

Vocalderdale

Calderdale Children and Young People's Voice
and Influence Strategy

"My voice
matters"



Calderdale
Council



Co-created by Calderdale Council's Children and Young People's Services with children and young people, using Artificial Intelligence (AI)

2. Commitment to the 'Rules of Engagement'

We, the undersigned, commit to upholding the following rules of engagement when consulting and engaging with children and young people. These rules were developed by them to ensure that their voices are valued, respected, and meaningfully included in decision-making processes.

By signing this form, we agree to:

1. Respect children and young people's views and experiences

Treat all contributions with dignity and value their unique perspectives.

2. Acknowledge and use their input in policy development

Actively consider their views and experiences in shaping policies and decisions.

3. Listen to the points they raise

Give full attention to their voices and reflect on their input.

4. Provide meaningful feedback

Share detailed and timely updates with children and young people about how their input has influenced decisions and outcomes.

5. Honour commitments and avoid cancellations

Respect the time and effort they dedicate by keeping opportunities as scheduled.

6. Engage children and young people in conversations, not lectures

Foster two-way dialogue and collaboration rather than one-sided communication.

7. Make sessions interactive

Use engaging and participatory methods to ensure sessions are meaningful and enjoyable, especially when interrupting leisure time.

8. Ensure inclusivity

Create spaces where all children and young people, regardless of their backgrounds or abilities, can contribute equally.

9. Provide safe spaces for openness

Foster an environment of trust, confidentiality, and emotional safety.

10. Commit to providing feedback on outcomes

Clearly communicate what decisions have been made and how their contributions were used.

Acknowledgement

We understand that these rules are essential for ensuring positive and productive engagement with children and young people. We pledge to adhere to them in all consultation and engagement activities.

Signed by:

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Date: _____
