

Children's Flood Manifesto

These are our ideas for how to make things better in the UK based on our experiences. We want you to listen to us and take action to make sure that children are better supported before, during and after floods.

Reference as:

Children's Flood Manifesto 2015, Children, Young People and Flooding: Recovery and Resilience, Lancaster University and Save the Children

<http://wp.lancs.ac.uk/cyp-floodrecovery/outputs>

We want better flood warnings!

- We should have more warnings, when we need them.
- Flood warnings should be on the radio and included in weather reports.
- Children should be given more information because they have the right to know what is happening.
- There should be buses that can take people somewhere safe.
- People should be told when it might flood and then they should get out of their houses so they don't get hurt.
- Everyone should know about the warnings, e.g. there could be a post that beeps when it's going to flood.

Families need to make sure they are prepared

- Make sure you have a radio, batteries, candles, torches, sandbags and food.
- Have someone who checks and understands the warnings.
- When it floods get your things and yourself upstairs.
- Put photos on a high shelf, bed or attic, because you can't retake them.
- Make sure pets are safe.

Flood lessons should be in schools

- They should start in Reception and keep going.
- Include flood tests at the end of the year, flood simulation events like a fire drill and a flood preparation game on the internet.
- Children should go on walks (once a month) so they get to know their local area.
- Children could write to the parish council, Prime Minister, Environment Agency or their MP to make flood defences better and help create plans.

Schools should support children during and after floods

- Schools could organise donations of supplies.
- Children should have time off school to help clean up.
- There should be a group to help children get happier after a flood.

We want better flood defences!

- More barriers or walls on the Humber, but not too big so we can still see the view.
- More sandbags from the council.
- Schools should not be built on flood plains.
- Schools should have flood defences or be built on stilts.
- Make sure the Humber Bridge stays open when it floods.

Help your family, friends and neighbours

- Look out for people who need more help e.g. people in bungalows and children.
- Help people get to the village hall.
- Let friends stay at your house if their homes have been flooded.
- Help your friends after the floods so they don't have to do it all themselves e.g. helping clean out rental houses.

Insurance companies need to listen to what we need

- People living in bungalows need special help.
- Children need special help.
- Houses need to be dried properly so they don't get wet again.

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