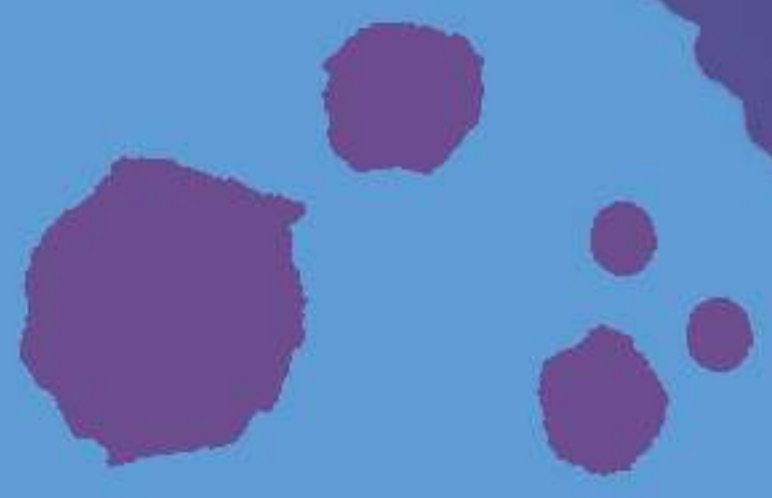


YOUR GUIDE TO

# POETS CORNER

A handbook about  
your new home!



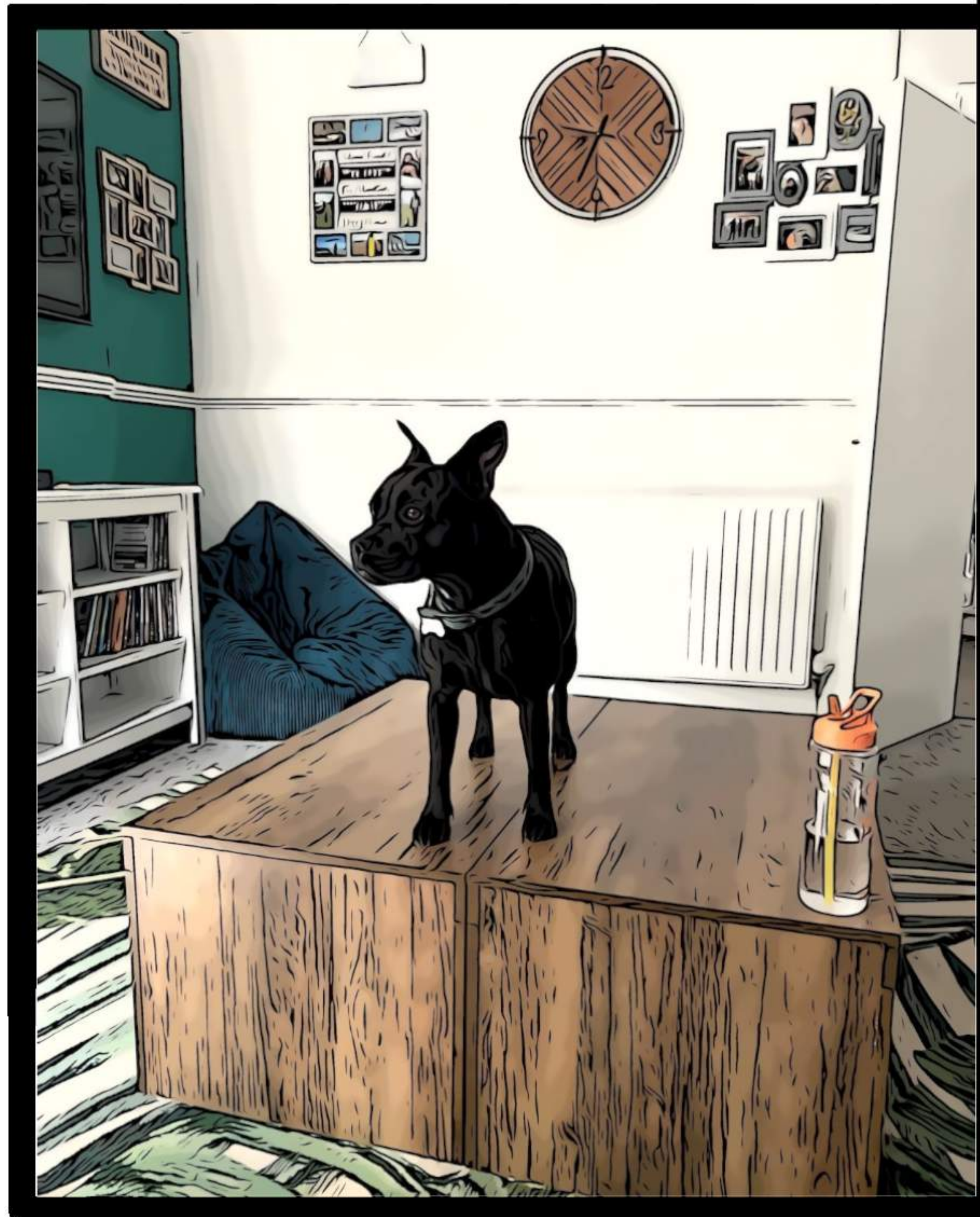
# WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME! \*

