

Coventry Pledge

This is a set of promises to children and young people who are in the care of Coventry City Council. It is a commitment from the council and our partner agencies. We want to ensure that all looked after children and those leaving care, reach their full potential and enjoy the same opportunities in life as their peers.



Our pledge is based around six themes:

Fit for life

- We will make sure you are cared for by people who can help keep you safe and healthy and can teach you to look after yourself
- As you grow older and are ready to move on, we will make sure you are prepared for life – including managing money, looking after your health, cooking healthy food and taking care of where you live

Your views count

- We will listen to you, involve you in decision making and be honest about plans being made
- We will give you the opportunity to tell us what you think makes a good social worker, foster carer and residential worker
- Where possible we will give you a choice about where you live, for example living with other children/young people

Safe and sound

- We will make sure you live in a safe and comfortable place, where you can have your own belongings and special things around you
- We will respond to your concerns about safety

Investing in your future

- We will make more work experience and apprenticeships available for young people in care through city council connections
- We will make sure you have financial support and help with managing your money

You can do it

- We will help you get a good quality education
- We will make sure you can participate in school activities and have the right equipment for school or college
- We will support you to try new leisure or cultural experiences and have a chance to follow a hobby

Coventry cares about you

- We will make sure you know why you are in care
- We will give you the opportunity to have an independent visitor
- We will support you in your contact with family and friends
- We will make sure you have a significant adult taking an interest in your education and life

The Coventry Pledge was designed by Children and Young People, Care Leavers, Elected Members and staff and is facilitated by the Participation Team.

The following positions within Coventry City Council represent the corporate parent in upholding this pledge.

Leader of the Council

Leader of the Opposition

Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

Chief Executive, Coventry City Council

Executive Director of People Directorate

Children's Champion

Chair, Voices of Care Council

Chair of Coventry Safeguarding Board

Director of Children's Services

