

Our pledge to children and young people

This is our promise to children and young people who are living in care in Wigan Borough. We've had lots of discussions with you to find out what's important to you. Here are our commitments:

We promise to care about you and give you stability

We will:

- Make sure you have a safe place to stay
- Make sure you live with people who look after you
- Help you to stay in a place where you are happy for as long as possible
- Help you to stay with your brothers and sisters whenever possible
- Support you to stay in touch with the people who matter to you when it is safe for you to do so
- Help you to keep the same social worker for as long as possible
- Give you your health history and regular health checks

We promise to help you prepare for your future

We will:

- Make sure you go to a school or college where you are happy and making good progress
- Help you to do the positive things you enjoy, such as sports or creative activities
- Help you learn the skills you will need to become independent, such as cooking, DIY and money management
- Make sure any meetings you need to go to don't affect your learning
- Make sure you get the same opportunities as everyone else, such as work placement opportunities

We promise to treat you with respect

We will:

- Listen to you and respect your views
- Support you to build your skills and confidence to have your say
- Turn up to meetings with you on time
- Involve you in meetings that are about you whenever appropriate. Make sure you are included in the meeting if you are there and not 'talked about'
- Give you a say over where and when we meet with you



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This pledge has been agreed with young people from A Million Voices youth voice group.






