; we promise to make sure you have the best opportunities and support to reach your potential.

Your journey:

- As your corporate parents we will treat you with **dignity, equality** and **respect**.
- We will provide you with a home where you can **feel safe, settled** and **happy**.
- We will provide you with information about being in care, help you understand your journey and **be alongside you**.
- We will help you to build a positive relationship with your allocated social worker and with other professionals involved with your care, so you feel that **your views and your journey matters**.
- It is important that you are listened to and your wishes and feelings are included in your care plans and that **you are supported to make decisions**.
- We will encourage you to participate in the **Children in Care Council** activities and events and provide peer mentor support, so you can talk to other looked after children and care leavers.
- We will ask you for **feedback** about the services you receive and use this to develop the service.



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Looking after you and support along the way:

Your health is very important, we will support you in staying fit and healthy and we will ensure you are registered with a doctor and dentist and help you to access other health services if needed. You will be offered regular health check-ups with the Looked After Children's Nurse.

We will always make time for you and ensure you see your Social Worker and Independent Review Officer on a regular basis, and provide you with contact information, so you can always speak to someone. Having strong relationships with your corporate parents is important so you can continue your journey with as little bumps as possible.

We will support you in your education and your future goals and aspirations, and always celebrate your achievements. You will receive support from the Virtual School to reach your educational potential. We will encourage you to take part in school trips and after school clubs. We will support your hobbies and interests. We will always look for new opportunities for you to develop new hobbies, interests and skills.

Living through your journey:

We will support you with accessing life story work and encourage you to keep a life book / memory book, so you can understand your journey and help support future goals.

We will support you to stay in contact with family and friends and help you to develop meaningful relationships (where appropriate). We will give you information about independent visitors and advocates and support you to access these services.

Future aspirations:

When you leave care, we will continue to support you in future choices and aspirations, we will make sure you have all the right documents that you will need such as a birth certificate, passport and national insurance number.

When you turn 18 you will have an allocated personal adviser who will support you through the transition of leaving care.

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