

Inspection Top Tips

Experience of Children

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Children's Homes Regulations

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(1) The enjoyment and achievement standard is that children take part in and benefit from a variety of activities that meet their needs and develop and reflect their creative, cultural, intellectual, physical and social interests and skills.

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Regulation 9



Children's Homes Guide

6.7 The home's staff should recognise and celebrate the achievements of their children.

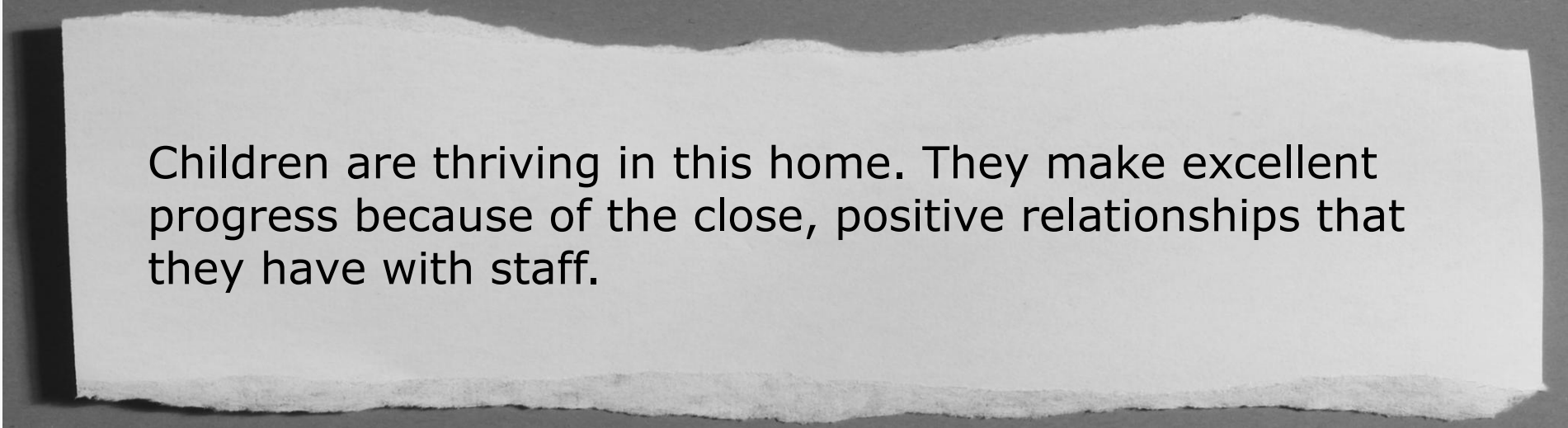


Children's Homes SCCIF Key Elements

- Staff always place the wellbeing of individual children at the centre of their practice.
- All their achievements are celebrated and appropriately rewarded.
- Leaders and managers show an ambitious vision, have high expectations for what all children can achieve and ensure high standards of individualised care.
- Leaders and managers understand the plans for the children and drive the achievement of important milestones, goals and permanence for their futures.
- Leaders and managers monitor the progress that individual children make and can demonstrate the positive impact that living at the home has had on individual children's progress and life chances.



Ofsted comment from inspection – Outstanding



Children are thriving in this home. They make excellent progress because of the close, positive relationships that they have with staff.

Top Tips...

1. **Tailor the way achievements are recognised to the child in a way they can accept.**
2. **Recognise progress, resilience, kindness, attendance, emotional regulation, and trying something new are all achievements.**
3. **Ensure praise and recognition of an achievement is acknowledged** as close to the event as possible.
4. **When setting goals for children, recognise all the small steps that are working towards each goal.**
5. **When recognising achievements, keep in mind the potential impact of trauma** and ensure that the way this is conveyed is genuine, predictable, and emotionally safe.

