



WE WILL GIVE YOU INFORMATION ABOUT ALL YOUR PLACEMENTS IN ADVANCE (THIS WILL INCLUDE: NAME OF CARERS, DETAILS AND AGES OF OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE, THE PLACE, PETS, ETC.)

# THIS IS THE MAGNA CHARTER!

The Magna Charter is our commitment to avoid unhelpful changes in your life.

If changes do happen, we promise we'll help you understand what's going on and make sure your views are listened to. Just like these cartoons, this can include changes to your social worker, your school, or your placement.

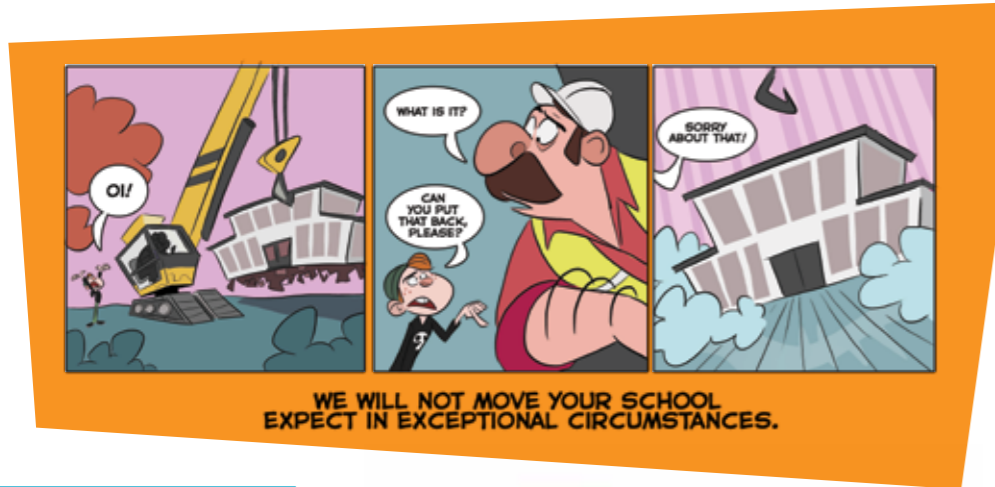
If you think you are not being listened to and involved, and that the Magna Charter isn't working for you, here's what you can do:

- Speak to someone you trust and tell them what's not right. This could be your foster carer or social worker, or someone else who can help you to be heard
- Use MOMO to send a message about what's not working for you (ask your worker about this or look at <http://mindofmyown.org.uk/>)
- Make a complaint by emailing [complaints@southtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:complaints@southtyneside.gov.uk)

To find out more about the Magna Charter and what you can do if you think something is changing for you, see: [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/magnacharter](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/magnacharter)



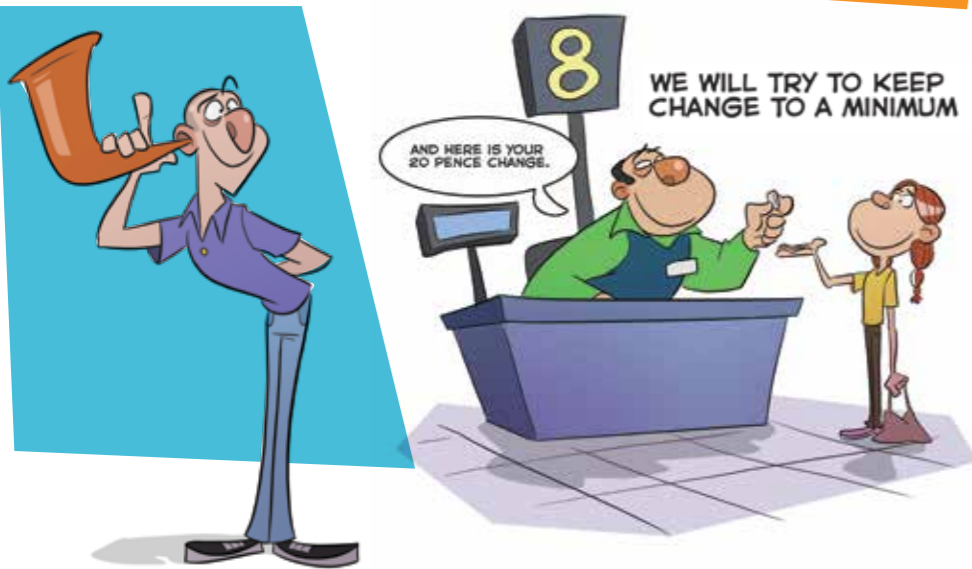
WE WILL VALUE YOUR FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS.



WE WILL NOT MOVE YOUR SCHOOL EXPECT IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.



WE WILL ALWAYS TELL YOU WHEN YOUR SOCIAL WORKER IS CHANGING.



WE WILL TRY TO KEEP CHANGE TO A MINIMUM

WE WILL LISTEN TO YOUR VIEWS ABOUT PLACEMENTS.



WE WILL PROACTIVELY SUPPORT AND PROMOTE 'STAYING PUT'.



WE WILL TRY TO STOP ISSUES ESCALATING.



WE WILL TELL YOU WHY YOU ARE MOVING/ WE WILL INVOLVE YOU IN THE MOVE.



WE WILL SUPPORT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR FRIENDS.





In 2017, young people looked after in South Tyneside told us that 'Changes in social worker' was one of the biggest issues for them.

So, MAGIC (South Tyneside's Children in Care Council) met with Shona Gallagher to talk about what could be done. Shona is the Head of Children and Families Social Care and also the character with the long quill finger (can you spot her?) Shona showed MAGIC what she was working on and they picked out their favourite bits.

MAGIC changed the name from 'Change Charter' to 'Magna Charter', and came up with the idea of using cartoons to bring it to life. So, by combining MAGIC's list of amazing cartoon ideas, and enlisting the help of a friendly local cartoonist, the Magna Charter was born!



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