TO HELP YOU GET TO KNOW YOUR NEW HOME, WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US AND WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU.

THIS GUIDE IS JUST FOR YOU!

WE HOPE YOU FIND THIS USEFUL, BUT IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT IS NOT HERE JUST ASK!

NO MATTER WHAT YOUR EXPERIENCES HAVE BEEN OR YOU MAY BE FEELING WORRIED ABOUT COMING TO LIVE HERE, YOU WILL BE LISTENED TO BY THE ADULTS AROUND YOU.



WE ALSO EXPECT THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO LISTEN TO EACH OTHER.

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WE OFFER A HOMELY ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOU CAN FEEL SAFE, VALUED, RESPECTED, LOVED AND WELL CARED FOR.

WE WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH POSITIVE OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP YOU MAKE PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

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WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT  
FROM US...  
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- TO INVOLVE YOU WHEN WE MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT YOUR LIFE...
- TO BE TREATED FAIRLY AND BE KEPT SAFE FROM HARM...
- TO BE TREATED AS AN INDIVIDUAL...
- TO BE VALUED AND RESPECTED FOR WHO YOU ARE...
- TO BE CARED ABOUT, LOVED AND SUPPORTED.

WHAT WE EXPECT  
FROM YOU...

TO HAVE RESPECT FOR OTHERS, FOR THE HOME  
AND YOURSELF...

NOT TO BULLY OR HURT OTHERS...

TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME LIVING HERE.



