

Transcript for Hope Primary School and Alder Hey

Child 1: Our city, our place, our voice. Think of us, listen to us, and include us. We are not just the future, we are part of the present. We are the laughter in the playground. We are the rainbow running along the docks, the glue of our communities bringing people together at groups and at celebrations, the arms that turn strangers into friends. We make our city stronger and brighter through every voice. Our voice helps to shape Liverpool, the amazing city we call home. Our youth forum is all about young people's voice. Think of us, Liverpool, where we belong.

Child 2: Let kids do what they want.

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Child 3: Think of us as not only the future, but people who matter now. Listen to our voices, respect our ideas, and create a world where everybody feels belonged.

Child 4: We need more parks and football pitches, and we need more game shops. There is parks by mine, but I feel like there's not that much, 'cause every time I go to the park, there's always lots of people there, and there's no football pitch, and there's no, there's, like, no game shops by my house. So, when I wanna buy something, I have to drive far.

Child 5: Think of us, Liverpool. We belong here. This is our city.

[background conversations]

Child 6: Our city, I think our city could be better by adding more fun so playtime never feels done or be more kind, it's better for our minds or take the bus to prevent more dust. Our city can be a kinder place.

Child 7: Children should have more safe spaces because it helps us to be calm.

Child 8: Children need more freedom in their daily lives, and more say in what happens in their lives. Good listening is when you maintain eye contact and listen to others.

Child 9: Listen to our voices because our thoughts and feelings are just as real and important. When children are not heard, we can feel invisible, lonely, and powerless. By listening to us, you show that we matter and that our dreams, worries, and ideas can help make the world a better place.

Child 10: I think adults should stop yelling more often and should let kids chill and have fun. Trust kids better.

Child 11: Think of us because we are nice, kind, and caring.

Child 12: We want our voices to be listened to. Listen to us because we have good ideas, and sometimes if you listen to us, it could be for the best. If you want the world to be better, make our opinions matter. If you want to be happy, listen to us.

Child 13: I want you to think and know us as kind people who care about our wellbeing and education.

Child 14: Think of us. We are good, we are kind, we are loving and thoughtful, and we want you to think of us.

Child 15: Dear all adults, smile around your kids so they do not copy you.

Child 16: I think adults should let kids hang out with friends more.

Child 17: I think adults should have more parties and lots of fun because they've been working really hard.

Child 18: Children's voices matter. Give children's opinions more opportunities. It's not just adult voices that matter. Children's voices want to be heard.

Child 19: Hi, my name is Victoria, and I want more freedom. My favourite word is freedom because I want to be able to be me and not be judged. I hate the word normal because absolutely no one is normal.

Child 20: I'm cricketastic!

Child 21: My favourite footballer is Mia Endbury because she's inspiring, hard-working, and kind to her fans. More adults should take women's football more seriously because it inspires people like me to be like Mia Endbury.

Child 22: When adults think of us, I want them to care about our wellbeing, education, and freedom.

Child 23: I am good at a game. I am a good friend. I have been to lots of Liverpool games. I have been out for a bit, playing out with my friends

Child 24: I think adults should see things from our point of view and make real promises. They also need to make more time for us as children. I know some adults may not have time for their children, or they may struggle to see what, to see or know what children think. But it is very important, to try. Even if you did struggle to do those things, it's okay because you can just try and try again.

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