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# **I'm Just a Normal Child: Looked After Children and Education**





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# The Fostering Network

EVERY CHILD • EVERY CARER • EVERY DAY







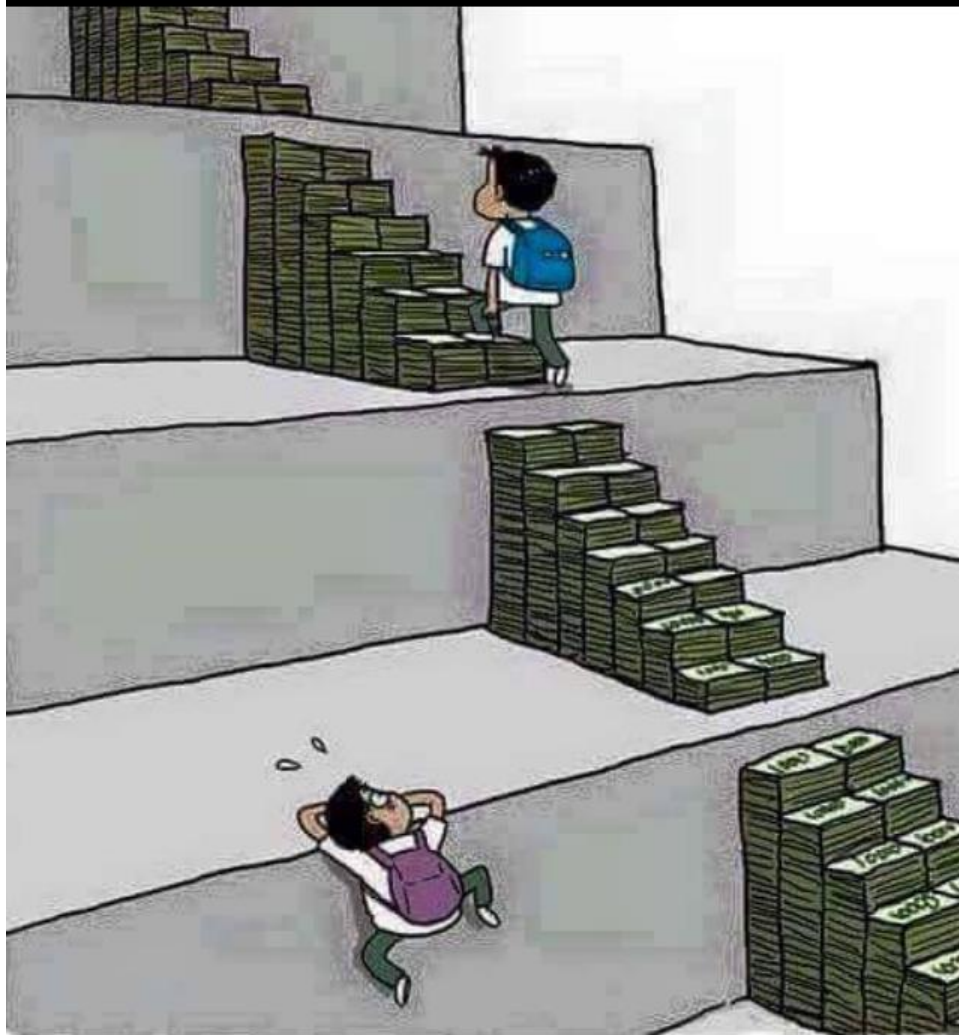






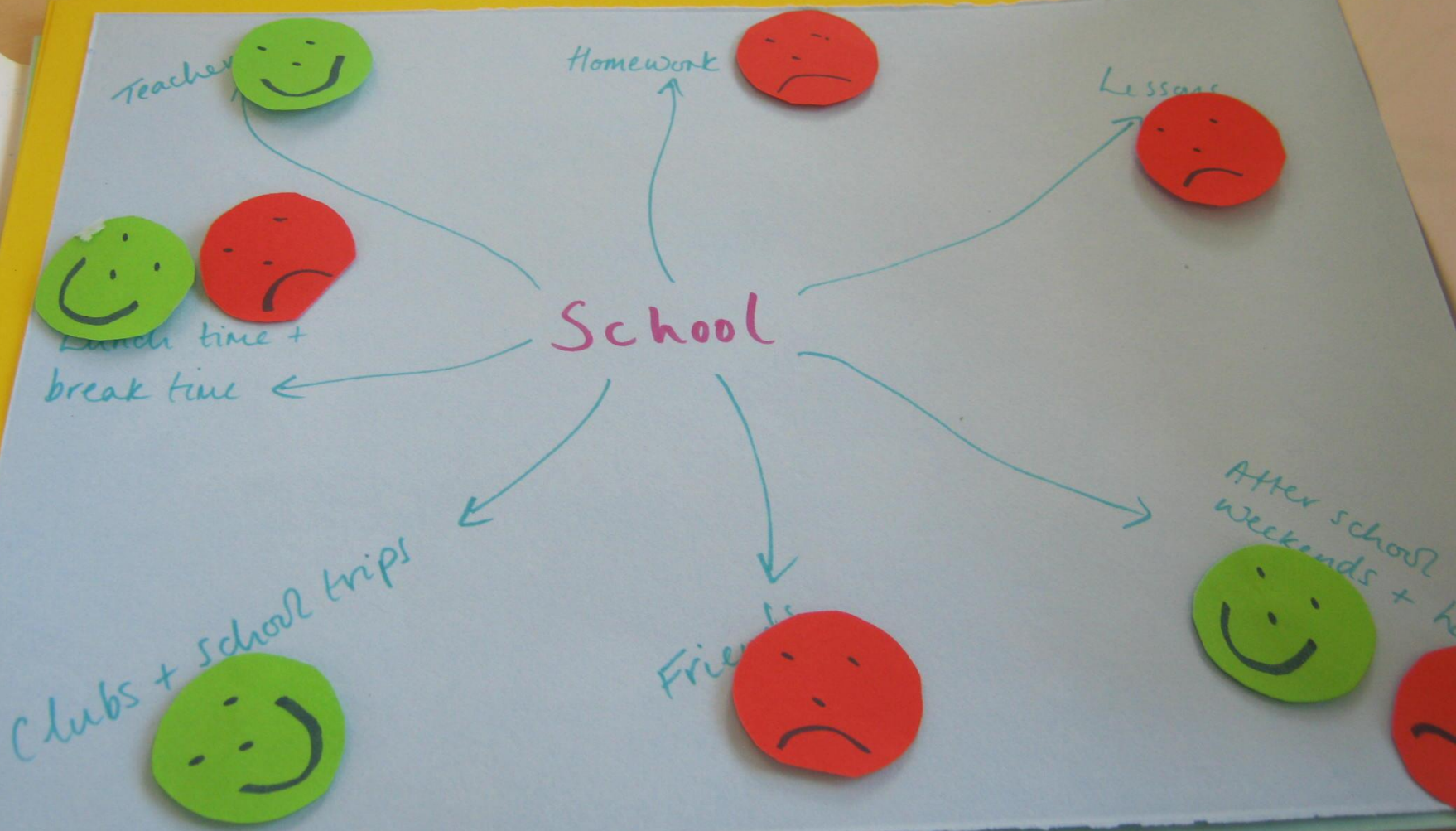






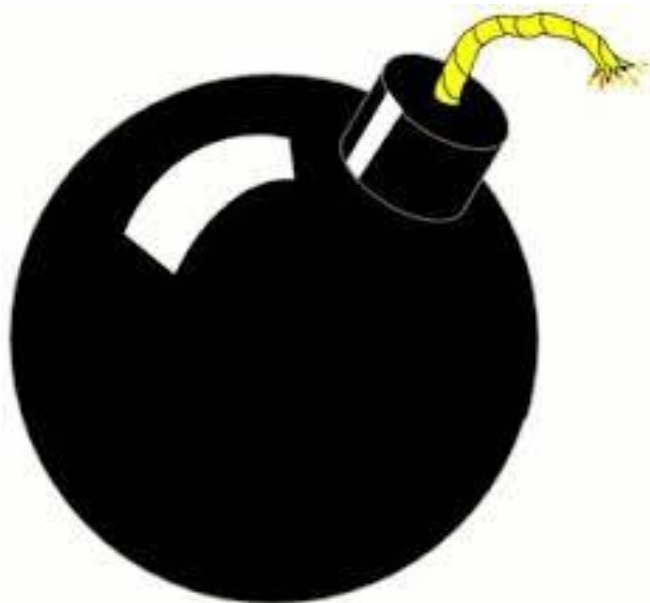
















# THE STIGMA OF BEING LOOKED AFTER

MANY OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WE SPOKE TO WERE AWARE OF THE STIGMAS THAT COME WITH THEIR STATUS AS 'LOOKED AFTER' AND TALKED ABOUT BEING SEEN BY PEERS AND ADULTS AS A PROBLEM, TROUBLED, DIFFERENT, AND UNLIKELY TO ACHIEVE MUCH. THEY WANTED TO BE SEEN AS INDIVIDUALS, NOT AS JUST A LABEL, PITIED OR A PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED.











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**attitude**

**SHIFT**



OLD WAY

NEW WAY

you  
can  
help





<http://sites.cardiff.ac.uk/cascade/looked-after-children-and-education/>



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