

Throughout the 2017 election campaign we reached out to children and young people across the country, asking them to send in their thoughts on how MPs should pledge to protect children's arts for the future. Below is the pledge that we have created from their contributions:

In creating the future, we ask you to recognise:

- The importance of early-years (children and infants aged 0-5).
- That play is an essential part of education, ensuring good physical and mental health in our children.
- That the arts are the principal trainers of the imagination.
- The need to listen to and talk with children when making political decisions that affect their futures.

**It is every child's right, every day, to have time to create, imagine and play.**

We ask that you please write back, stating your commitment to children's arts during your time in office. We will be publishing a full list of supporting MPs on the Action for Children's Arts website.



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