

More Than a Second Chance

By 16, Chris had already experienced more disruption than most adults. Care placements, trauma, and anxiety meant school didn't feel safe and he simply stopped going, a common theme for many of the young people we support. At one point, he was attending just 4% of the time.

It would have been easy to write him off.

We chose not to.

Instead of trying to force Chris into a system that didn't work for him, we built support around him — patiently, consistently, and without judgement. Staff visited regularly, building trust where there had been very little. They created an environment where he felt safe enough to begin engaging again.

And slowly, he did.

His attendance improved. He formed relationships. He started learning again, not just academically, but emotionally too. He began to understand himself, manage his reactions, and ask for help when he needed it.

Even when setbacks came, he wasn't pushed out, he was supported through them.

Today, Chris is working towards qualifications, managing challenges more confidently, and preparing for life beyond school.

We didn't just offer a second chance, they gave him the belief that he deserves one.

Chris' feeling towards school have increased positively by 48% and his confidence in learning by 23%

With your help, we can stand alongside more young people like Chris and never give up on their future.

