

## Become a Care Home Friend Challenge: Notes for Leaders

### Week 10: “Congratulations on becoming a Care Home Friend!”

Congratulations, this is the final week of the challenge. Children receive their certificates and celebrate becoming Care Home Friends! Thank you all for taking part.

#### Activity Information

In the final activity sheet this week, children reflect on their experiences of taking part in this challenge. They could do this individually or as a group. It’s a great opportunity to recap what they’ve learnt and how they’ve felt about taking part.

Children also consider what they could continue doing with the care home they have connected with. You might like to plan an activity to take place over the summer holidays, for example writing a letter or creating artwork.

The end of our challenge coincides with Care Home Open Week - a week where care homes connect and celebrate with their local community. Children can find out whether their local care home is taking part on this website here: <https://championingsocialcare.org.uk/care-home-open-day/what-is-happening-in-your-area/>

#### Tell us your thoughts

- We’ve created a quick survey to gather your feedback about the challenge, which will allow us to connect more young people with care homes in the future. We’d really appreciate it if you could spare a few minutes to fill it in: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/J8CLRC2>
- Thank you to those who have shared images with us. We’ve shared a few on this blog: <https://myhomelife.org.uk/hundreds-sign-up-become-a-care-home-friend-challenge/>
- If you have any further quotes or images to share, we would love to hear from you! Please email: [intergenerational.linking.1@outlook.com](mailto:intergenerational.linking.1@outlook.com)

#### Our wider project

- We have released another video which showcases our wider project - Care Home FaNs: Intergenerational Linking – connecting young people with older people living in care homes in 11 areas across England.
- Children and adults might like to watch this short video as it could give them ideas for how to maintain a link with their local care home - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hUJEUcOiupw>

Thank you once again for supporting children and young people to take part in this Challenge and become Care Home Friends!

The Care Home FaNs: Intergenerational Linking team