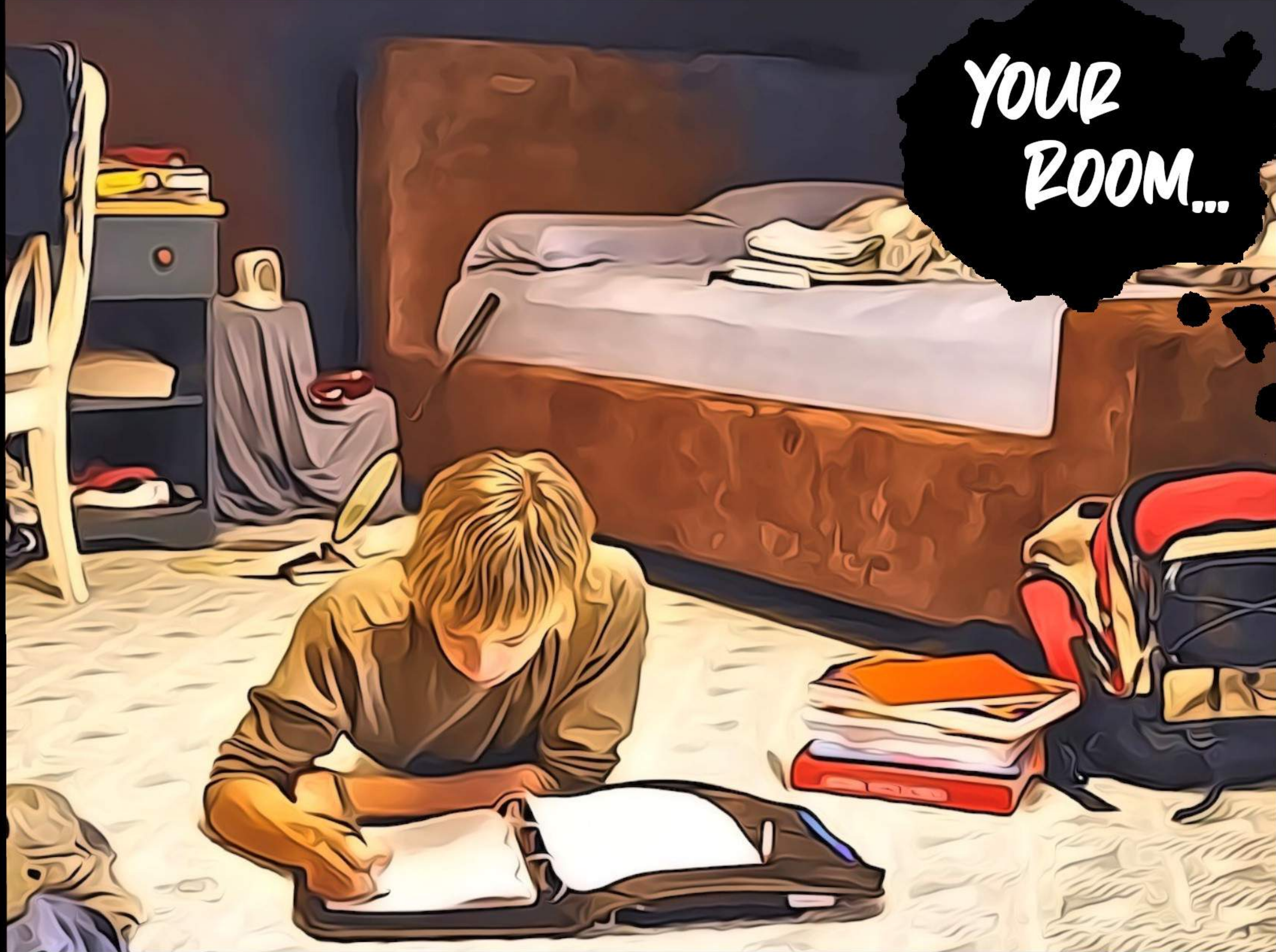
# HELPING AROUND THE HOME...



EVERYONE IS EXPECTED TO HELP TOWARDS KEEPING OUR HOME CLEAN AND TIDY. IT IS IMPORTANT TO US THAT YOU LIVE IN A WELL CARED FOR HOME WHERE ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE CONTRIBUTE TO THE CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN SHOPPING AND COOKING. DOING THIS IS IMPORTANT AS IT TEACHES YOU SKILLS FOR WHEN YOU ARE OLDER.





YOU CAN HAVE YOUR OWN THINGS AROUND YOU IN YOUR ROOM AND CAN HAVE A SAY IN HOW IT IS DECORATED. WE EXPECT YOU TO KEEP YOUR ROOM CLEAN.

BEDTIMES...

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THIS WILL DEPEND ON YOUR AGE, WHICH WE WILL EXPLAIN TO YOU WHEN YOU MOVE IN.

# YOUR VIEWS AND WISHES...

WE WILL HAVE MEETINGS TO PLAN WHAT WE WILL DO FOR YOU AND HOW WE WILL HELP AND GUIDE YOU. THESE MEETINGS ARE CALLED ME AND MY WORLD REVIEWS AND PLANNING MEETINGS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU GO TO THESE SO THAT YOU CAN HAVE YOUR SAY.

## POCKET MONEY...

YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR POCKET MONEY ON SET DAYS TWICE A WEEK, AFTER YOU HAVE TIDIED YOUR ROOM. THE AMOUNT YOU GET WILL DEPEND ON YOUR AGE.

