GARNET HOUSE

Childrens Guide

Welcome to Garnet House

Welcome to Garnet House, this is your very own welcome guide to help you understand about living in your new home. This book belongs to you, so if you are not sure about things you can always see if it tells you about it in here.
We understand you may be feeling a bit worried, so hopefully this book will help you understand more about where you are and why you are here.
This is your new address:
Garnet House,
141 Victoria Road,
Wednesfield,
Wolverhampton,
West Midlands,
WV11 1RL

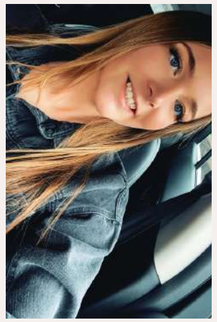
Garnet house is a safe home for children aged 7–17. We believe in the following:
Growing
Amazing
Relationships
Nurturing
Relationships
Thoughtfully

We will help you:

- Discover what you're good at
- Feel proud of who you are
- Learn skills for the future

Let's meet the team who are here to listen to you, keep you safe and care for you:

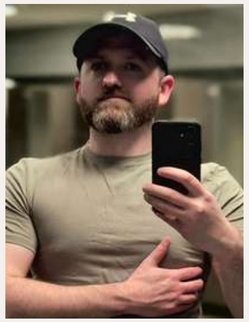
Lets Meet the Team



Kirsty - Homes Manager



Alyshia



Jon



Kirsty



Lamona



Dan - Deptuy Manager



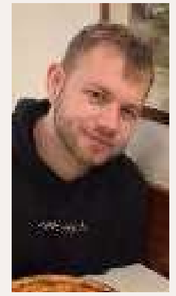
Victor



Sunenah



Devon



Conor



Navid



Emie

Other People you will meet



Nikita Allin
Responsiable Individual

Nikita makes sure Garnet House is run properly and safely. She cares about listening to your views and making sure your voice matters.



Liam
Home Counsellor

Liam is someone you can talk to about your thoughts and feelings. You will see him once a week and he will help you try to understand your emotions, worries, and experiences

Our Aims & Promises





Education and Learning

Education is important because it helps with your future.

We will:

- Encourage you to attend school or college
- Help with homework and learning
- Try to keep you at your current school if possible
- Support you if learning feels difficult

We understand school is not always easy, and we will help however we can.

Health and Wellbeing

Your health is important to us. We will make sure you are registered with:

- A doctor
- A dentist
- An optician

We will:

- Arrange appointments
- Go with you to help and support you.



We also care about your emotions and feelings and will support you through your own personal journey.

Kindness, Respect and Bullying

Garnet House is a kind and safe place where bullying and being unkind is never okay.

If you:

- Feel unsafe
- Feel upset

Tell one of the carers straight away. We will always listen and take you seriously. We want you to feel safe in your home.







Managing Your Emotions

We understand that big feelings can be hard to manage. Sometimes you might feel angry, upset, or overwhelmed. Carers are here to help you on your journey.

If there is serious danger, carers may need to help to keep you and everyone safe.

We will help and support you with building your own ways to help when you're feeling big feelings.

Family and Friends Time

We know how important family and friends are. When you arrive, a meeting will take place to decide together how best to keep in touch with the people who matter to you. You may be able to see them at home, visit them, or talk to them on the phone. Your social worker and our team will make sure your family time is safe and positive.



Weekly Money and Savings

You will receive pocket money and clothing money each week and the amount you receive is depending on your age. Please see the table below:			
Age	**Pocket Money**	**Age**	**Clothing Money**
13-14 years	£12.00	12-18 years	£14
15-16 years	£14.00		
17-18 years	£16.00		
We will also be saving £5 a week for you, which you will get, from your social worker when you turn 18. You will get money for other things too such as clothing, toiletries such as hair care and shower gels.			





Fun, Activities and Trips

AT GARNET HOUSE WE LOVE TO DO ACTIVITIES WITH YOU AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN. EVERY WEEK YOU CAN CHOOSE TO GO ON DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES, THIS CAN BE AFTER SCHOOL, ON WEEKENDS AND IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. YOU CAN DO LOTS OF THINGS LIKE:

·BOWLING
·CINEMA
·SWIMMING
·THEME PARKS
·LASER TAG
·SOFT PLAY
·YOUTH CLUBS

WE ALSO LOVE COMPLETING ACTIVITIES IN THE HOME TOO SUCH AS:

·MOVIE NIGHTS
·BAKING
·GAME NIGHTS
·CULTURE NIGHTS







FOOD AND MEALTIMES

We love good food here at Garnet! Every week we will get you to help us build our menu for the next week, so put your favourite meals down!









YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS

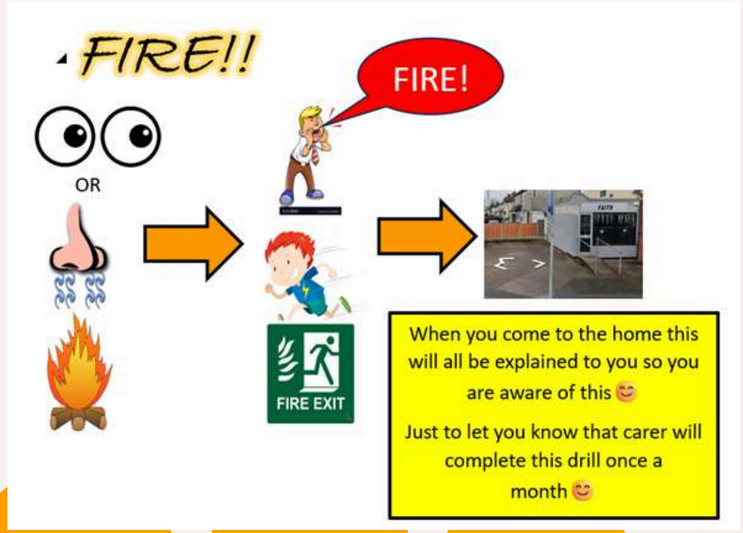
Young people's meetings are held once a month or when you wish to have them. There are different areas which can be discussed around how you feel in the home.



HEALTH & SAFETY / FIRE

Everyone at Garnet House want to make sure that the home is safe for you. If you notice something is broken or could cause someone harm please tell one of the team so we can get it fixed or so we can make it safer for you.





WE WRITE EVERYTHING DOWN

Carers write things down so:

- Nothing is forgotten
- Everyone understands what's happening

You can always ask your social worker to show you what has been written about you because you have the right to know.



SPEAKING UP: COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS

If you are unhappy or worried:

- Tell a carer
- Fill in a form (we can help you)
- Speak to the Kirsty or Nikita
- Speak to your social worker, IRO or we can find you someone else to help such as an advocate.

You will always get a reply within one week.

We also love hearing compliments and ideas!





ADVOCACY AND YOUR RIGHTS

An advocate is someone who helps you speak up.

They are independent and support you in meetings.

If you want an advocate, just ask.

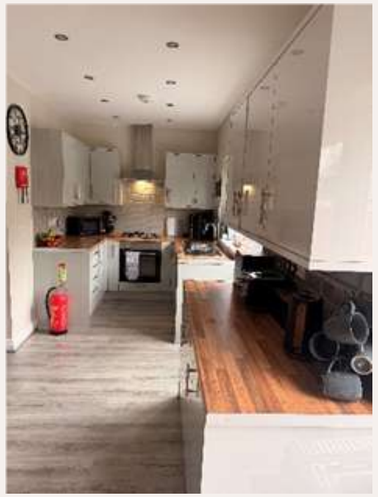
We can help you contact:

- NYAS
- Barnardo's
- Coram Voice





YOUR HOME





YOUR KEYWORKER

You choose your keywork within the home who will ensure all your views wishes and feelings are heard and actions. They will try and attend all important meetings for you too!





Picture of Young Person's Bedroom

YOUR BEDROOM

Your bedroom is private and a place for you to relax.
Your routines will continue so there is little change for you.
You will be able to choose how your room is decorated and can make it your own with pictures, posters and choose your own bedding etc.
Your carers will help you keep your room tidy, although you have to get involved.

SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Childline
Free - 24 hour helpline for children and young people in danger or distress. You can call and talk to a counsellor, email or text if you have a problem.
Helpline: 0800 1111

Bullying UK
Bullying UK helps young people in particular as well as a wide range of parents, pupils, teachers and youth organisations with all aspects of bullying. They have Facebook, twitter and flickr networks.
Email: help@bullying.co.uk

