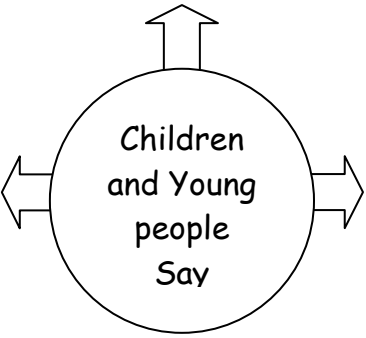


Results from the Children and Young People's Consultation 2010 conducted by Children' Services

From May to July 2010 we consulted with children and young people in Bath and North East Somerset to help us write the next Children and Young people's Plan. The comments that came back were thoughtful, sincere and showed a real regard for others. The following is a breakdown of the whole consultation.

Which 3 things would make a difference to your life?	Which children need more help than others to be happy, healthy and to learn?	Our principles and values
<p>More safe places Friends I can trust More interesting lessons in school More choices and control over what happens in my life Less bullying More organised activities</p>	<p>Children and young people with disabilities Children and young people with dyslexia Children and young people with learning difficulties</p> 	<p>We can learn from our mistakes We should value and look after others We can overcome difficulties We can take responsibility for self and others We should not put up with bullies We need access to good adult role models We want to enjoy positive learning experiences</p>

The consultation showed that most children and young people are kind and caring:
'Other people are very important, without other people there is no point in life'

'I am proud of myself when I am nice to others - you are not only helping others, you are helping yourself'

And they dislike bullies:

'We want a childhood free of bullying and not be scared of the future.'

They believe in themselves: *'You can get through it, there are other people you can go to'* and they know how they should be brought up: *'Love may not be the right word for it – care, discipline and structure are what is needed and somewhere to run when things get tough.'*

There was confusion about **cyber bullying**. Children and young people liked having privacy on chat rooms but this could mean they might get hurt and really they wanted the adults to be in charge:

Adults should be teaching children. Not the other way round. Parents need to protect their children' 'They should be checking the websites.'

The vision statement '**We want children and young people to enjoy childhood and to be prepared for life**' had a 90% approval rating with some helpful suggestions that will improve on it. The statement will now read: '**We want all children and young people to enjoy childhood and to be well-prepared for adult life.**'

The findings of this consultation will be central to the 2011 Children and Young People's Plan.