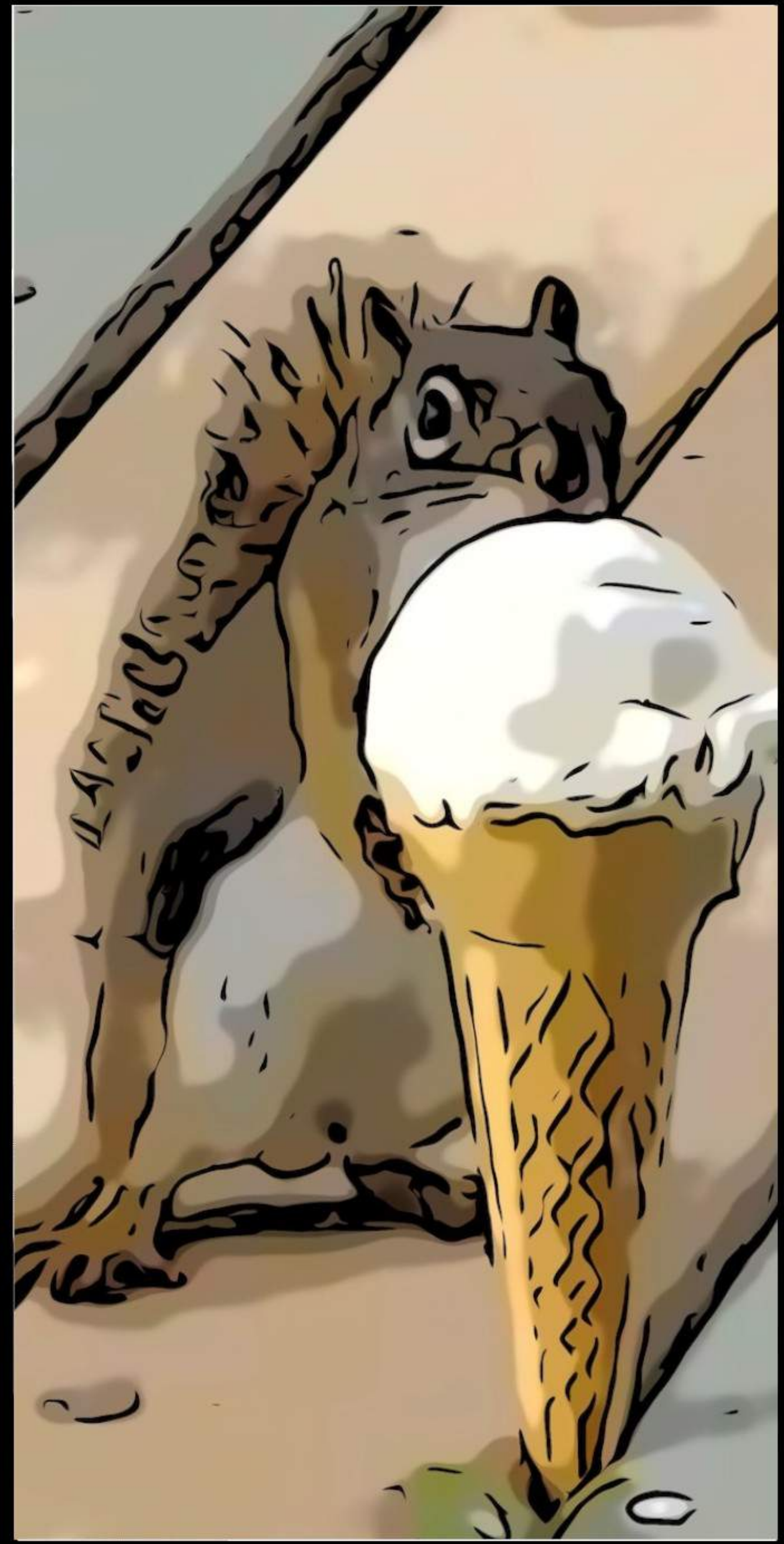




## INCENTIVES AND REWARDS...

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WE EXPECT EVERYONE TO RESPECT EACH OTHER. THE ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE! WE WILL ENCOURAGE AND REWARD POSITIVE ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOUR.



## CONSEQUENCES...

THERE MAY BE TIMES WHEN SOMETHING GOES WRONG. WE WILL HELP YOU TALK IT THROUGH. WE WANT YOU TO LEARN FROM YOUR ACTIONS SO WE MAY SET A CONSEQUENCE WITH YOU. THIS MAY INCLUDE MAKING A CONTRIBUTION OR DOING SOMETHING TO PUT THINGS RIGHT.

# x YOUR SOCIAL WORKER...

YOUR SOCIAL WORKER WILL VISIT YOU REGULARLY TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE OK. THEY SHOULD VISIT YOU A MINIMUM OF EVERY 6 WEEKS AND MEET WITH YOU IN PRIVATE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT HOW YOU ARE FEELING AND YOUR VIEWS AND WISHES. ADULTS ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT YOU AROUND ANYTHING YOU MAY WANT TO TALK ABOUT WITH YOUR SOCIAL WORKER AND CAN HELP FOLLOW UP ANY REQUESTS YOU HAVE MADE TO THEM BETWEEN VISITS.





