

1. Children and young people should be at the centre of all proceedings.
 - The child or young person should feel that their needs, wishes and feelings have been considered in the court process.
 - Each decision should be assessed on its impact on the child.
2. Children and young people should be kept safe: they should feel safe and be safe.
3. Every child should be respected and treated as an individual regardless of age, disability, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.
4. Children and young people should be given the opportunity to meet and communicate with the professionals involved with their case, including Cafcass workers, social workers and legal representatives; and members of the judiciary.
 - Every child or young person of sufficient age and understanding should have the opportunity of meeting with a member of the judiciary overseeing their case.
 - Every child or young person should have sufficient time to build a relationship with the professionals involved with their case.
 - Every child or young person should have clear contact details for their social worker and Cafcass worker including office address, telephone number and email address.
 - Every child or young person should have the opportunity through the Cafcass worker/social worker of submitting their views directly to the judge in writing.
 - Every child (age and understanding dependant) should have the opportunity of viewing or being informed about the social worker/Cafcass worker's report.
 - The child or young person should be consulted about the timing and venue of meetings.
5. When making a final order, the Judge should consider who will inform the child or young person of the outcome.
6. Children and young people should be kept informed about the court proceedings in an age appropriate manner.
7. Do not use jargon – make language clear, understandable and age appropriate and use methods of communication that children and young people are used to.
8. Every child or young person should have the opportunity to give feedback on family justice services, through email, text, telephone or writing.
9. Children and young people should be involved in all developments in family justice.
 - Children and young people should review family justice services.
 - Children and young people should be involved in the recruitment and training of professionals working in family justice.