

# The Pledge

## What is the Children in Care Council?

The Children in Care Council is a group of young people, who are all cared for by Halton Borough Council, who represent the views and wishes of all children in care and care leavers. We meet once a month to discuss the things that really matter in our lives. The Children in Care Council gives us the chance to speak up, shape and influence the parenting we receive at every level.

We would like you to get involved! If you would like to join the Children in Care Council, get more involved or raise an issue for discussion please contact us ...

## What is the pledge to Children in Care and Care Leavers?

The Pledge is a promise made by Halton Borough Council to all Halton children in care and care leavers. This pledge spells out how we promise to help.

## Pledge Statements

1. We will help you and stick by you.
2. We will love and care for you as we would our own children.
3. We promise to keep you safe and make sure you live in a safe place.
4. We will support you to see appropriate family and friends. If you can't see them we will explain the reasons why.
5. We will help you to keep in touch with old friends and make new friends.
6. We will give you pocket money and explain pocket money arrangements to you at the start of your placement.
7. We will help you achieve in school and try new activities.
8. We will look after your health.
9. We will keep your information private.
10. We will help you to speak up.
11. We will give you time and space to express your feelings and give you opportunities to influence decisions about your future.
12. We will support you when you move on to adult life.

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