

Imagineers Investigate Hopes and Dreams

Children have a right to take part in and influence how adults plan and run services for them in the areas where they live and learn. Aberdeen City Council is supporting the engagement of children in the design, delivery and monitoring of services. The City is also looking to the long-term future and seeking to ensure that Aberdeen is not just a Child-Friendly City, but a Rights-Respecting City. The Imagineers are going to help them with this by investigating priorities set out in the Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

Visit childrensparliament.org.uk/imaginingaberdeem/ for more information.

Children's key messages to adults around Our Hopes and Dreams for the Future

Parents giving you confidence

Encourage us. This helps us achieve our dreams. Adults can do this by praising, including you, supporting you to get better at things and speak up for you if you don't feel your voice is heard.



We need positive role models around you who will inspire you, these could be our parents and people who care for you or someone who will keep an eye on you at the school gate.



If you go to a school that isn't doing well and everyone knows that, it makes you feel negative about going and learning. It makes you embarrassed.

Encourage them to play with other people

Children need time spent on them and to be listened to. This makes them feel valued.



boys group
in boys group
- read vet
- Pan cake
- popcorn
- read books

Boys are seen as trouble by teachers. Girls meanwhile get more chances. Teachers stick up for girls more. If a boy is upset or hurt, male teachers especially say 'get up your fine' or even encourage you to 'stand up' for yourself. People expect boys not to be sad or it is classified as weak.



Feeling embarrassed about our school bad reputation

If you are good at something or enjoy doing it, you shouldn't have this taken off you when you are struggling to cope or not doing your best at school. This is what makes a child feel positive and have good self-confidence. It is important that teachers always let children participate.



Adults can be too attentive and not let children do anything on their own.

Bullying stops children going to school. Bullies need to understand the pain they put you through.



safe places to play
so kids can have their right to play. remember it is a right

We need to feel safe in our community. Sometimes we are scared to play in the park, so can't socialise with our friends. We need safe parks where we can play with friends.

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