



Children Heard and Seen

2024 General Election Manifesto

Incoming MPs and Government should support children with parents in prison by...

Establishing a statutory requirement to identify children with a parent in prison.

Identifying these children isn't an impossible task: through the Operation Paramount project, Prisons Service data is cross-checked with existing Police data to identify children left behind when an individual enters the prison system. This same system could be used across the country to immediately identify children when their parent is sent to prison, preventing situations where children end up living on their own without an adult in the house.

We have the data. It's time to use it to help these children.

Providing appropriate support for these identified children, rooted in the child's school.

Upon identification, the Designated Safeguarding Lead at a child's school should be notified immediately. This should include registered nurseries, pre-schools, and childminders. The DSL will liaise with other members of staff and external agencies to offer tailored support to the child in question.

For more on how schools can support children with a parent in prison, see our Model School Policy, available on our website.

Making children with a parent in prison eligible for Pupil Premium.

Children with a parent in prison should be eligible for Pupil Premium in the same way that children with a parent in the armed forces are.

The funding schools receive could then be used to either provide individual, tailored support to the student in question or to develop school-wide approaches that de-stigmatise parental imprisonment.

The children we support cannot vote in this General Election, but their voices must be heard by any incoming government and MP. **#itwasntme**