



# Have your say

11 MILLION asked a number of children and young people what the words Justice, Respect, Safety, Fairness and Rights mean to them.

**Dudley Decision Making Kids (DDMK)** are aged between nine and 15. They meet on a regular basis to take part in strategic decision making. They are supported by Dudley's Participation Plus Team, who ensure the views, needs and interests of children and young people are heard.

## Justice

- Being treated fairly if you get into trouble
- Court
- Kind of revenge
- Services like the police
- Justice is getting the right decision made for you
- Where people are heard
- Being treated right by adults

## Respect

- Be nice to others
- Treat people appropriately
- Friendship
- Respect others
- Treat others like you want to be treated yourself
- Be kind
- Don't call people names
- Respect others opinions
- Take others opinions, cultures and religions into account
- Manners
- Politeness
- Helpful

## What does safety mean to us?

- Being protected out on the streets by people and the environment you live in
- Don't play with knives
- Internet safety to block people in chat rooms and use abuse buttons
- Be careful what you do
- If out stay in a group
- Be careful
- Don't take drugs, drink or smoke
- Always have money with you
- If you are out on your own have a mobile with you

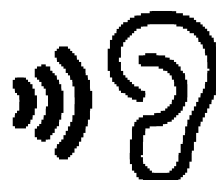
- Learn self-defence
- Cross roads safely
- 'I feel safe at home'
- Make sure you are not alone with people you don't know much!
- Being sheltered from harm
- Look after yourself
- Be aware of things that can hurt you

## What does fairness mean to us?

- Equality
- Sharing
- Justification between different people
- Helping people
- Having the same when appropriate
- To be the same
- To be treated the same as others
- Being treated with respect
- Be treated the same whether you are black or white
- Being able to do stuff whether you are a boy or a girl
- Not calling people names
- Nobody should be left out

## Do you know your rights?

- You have the right to play safe
- To be safe
- You have the right to live in a home
- You have a right to live in safety
- You have a right to an education
- You have a right to buy things but not drugs and alcohol
- You have a right to be clean
- You have a right to go to school
- We should all stop bullying
- You have a right to sing, dance and perform
- You have a right to enjoy yourself without having any worries
- The UN Convention states that young people and children have a right to lots of things
- We all have the right to fresh clean water
- Be healthy
- Good job opportunities
- We have a right to speak our minds



**Jacqueline, aged 19 – Fairbridge North Manchester**

**What is justice?** Justice is when you go court and you are dealt with fairly

**What does fairness mean to you?** Fairness is when an independent person hears both sides of the story and then decides.

**What does safety mean to you?** Safety means to me feeling comfortable walking down a street and feeling safe.

**What does respect mean to you?** Respect means that people don't talk behind other people's backs. Treat people the way you want to be treated.

**Do you know your rights?** No.

**Marcellus, Diana Award holder, 18 years old:**

**What is justice?**

To me justice means that someone gets a fair punishment to a crime that they have committed.

**What does fairness mean to you?**

It is when people are treated the way that is right for them.

**What does safety mean to you?**

Safety means that we are safe from abuse, violence and from being harmed in any way e.g. things falling on you. Being showed the way to places so you don't get lost which can be very hard for the person and their family.

**What does respect mean to you?**

When we are spoken to in a way that is appropriate to our needs. When people treat you the way you need to be treated.

**Do you know your rights?**

Oh yes, I do but unfortunately many people aren't aware of them and some people don't like you knowing your rights, as they feel threatened by people's rights. ■

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