



BEDFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL

CORPORATE PARENTING

What if this was my child? Would it be good enough for them?

Elected Members (councillors), senior managers, council officers and workers, foster carers and key partners e.g. health, education and the Police are all Corporate Parents

Think shared parenting, collective parenting, a corporate family – it's all of us!

For children in care, the local authority is responsible for providing a standard of care that would be good enough for their own children – known as corporate parenting

What is Corporate Parenting?



Who are Corporate Parents?

LOCAL CHILDREN

Key contacts

Lead Member

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The CiCC (Children in Care Council) meets every month to share ideas, views and wishes about their experiences in care. These are shared with the Corporate Parenting Partnership Group and the Safeguarding Children's Board

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Corporate Parenting is about..

Political responsibility (councillors)
to protect & parent,
Professional responsibility (workers)
to protect & parent,
Supporting children and young people
to be safe and to achieve their potential,
Developing and implementing care
plans,
Reviewing and monitoring care plans,
representing child & youth voice to make
a real difference.

Our pledge

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1. Get to know about Looked After Children and care leavers and listen to your views
2. Help you to feel safe and supported in everything we do
3. Support you to be healthy
4. Support and inspire your education achievements
5. Celebrate your achievements with you
6. Be ambitious for you and let you know what is there for you
7. Help you to have safe and stable placements
8. Help you with building real, honest relationships with Social Workers, carers and families
9. Help you to be like our own children and young people with lots of opportunities
10. Develop a Curriculum for Life for care leavers

Your pledge

To actively collect, share and feedback the comments, compliments and complaints of children and young people in care via the CiCC, team champions or team managers.

To support and encourage children and young people to demand outstanding services and improved outcomes for themselves.



MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

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