

CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL MEETING

SUMMARY OF MEETING FOR CHILDREN AGE 9 TO 13

The Corporate Parenting Panel is a group of people who meet to talk about how to make life better for children in care and care leavers (young people who used to be in care). They have the meeting four times a year. Here's what they talked about in their meeting in June:

1. Helping Children Find Families

- Some children who can't live with their birth families are adopted or live with foster families.
- They talked about how to make sure children find the right families and how to help them feel safe and happy.
- They also discussed how to make it easier for adopted children to stay in touch with their birth families if it's safe to do so.

2. Making Things Easier for Care Leavers

- Care leavers are young people who used to be in care but are now adults.
- A new website was made to help care leavers find important information, like who to call in an emergency or how to get help with housing or jobs.
- Two young people, Lailah and Noah, helped design the website to make it simple and easy to use.

3. Where Children Live

- Some children live with foster families, others with relatives, and some in special homes if they need extra help.
- They talked about making sure all children have safe and happy places to live.

4. Listening to Foster Carers

- Foster carers are people who look after children who can't live with their own families.
- The foster carers are planning fun events like a summer party and a Christmas party for the children.

5. Helping Children Feel Supported

- They talked about how to help children who think or learn differently (this is called neurodiversity).
- They want to make sure these children get the right help early so they can feel happy and do well.

6. Using Technology to Help

- They are using a computer tool called Magic Note to help social workers write notes faster.
- But they also said it's important to check the computer's work to make sure it's correct.

