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OUR PLAN TO SUPPORT
**OUR CARE-EXPERIENCED
COMMUNITY**
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Our Promise To You



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We're proud to support students with experience of care and to make Forth Valley College a place where you can thrive.

Our promise is to make sure you feel welcome, understood and supported from the moment you think about applying right through to life after college.

We'll listen to you, work with you, and give you the right support at the right time - so you can achieve your goals and feel confident about your future.



How We Will Keep This Promise



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Starting College

You told us that the move into college can feel overwhelming. We're here to make it easier and to help you feel ready and supported from day one.

How we will do this:

- Clear opportunities to tell us you are care experienced during your application and enrolment, so we can contact you early and offer support throughout the whole process.
- Transition activities to help you get to know the college and what to expect.
- A dedicated staff member who will introduce themselves before you start and support you throughout your college journey.
- With your permission, we'll connect with the other important people in your life so we can work together in the way that feels best for you.

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While You Are Studying

Once you've enrolled, you'll receive consistent, proactive support throughout your time at college to help you stay on track and feel confident.

How we will do this:

- Regular check ins with your dedicated staff member.
- Priority access to support services, financial help and academic support.
- Mentoring opportunities and wellbeing activities.
- Staff training so everyone understands their corporate parenting responsibilities and feels confident in supporting you in the way that works best for you.

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Preparing for Your Next Steps

We'll help you prepare for your next steps - whether that's more study, work, apprenticeships or independent living.

How we will do this:

- Support with UCAS applications, job applications or preparing for employment.
- 'Moving On' workshops covering topics like careers, personal finance and independent living skills.
- Clear and simple referral routes to external support services.
- If you're moving on to another institution, we'll help make the transition smooth and — with your permission - share your support plan so you don't have to start from scratch.

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Respectful & Accessible Communication

We will use language that is respectful, positive and easy to understand - because words matter.

How we will do this:

- Making sure all college information is clear, accessible and relevant to you.
- Making support more visible, approachable and proactive.
- Creating a student led glossary of preferred terms.
- Training staff to communicate in a trauma aware, supportive way.



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Relationships

We want you to feel that you always have someone in your corner. We'll build trust through relationships that are caring, consistent and centred around your needs.

How we will do this:

- Listening to your views regularly through focus groups, conversations and surveys.
- Celebrating your achievements and sharing positive stories from students with experience of care across our college.



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Strong Partnerships

We will work with partners to create more opportunities for learning, careers and life experiences.

How we will do this:

- Continuing our work with partners such as Skills Development Scotland, Department for Work & Pensions and MCR Pathways, and strengthening our corporate parenting network.
- Exploring new partnerships that can help us support you even more.



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**FORTH VALLEY
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Corporate Parent



Creating a College Where You Can Thrive - Together

Real change happens when we listen, learn and work together. We'll keep working closely with you, our staff and partner organisations to build a college culture where students with experience of care can thrive - not just academically, but in every part of life.

We will keep striving to do better and ensure every student with experience of care has the support, opportunities and confidence they need to reach their full potential.

