

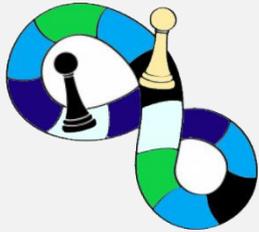


Our Voice @ Ravenshall

**Increasing young people's voice
Supporting the development of the Local Offer and
creating a SEND network**

April 2021

What did we do?



Played games, quizzes and had fun! All the activities helped us talk about...

What we need to be happy and healthy



Travel and Transport-What would help us to get to the places we'd like to go

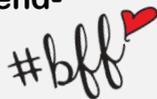


How we think we can keep ourselves safe



How we communicate

What makes a good friend- and how to include us



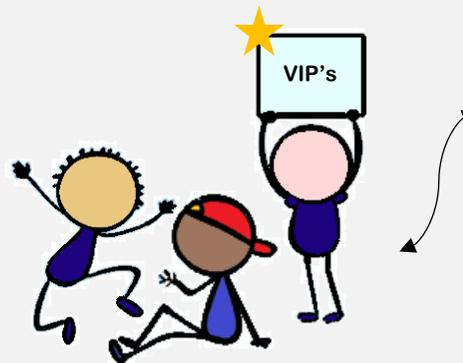
Why did we do it?

It was fun! Working together as a group started the conversation and helped us be confident to say what we think.

We know that young people are experts in their own lives. We know that if we share our ideas with our Decision Makers, they can understand what is going well, or what could be better.

By trying something new, we learned new skills and challenged ourselves.

And because it's really important we know that all children and young people have a right to be listened to and taken seriously ([UNRC-1989 Article 12](#))



Who are we?

We are a fabulous group of 11 young people who attend Ravenshall School. We are all aged 13-14. We are supported by Mr Garside, Mrs Lewis and Mr Jagger

We have all volunteered our time to help Kirklees Decision Makers understand our thoughts, wishes and feelings. We have done this to make our views heard and help create our [Local Offer](#)



Being Happy & Healthy

The things that keep us happy as a group include our family and friends, our pets, sports, and recreation (particularly Parkour, Football and Swimming). Some of us like our tech, including gaming or mobile phones. Music helps some of us to relax and unwind. Some of us like to sleep too!

We are all very good at understanding what foods help us stay healthy and grow.

Online bullying, face to face teasing, islamophobia and not being able to see people and do things, because of the pandemic makes us sad.

Friends are important to us!

The things which we look for in a good friend are...

1. Someone who is kind
2. Spends time with me, values me and "gets to know me"
3. Is trustworthy "keeps my secrets"
4. Some one who shares my interest
5. Someone who has my back
6. Someone who makes me laugh

We can feel very sad when people tease or say unkind things. This can be face to face or online.

We don't always know how to sort out problems and challenges in our friendships.

We usually ask trusted adults to help us with this.

When it comes to adults who help us like group leaders or support workers we like them to be funny, care for us and trust us-just like we trust in them.

Being Inclusive

What did we learn?

Travelling and Staying Safe

From our group of 11, 4 of us sometimes venture out, by ourselves. This is to local parks and open spaces.

Some of us don't go out, without help or support as we get lost. Some of us are unable to go out alone because we, or our families worry we might not be safe.

When we are in trouble, we'd usually ask a parent or carer for help. If we weren't with them, we'd tend to try to find a Police Officer.

We don't all have a mobile phone! So, knowing how to call someone if we need help is important.

We'd love to travel! Locally, nationally and internationally.

When we want to find

things out, we often ask the people we trust, like our family or carers.

Only a few of us use Social Networking Platforms. TikTok®, Snapchat® and Facebook® are the most common. Two thirds of us have a WhatsApp® account.

We didn't really know about the Local Offer. If we do access it, it would be by tablet or computer. We LOVE YouTube®. Some of us like 'influencers'.

Communicating with us

our voice

review support change

So how can we work with decision makers, to put our thoughts, wishes and feelings to good use?

Travelling and Staying Safe

Although some of us don't currently travel independently, having some 'top tips', we understand, about how to stay safe when traveling would be great!

This includes who can help us (as well as Police Officers), what to do if we don't have access to a phone and steps to take if we are lost or feel unsafe. This would be great on the Local Offer site.

Film

"We've decided to make some films about the things that matter to us"



Communicating with us

We don't use emails! They are old fashioned!

We don't all have a mobile phone, and we use a variety of different tools and platforms when we do access the internet on tablets, PC's or our parents and carers phones. Therefore, to reach us, you'll need more than one approach.

TikTok® short videos and YouTube® are our current favourites-make the messages short and snappy.



Staying Healthy

Some of the activities that interest us and keep us healthy, don't seem to be available. We are interested in Parkour and swimming that is easy for us to access.

We know sport and fitness are important to keep us happy and healthy-but maybe unable to go there alone and need support or skill development to enable us to do this. We also need to understand how the Group Leader will include us-do they know how to do this?

"The films will be about...
Mental Health
Activities
Feeling safe and included"





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