ALL OF THE ADULTS WILL SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH YOU AND HELP YOU WITH ANY WORRIES YOU MAY HAVE.

AN ADULT WILL ALWAYS ATTEND MEETINGS WITH YOU AND WILL LOOK AFTER YOUR BEST INTERESTS AND HELP YOU IN ALL ASPECTS OF YOUR LIFE.



## INSPECTORS...

SOMETIMES INSPECTORS WILL VISIT THE HOME AND THEY MIGHT WANT TO CHAT TO YOU ABOUT WHAT IT'S LIKE LIVING HERE. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE LIVING HERE.

## WHAT IS AN ADVOCATE?

AN ADVOCATE IS SOMEONE WHO WILL SUPPORT YOU TO EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS AND WISHES AND HELP TO MAKE SURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD.



WHAT IS AN  
INDEPENDENT  
REVIEWING OFFICER  
" "  
(IRO)?

AN IRO IS SOMEONE WHO WILL ARRANGE YOUR ME AND MY WORLD REVIEWS WHERE YOU AND EVERYONE WHO CARES FOR YOU TALKS ABOUT THE PLANS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE OK. THEY WILL WRITE TO YOU ASKING WHAT YOU THINK AND WHAT YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT AT YOUR REVIEW. THEY WILL MAKE SURE THE PLANS MADE ARE RIGHT FOR YOU, AND THEY WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO SAY HOW YOU FEEL AND WHETHER YOU ARE HAPPY ABOUT THE WAY YOU ARE BEING LOOKED AFTER.

# EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT...

ALL YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED, ENCOURAGED AND SUPPORTED TO GO TO SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR WORK. WE WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE HELP AND SUPPORT YOU NEED TO MAKE A SUCCESS OF IT. IF YOU ARE ANXIOUS OR WORRIED ABOUT EDUCATION JUST TALK TO US AND WE WILL SUPPORT YOU!



# PLACEMENT PLAN...

WE HAVE TO WRITE PLANS ABOUT HOW WE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU. WE WILL INCLUDE YOUR VIEWS IN THESE PLANS AND GIVE YOU A COPY TO KEEP.

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# HEALTH...

WHEN YOU MOVE IN WE WILL REGISTER YOU WITH THE DOCTOR, DENTIST AND OPTICIANS. IF YOU HAVE ANY WORRIES ABOUT YOUR HEALTH IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO TALK TO SOMEONE.

WE CAN HELP YOU <sup>x</sup>  
WITH ALL ASPECTS OF  
YOUR PHYSICAL AND  
EMOTIONAL HEALTH  
AND PUT YOU IN  
TOUCH WITH LOCAL  
SERVICES. ALL ADULTS  
CAN HELP DIRECT  
YOU OR SET UP  
APPOINTMENTS FOR  
YOU.



TAKE WHAT YOU NEED



**IMPORTANT PEOPLE  
IN YOUR LIFE...**

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**IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU STAY IN TOUCH WITH THOSE WHO ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU. WE WILL SUPPORT YOU IN KEEPING CONTACT WITH THEM BY PHONE, VISITS, EMAILS AND LETTERS AS AGREED BY YOUR SOCIAL WORKER.**



HAVE YOUR SAY...\*

WE REGULARLY HAVE HOUSE CATCH UPS WHERE EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO JOIN IN. WE TALK ABOUT THINGS LIKE NEW ITEMS FOR THE HOUSE, ACTIVITIES, WEEKLY HOUSE MENUS, ANY WORRIES OR ISSUES AND OTHER GENERAL TOPICS.



# THINGS TO DO...



WE WANT YOU TO ENJOY AS MANY HOBBIES AND INTERESTS AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THERE IS SOMETHING YOU ARE INTERESTED IN!

DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WE LIKE TO DO LOTS OF ACTIVITIES SUCH AS DAY TRIPS, CAMPING AND HOLIDAYS AWAY.

