

The 5 PROMISES

Blackpool's Pledge to Our Children and Young People

As your corporate parents we want you to know that we will keep you safe, treat you with care and respect, support you to have meaningful relationships, have a good education and make sure you are happy, healthy and ready to make your way in the world; so you can go on to achieve all your hopes and dreams. We promise to...

1. Care & Respect

WE PROMISE to CARE about you, so you feel safe and loved and we will always treat you with RESPECT.

- Listen to you
- Keep you safe
- Be honest and open
- Involve you in the decision made about your life
- Talk to you and write about you with care and respect and in a way that you can understand
- Come and see you when we say we will and be on time
- Return your calls and messages and be there when you need us
- Do the things that we say we will
- Celebrate your Successes
- Spend time with you so we get to know you really well
- Never give up on you



2. Your Relationships

WE PROMISE to build a trusting RELATIONSHIP with you and makes sure you see and spend time with the people who are important to you.

- Make sure you live with people you like and who really care about you
- Make sure you keep in touch and see the people who are important to you as long as it is safe
- Continue to work together with your family to look at ways that you could return home safely in the future
- Make sure you spend time with your brothers and sisters if you can't live with them and keep working to bring you back together wherever possible
- Work really hard to make sure you don't have lots of changes of people who support you
- Support you to build a good network of people around you who you like and trust
- Spend quality time with you so we get to know you really well
- Come and say goodbye if we have to leave



3. Your Health

WE PROMISE to make sure you are HAPPY & HEALTHY

- Make sure you have the right support to meet any health needs you have
- Make sure we arrange your health check with you
- Make sure you understand the reasons why you are in our care
- Make sure you know your family's history in a way that you can understand
- Make sure you get the right support around your mental health
- Help you to make and keep friendships
- Give you opportunities to learn new skills to keep fit and healthy within your local community
- Make sure you have your passport to leisure
- Make sure you know your health history when you turn 18



4. Your Education

WE PROMISE to care about your EDUCATION and give you every opportunity to learn and achieve.

- Make sure you attend a Nursery/School/ College where you are happy and able to achieve
- Make sure you get the right support around your learning if and when you need it
- Give you lots of opportunities to learn new things and take part in after school activities
- Try our best not to move your school unless it really isn't working for you
- Make sure you don't get taken out of your lessons just because we need to see you
- Provide opportunities for you to come and work with the council if it is right for you
- Support you to achieve your goals and career path whatever you choose to do
- Give you opportunities to have meaningful work experience
- Make sure you have the right equipment to support your learning



5. Your Future

WE PROMISE to help prepare you for the FUTURE and support you to fulfil your hopes and dreams

- Support you to learn life skills so that you can be independent in the future
- Be ambitious for you and encourage you to dream big
- Make sure you know how much money you are entitled to and learn how to manage it
- Make sure you know and understand your rights as a child/young adult who has experienced care
- Help you to find a good home when it is time for you to live independently
- Support you to stay with the people you live with at 18 with if it's what you both want
- Work with you to create the right plan for your future
- Support you into education, training or work so you can achieve your goals
- Continue to work with the Care Leavers Covenant
- Listen to you and your experience so you have a voice in how are services continue to develop
- Keep the door open for you so you can come back if you need us



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