

# Promises to our Children in

# Care

Peterborough City Council is committed to our children in care and will always have high expectations of what children in care can do and what they can achieve. The council is committed to supporting children in care to achieve their full potential and therefore we have listened carefully to the views of our children in care to develop our pledge.

## Peterborough City Council promises the children that we take into our care that we will...

- help encourage you to be healthy
- make sure you have health checks
- make sure your carer supports you to attend health checks
- make sure you are brought up in a supportive and safe environment
- make sure you are placed in safe and secure homes where you feel at home
- make sure you are treated equally, as one of the family
- give you written information about where you are going to live before you meet new carers
- avoid moving you to different placements
- keep brothers and sisters together if possible
- allow you to stay in touch with carers after 18 years old
- make sure you are able to have regular contact with relatives, if appropriate.
- support you to have a good education and recognise your hard work

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- have events to celebrate your achievements
- make sure you are treated at school like any other pupil
- involve you in writing your education plan
- support you to learn and achieve your full potential
- make sure meetings do not take place during school time
- make sure you have access to a computer and other equipment you need
- support you into college and education
- support you to spend at least two hours a week taking part in activities you enjoy
- give you information about how to get an advocate
- give you information on how to get an independent visitor
- give you information on how to make a complaint or compliment
- make sure you have contact details for your social worker and reviewing officer
- involve you in your care plan
- make sure someone explains to you why you are in care
- help you to run the Children in Care Council so everyone has a chance to have their say
- support you to stay in care until you are at least 18 years old
- help you to get skills so you can care for yourselves when you are older
- make sure you have a bank account
- support you to follow your religion

**We will listen to you  
and your wishes.**