YOU ARE ABLE TO ACCESS CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER ON THEIR WEBSITE:

[WWW.CHILDRENSCOMMISSIONER.GOV.UK](http://WWW.CHILDRENSCOMMISSIONER.GOV.UK)

TEL: 0800 528 0731

THE CHILDRENS COMMISSIONER REPRESENTS THE VIEWS AND INTERESTS OF CHILDREN. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMOTING & PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AS SET OUT IN THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

THEY HAVE A RANGE OF USEFUL INFORMATION, ADVICE AND DETAILS OF HOW TO GET INVOLVED.

**CHILDRENS RIGHTS...**

RIGHT TO ACCESS  
X YOUR FILE...

SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO WRITE REPORTS ABOUT HOW YOU ARE DOING. YOU WILL HAVE FULL ACCESS TO THESE WITH YOUR OWN CLEARCARE LOG IN AND CAN VIEW THEM AT ANY TIME. YOU WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR SOCIAL WORKER AND IRO'S CONTACT DETAILS ON HERE!

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FEEL UNHAPPY OR SAD ABOUT SOMEONE OR SOMETHING...

THINGS YOU COULD DO:

- TALK TO AN ADULT
- WRITE IT DOWN AND GIVE TO THE MANAGER OR SERVICE MANAGER

WE WILL:

- ALWAYS LISTEN TO YOU
- FIND OUT WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING
- DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO SORT IT OUT
- KEEP YOU SAFE

THERE ARE COMPLAINTS FORMS IN THE GAMES ROOM FOR YOU TO COMPLETE AND THE HOME MANAGER OR SERVICE MANAGER WILL MAKE SURE THEY DO ALL THEY CAN TO FIX WHAT HAS MADE YOU UNHAPPY



# USEFUL CONTACTS...



FIND IT OUT CENTRE  
MARINE PLACE, WORTHING  
01903 210315 OR  
07952 044336

MISSING PEOPLE  
[WWW.MISSINGPEOPLE.ORG.UK/116000](http://WWW.MISSINGPEOPLE.ORG.UK/116000)  
TEXT OR CALL 116000

[WWW.YOURSPACEWESTSUSSEX.GOV.UK](http://WWW.YOURSPACEWESTSUSSEX.GOV.UK)

SEXUAL HEALTH CLINIC  
45 ROWLANDS ROAD, WORTHING  
01903 285199

NYAS (ADVOCACY SERVICE)  
[WWW.NYAS.NET](http://WWW.NYAS.NET)  
08088 081001

NCS (NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE)  
[WWW.NCSYES.CO.UK](http://WWW.NCSYES.CO.UK)

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GET CONNECTED

[WWW.GETCONNECTED.ORG.UK](http://WWW.GETCONNECTED.ORG.UK)

08088 084994

[WWW.THERE4ME.COM](http://WWW.THERE4ME.COM)

[WWW.YOUTH2YOUTH.CO.UK](http://WWW.YOUTH2YOUTH.CO.UK)

02088 963675

CHANGE 4 LIFE

[WWW.NHS.UK/CHANGE4LIFE](http://WWW.NHS.UK/CHANGE4LIFE)

CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER FOR  
ENGLAND

[HELP.TEAM@CHILDRENSCOMMISSIONER.GSI.GOV.UK](mailto:HELP.TEAM@CHILDRENSCOMMISSIONER.GSI.GOV.UK)

CHILD LINE

[WWW.CHILDLINE.ORG.UK](http://WWW.CHILDLINE.ORG.UK)

08001 111

CHILDREN IN CARE & YOUNG  
CARE LEAVERS

[WWW.BECOMECHARITY.ORG.UK](http://WWW.BECOMECHARITY.ORG.UK)

OFSTED

[ENQUIRIES@OFSTED.GOV.UK](mailto:ENQUIRIES@OFSTED.GOV.UK)

03001 231231

CRI (YOUNG PEOPLE'S DRUG &  
ALCOHOL SERVICE)

[UPDASAW@CRI.ORG.UK](mailto:UPDASAW@CRI.ORG.UK)

07899 793964

YOUNG MINDS (MENTAL HEALTH &  
WELLBEING)

[WWW.YOUNGMINDS.ORG.UK](http://WWW.YOUNGMINDS.ORG.UK)

[WWW.THESITE.ORG](http://WWW.THESITE.ORG)





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