

# Corporate Parenting Strategy 2026 – 2029

| Children and young people version



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# Section 1

## Our Promise to You



# our promise

*to children in care and care leavers*



by Leicestershire County Council and Partners

<p><b>We will support you</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide emotional support</li> <li>• Whatever you do we will be there</li> <li>• Ensure all your needs are met</li> <li>• Provide advice, practical information, practical and financial support</li> <li>• We will make sure that you know what your rights are</li> <li>• Will not judge you if things go wrong. We all make mistakes!</li> </ul>	<p><b>We believe in you</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will value your strengths and talents</li> <li>• Support you to overcome any stumbling blocks you face</li> <li>• Support you to achieve your goals</li> <li>• Embrace your individuality</li> <li>• Encourage your aspirations</li> <li>• Support you to succeed in life</li> </ul>	<p><b>We will respect your identity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will respect your unique identity</li> <li>• Support you to develop your own personal beliefs and values</li> <li>• Accept, respect and celebrate your identity, culture and heritage</li> <li>• Value, respect and support important relationships</li> <li>• Encourage you to express your identity positively</li> </ul>	<p><b>We will listen to you</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will listen and respect you</li> <li>• Strive to understand your point of view</li> <li>• Place you at the heart of all decisions</li> <li>• Support you to talk about your worries and happy times</li> <li>• Support you to seek independent advocacy</li> </ul>	<p><b>We will support you to find a place you can call home</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will do our best to find you a home near to people who are important to you</li> <li>• Ensure you feel safe and secure</li> <li>• As you grow we will support you to learn new skills to support your independence</li> <li>• We are here to support if things go wrong</li> </ul>	<p><b>We will inform you</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal entitlements and services</li> <li>• Up to date and accurate information</li> <li>• Support you to access your care records</li> <li>• Provide information throughout your journey</li> <li>• We will support you if you need to make a complaint</li> </ul>	<p><b>We will be a lifelong champion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support you break down barriers to other agencies</li> <li>• Work together with other services to better meet your needs</li> <li>• Encourage and support you to make positive life choices</li> <li>• Will make sure you know how to get support when you need it</li> <li>• Trust and respect you</li> </ul>
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## Our Children, Our Future

In Leicestershire, we believe you matter.

Some children live with their families, and some children are in care or have left care. If you are one of these children or young people, the council is your Corporate Parent.

**That means the council has a big job: to care for you like good parents should.**

### Being a good parent means:

- Keeping you safe
- Listening to you
- Helping you learn and grow
- Supporting your dreams
- Standing up for you when things feel hard



### Our Promise

#### We promise to:

- Help you feel safe and cared for
- Listen to what you say and take it seriously
- Respect who you are, your culture, your beliefs, and your identity
- Help you stay connected to people who are important to you
- Support you at school, with your health, and as you plan your future

### You are not alone

There are lots of adults whose job it is to look out for you and make sure you get what you need, now and as you grow up.

# Section 2

## What it Means to be in Care

### Who is this for?

#### This is for:

- **Children in Care** – children who the council looks after
- **Care Leavers** – young people who have grown up in care

Every child's story is different  
- and that's okay.



## A safe place to live

If you can't live with your family, we will do our best to make sure you:

- Live somewhere safe and stable
- Are cared for by people who are kind and supportive
- Stay in one place if possible, so life feels less worrying

## School, learning and fun

We want you to:

- Enjoy learning
- Get extra help if you need it
- Take part in fun activities like trips, music, sports and celebrations
- Believe in yourself and your abilities

There is a team called the Virtual School that helps make sure children in care get the right support with school, college, or training.

## Health and feelings

Your health matters. This includes:

- Your body
- Your feelings
- Your mental wellbeing

We will help you:

- See doctors and dentists
- Talk to someone if you're feeling sad, worried or angry
- Learn ways to feel stronger and happier



# Section 3

## Your Voice, Your Future



### Your voice matters

You have the right to be heard.

#### This means:

- Adults should listen to what you think and feel
- You should help make decisions about your life
- Things should be explained to you in a way you understand

When you tell us what works and what doesn't, we try to make things better.

This is called  
"You Said, We Did."

### Getting involved

#### You can share your views by:

- Talking to your social worker or personal adviser
- Joining groups like the Youth Voice Council or SYPAC (Supporting Young People After Care)
- Getting help from a Children's Rights Officer

Some young people help make big decisions and tell adults how services should change — and that makes a real difference.

## Belonging and being yourself

### We want you to:

- Feel proud of who you are
- Be treated fairly and kindly
- Feel like you belong

### Belonging means feeling:

- Accepted
- Supported
- Valued
- Cared about

### We know life hasn't always been easy for children in care. That's why we promise to:

- Stand by you
- Believe in you
- Help you grow into a confident adult

## Looking ahead

### Success means:

- You feel safe
- You are healthy
- You do your best at school or work
- You have plans for your future
- You know there are people who care about you



“ You are important.  
Your future matters.  
And we are here for you. ”