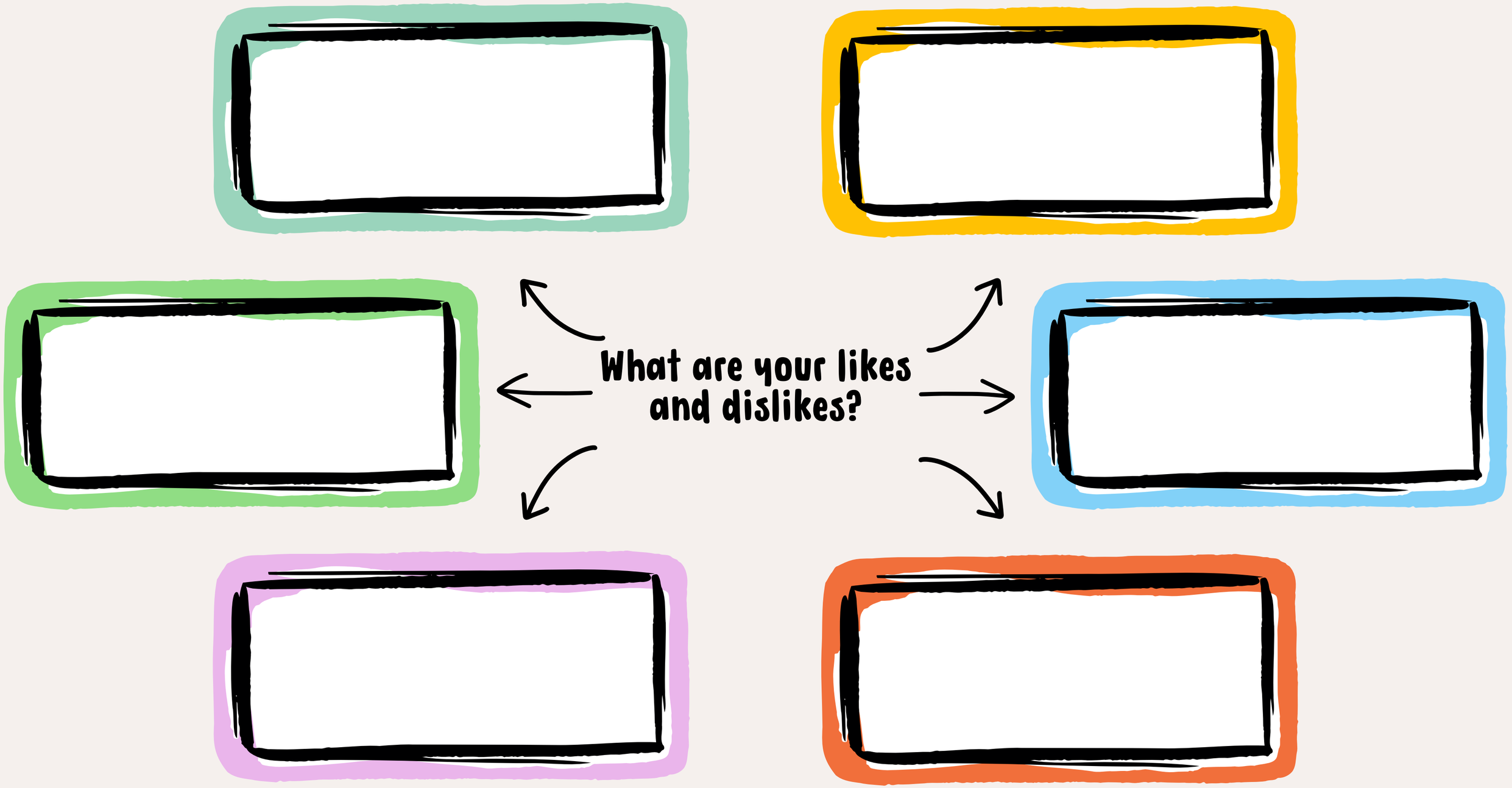
NSPCC Helpline
The NSPCC runs services for children, young people and their families throughout the UK, Guernsey and Jersey.
Helpline: 0808 800 5000
Email: Helpline@nspcc.org.uk

National Autistic Society
Information on the rights and interests of all people on the autistic spectrum, providing individuals and their families with help, support and services
Helpline: 0845 070 4004 (open 10am-4pm, Monday-Friday)
Email: visit www.autism.org.uk/enquiry and fill in the form

Ofsted
Email: CIE@ofsted.gov.uk
Contact Number: 0300 123 4666

Children's Commissioner: Dame Rachel de Souza
Help at Hand offers advice and representation for children in care, living away from home, working with social services and care leavers.
Email: help.team@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk
Contact Number: 0800 528 0731

Responsible Individual: Nikita Allin: 07425 644732
Social Worker:
IRO:


What are your likes and dislikes?

Thank you!