

Difficult Behaviour

"When someone is being irresponsible you should ignore them but when the same person does something good you should notice"

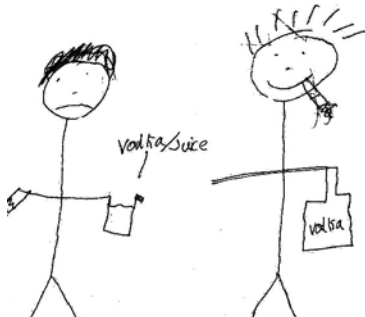
Children and young people recognised there were lots of pressures which might make it difficult for people to behave well.

"Might be family issues like your parents getting divorced- your mind on other things."

"Looking cool might be more important than looking clever"

"Some people will be good some days and not others you can't really predict."

myself because my mum and dad
are having problems with my brother
and they are always fighting so
I have to hold my own.
and my gran has cancer and hasn't
got long to live so I have to
try stay strong and stick to myself.



Friendship and peer pressure were big influences.

"Some friendships are good but some are bad – some are a bit dodgy"

"One boy in our class doesn't feel included – no one likes him very much. He is nasty to the girls."

"When I nearly had a drink of vodka."

There was recognition that it was not equally easy for people to behave.

"Some people find it hard"

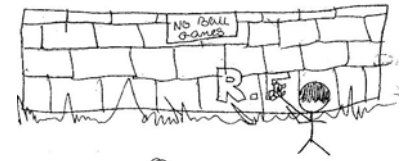
"Everyone should get a wee bit different. Its all rounding up to good behaviour and good work – but you have your own targets."



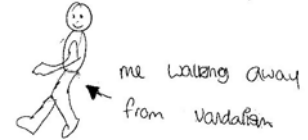
"I beat up lots of people in a football bust-up of the years."

What might help

"They could set up a group of people who are willing to look after kids who might vandalise – to do something with them"



"They could do activities with them. I have a friend in primary, he was vandalising quite a bit. Every Monday he goes to a group where ..kids get outings and days out. They don't let you run around and that. It's young carers, that's what it was. You can't have it everyday but when my friend isn't there he is quite angry."



"Me walking away from people wanting to make me do vandalism."

"My friend keeps telling us how good it was."

"Young Carers" was mentioned as good practice by a number of young people who attended young carer support groups or who had friends that did. It was seen as so helpful that it was felt something similar should be available for people with different problems.



"Well I was going to get in trouble but I listened to my mum and dad and they told me to tell the truth so I did and the police listened!"

"They should open it up to any one who needs help not just young carers. There should be somebody for them."

There was a mixed response about point or rewards systems.

"Good manners week we have to be on our best behaviour, if we hold the door and that we get house points."

"Some people who normally misbehave behave that week then they get points but it proves that they can do it. But once it is over everybody goes back to being naughty."

"People who are normally bad get more points if they are good than people who are always good."

"We all have good days and bad days"



"Understanding that sometimes we aren't responsible but if adults look back to when they were our age they would probably have done the same."