Our Promise to You...

Children Looked After Pledge from Torbay Council





Being in Care



You said ...

Explain things to us.

Listen to us and involve us in our plans and assessments.

Don't make us keep repeating our story.

Our pledge:

We will always listen to you and take your views into account to ensure you are getting the right support to achieve your goals. These will be set out in your Care Plan.

We will be upfront and honest about we can and cannot do for you.

We will work with your carers to make it the best placement for you.

We will provide you with information about your rights in a way that suits you.

Our Support and Learning

You said ...

Treat us like other children and young people.

Help us to stay at our current school if we like it and our friends are there.

Our pledge:

We will respect your privacy and work to ensure that you are not singled out at school or in other places.

We will work closely with your school and not move you without good reason. We will also discuss with you the reasons for any move and take your views into account.

We will encourage and support you to take up opportunities in education, employment and training until the age of at least 21, in ways that suit you.

Our Future

You said ...

Be positive about our lives and our goals.

Support us to grow and become independent.

Our pledge:

We will celebrate your achievements with you in the ways that you would like.

We will work with you to develop the life skills to achieve your goals and have the best opportunities for the future.

Our Time

You said ...

Respect our relationships with families and friends, including brothers and sisters who may not live with us.

Arrange activities and family time in advance and to fit in around the things that we like.

Our pledge:

We will plan activities and visits in advance and involve you in those plans.

We will help you to stay in contact with your family if you want that and explain the reasons if this is not possible.



Our Wellbeing



You said ...

Help us to feel safe, secure and supported.

Support us to make healthy choices and look after ourselves.

Help us to feel good about ourselves and loved

Our pledge:

We will talk to you about the ways we will be working to keep you safe (safety planning).

We will develop a plan of the things you do in school called a Personal Education Plan.

We will develop a plan to ensure you are healthy and making good choices called a Personal Health Plan and give you advice and support on harmful issues such as smoking, drinking alcohol or taking drugs.

We will support you to access regular health and dental checks and any appointments or treatment you may need.

The Pledge

The Torbay Council Pledge is a promise made to all our children in care and care leavers. If you feel we are not sticking to our promises we would like to hear from you. Your feedback is valuable to us, so please get in touch if you would like to tell us how we are doing.

Please contact us

Please print off and send to:

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You

Name:	. Your age:
Phone Number:	
Email if you have one:	
Your interests:	
Your Foster Carer/s	
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