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## Young Peoples Policy

1. Young People have the right to be safe and protected from harm
2. Young People have the right not to be assaulted or abused in any way, be it physically, emotionally or sexually
3. Young People have the right to speak, be listened to and be believed
4. Young People have the right to make their own decisions about their future
5. Young People have the right to be treated with respect and dignity
6. Young People have the right to complain against unfair treatment and their complaint to be taken seriously
7. Young People have the right to say NO!

### Your Responsibilities

If you want to use your rights and have them taken seriously by other people you have to accept certain responsibilities.

You do have the right to say no but there are always consequences to your actions and behaviour. For example, if you said no to do your homework, what do you think would be the consequences... punishment... extra homework, failing exams... etc

So although you have the right to make decisions about your future, you need to make sure they are informed decisions and that you know all the possible consequences of the choices you make.

If you expect to be respected, believed and listened to, then it's only fair that you give other people respect, believe them and listen to them.

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