



Children in Alternative Care

You have the right to:

be protected from anything that can cause you harm;

be treated fairly no matter what your background, religion or ability is;

live in a caring and protective environment;

express yourself as you feel comfortable.

What are standards?

Standards are a list of things that have to be done by adults in order to make sure that you are safe and that you enjoy your Rights.



Standard 1

You are cared for by your parents as much as possible

If it is not possible for you to continue living with your natural parents then you will receive care and protection.

During the time that you are being cared for by other people, your biological parents will be receiving the help that they need.





Standard 2

When adults are making decisions about your life, they should listen to your ideas and experiences

You talk freely about how you feel.

You are listened to.

You receive information about your rights.

You receive information on who will support you.

You are supported to participate in the decisions affecting you.

Standard 3

You are cared for and protected in the best way possible

You are provided with information about your new home.

You are provided with an explanation on why you will be moving to a new home.

During your move to your new home you are provided with the support that you need.

The people who look after you respect your religion, cultural and language.

The people who look after you are responsible to do what is best for you.

Your siblings move to the same home with you if it is best for you.





Standard 4

Your care is guided by a care plan

You are provided with a copy of your care plan when it is no longer possible for you to live with your natural parents.

Information should be provided to you in a way that you can understand.





The care plan includes your needs
and how these needs will be met.

You are supported to participate in any
changes affecting your care plan.

You are supported to talk about
anything related to your care.

When you reach your
mid-teens you will be supported and
prepared for when you leave care.



Standard 5

You have the right to a healthy life

Your health needs are assessed by a doctor or nurse.

You are provided with information about the things that you need help with.

You are provided with information about living healthily in a way that you can understand.

As you grow up you learn how to take care of your own health needs.





Standard 6

You have the right to access good quality education and to participate in activities that you like

You receive the support that you need to go to school.

You receive the support that you need to develop your talents and abilities.

You are given the chance to express your wishes on the activities that you would like to participate in.

You are supported to participate in activities of your choice.



Standard 7

You are supported to keep contact with your natural parents, your siblings and to develop relationships with your caregivers

You are supported to keep contact with your family and other persons close to you.

You are supported to keep contact with your brothers and sisters if they are not living with you.



Your relationship with those who are taking care of you is based on trust and support towards each other.

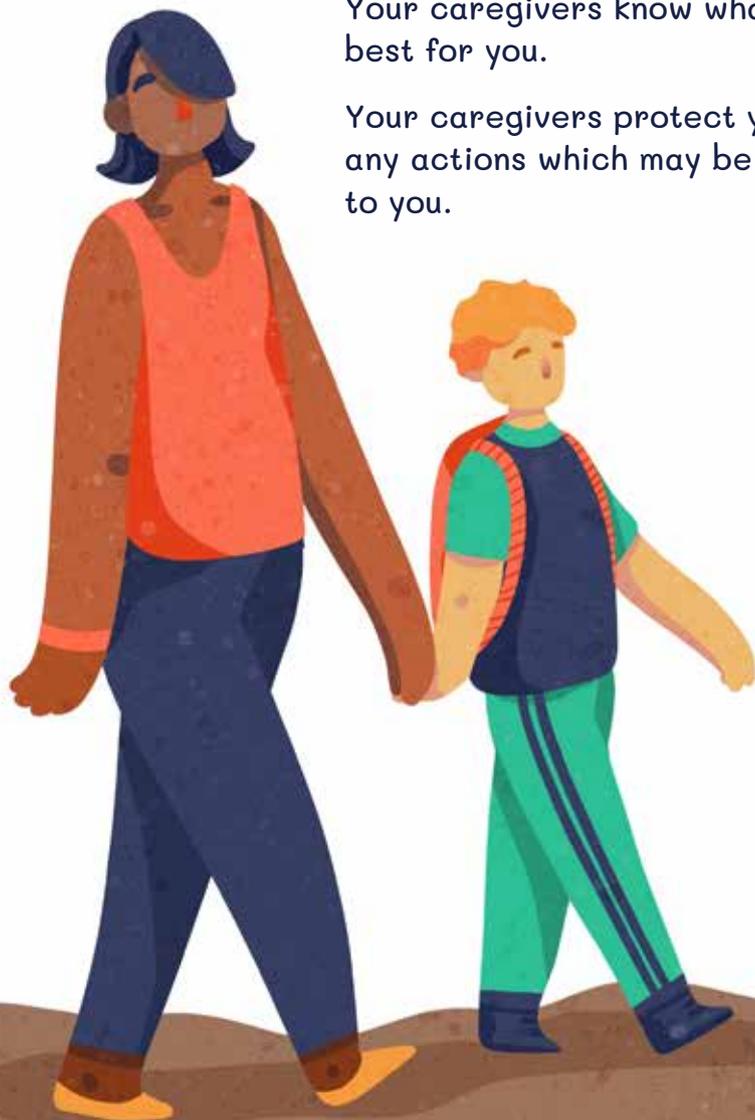
Standard 8

Your care givers provide you with child-centred, safe and effective care

You are provided with care and protection.

Your caregivers know what is best for you.

Your caregivers protect you from any actions which may be harmful to you.



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