

**What does corporate parenting and grand parenting mean for Calderdale's children and young people?**

When a child comes into care, Calderdale Council becomes the Corporate Parent. The term 'Corporate Parent/Grandparent' means the collective responsibility of the council, elected members, employees, and partner agencies, for providing the best possible care and safeguarding for the children who are looked after by the council and young people leaving their care. A child in care or a young person leaving care expects the whole council and partner agencies to be the best parent/grandparent it can be. Every member and employee of the council has the statutory responsibility to act for that child in the same way that a good parent would act for their child.

Every good parent and grandparent wants the best for their child, to provide a safe, secure, stable and nurturing home. To enable their child to develop or maintain positive relationships with their family, friends, professionals and other trusted adults while upholding their rights. For their children to flourish with good health, to be safe and happy, to do well at school, make the most of leisure opportunities, hobbies and interests, and to grow towards adulthood equipped to lead independent lives and to make their way as adults in higher education, in good careers and jobs and to be financially secure. Also, if their child becomes a parent ensuring they receive early, sensitive and effective support focussed on enabling them to be successful parents.

We have the same hopes and aspirations for the children and young people as those of every good parent and grandparent. We take seriously our moral as well as our legal responsibility for enabling children in care and young people leaving our care to experience happy and fulfilling lives.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robin Tuddenham', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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