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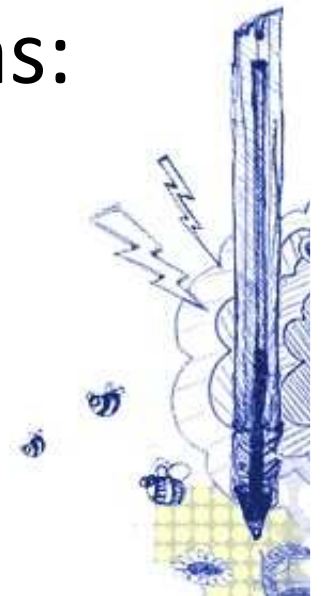
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Student Council

The Student Council met in May to discuss what makes school good for children in care and what we would like to see happening in school to make things better for us.

We came up with the following ideas:

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If I get behind with school work, what I need is....

After school clubs and homework clubs.

Get after school tuition.

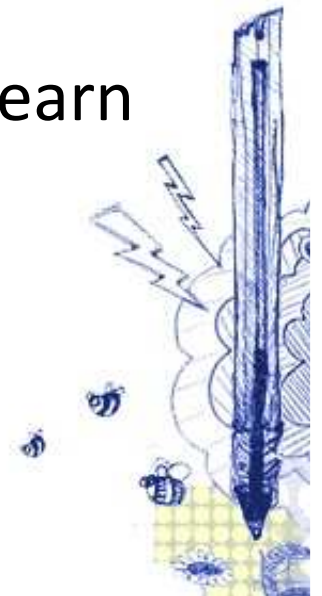
Have teachers explain things again.

Take some time to re-learn it. Be able to say I find it hard.

1:1 tuition with my teacher so I can do more work and catch up on what other people are doing.

Ask my mum to get a Maths and English book to learn and do.

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If I have trouble with friends at school, what I need is....

A learning mentor or teacher to sort things out.

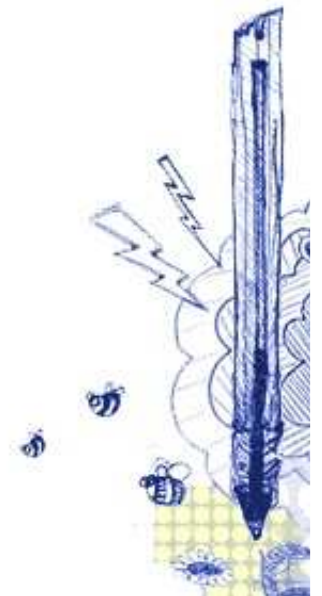
Group help. Have someone to talk to.

Time to think about the situation.

Help and time to calm down.

To be able to tell the head and she or he will help me deal with it.

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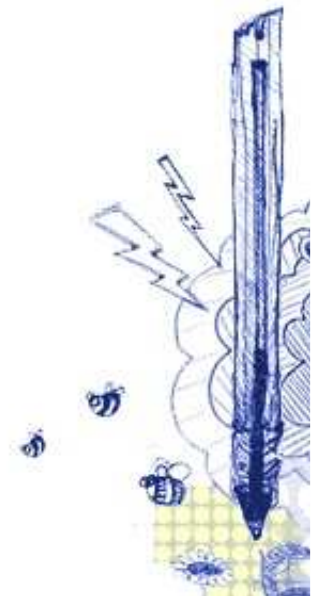
If I move carer, I need school to....

Give me support to help other children know what's going on.

Talk it through with me. Be able to tell others in school that I'm having a tricky time.

To know that I have a new carer so they can talk to them when school is finished.

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When I move school, what I need is....

The school to support and reassure me.

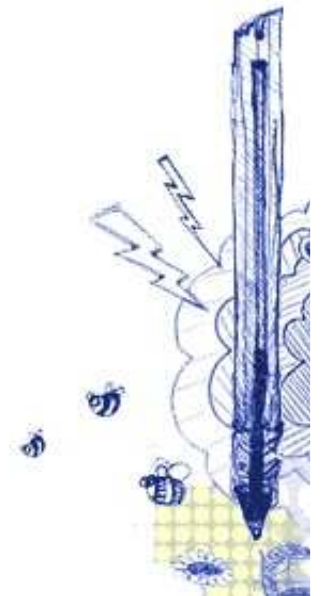
Having someone to talk to in my new school (peer mentor).

Give goodbye cards. Set up goodbye party.

Help focus when starting a new school.

Help with the arrangements.

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When I have my PEP meeting, what I need is ...

To be able to say what I need.

To know that the school will do what they said they would do.

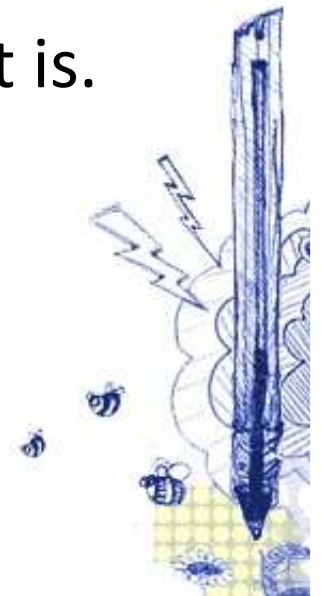
To have a friend in the meeting if I want one.

An advocate who can speak for me.

Help if I'm feeling unsafe.

To have a reminder so that I don't forget when it is.

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We also asked everyone in the Student Council to fill in a questionnaire about what they thought was important for children in care at school.

20 people answered. These are the top 5 most popular answers

**100%** - You have friends

**93.5%** - You feel safe

**93.5%** - You are able to work hard and do your best

**81.5%** - You have someone to talk to about any problems

**80%** - Children in care are treated the same as other pupils

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