

## The boy who skated away from everything

Fred didn't think anyone cared about him so that is why he skated away from everything! Because it helped! He was a kid in care!

Fred used to play games by himself in the park when he was with his family because he was scared that someone would come and be mean. Sometimes he pretended he was a big strong man, so he could scare people away. Sometimes he used to skate past people and steal their things. Sometimes he used to cry when people thought he was the bully, but really he was being bullied everywhere.

Fred used to never listen until one day someone came and tried to talk to him, a social worker, who took him into care. Fred was scared and just used to skate away. They tried to skate along-side him. He used to stop and say 'leave me alone, I don't want you to skate along-side me'.

They said 'We're just trying to help'. Fred didn't believe them!

More skaters came along; they were really good skaters! They wouldn't let Fred skate away. They stayed along-side him and didn't listen when he told them to leave him alone. They cared about him so much that they just continued to skate with him. Fred skated and wobbled round them and they held him tight to stop him falling over.

Fred's skating got better and they started to skate together. Fred started to talk to them and they listened to him. They understood him and why he wanted to skate away from everything.

Fred realised he had friends, that he was no longer alone. People cared about him and liked him.

Fred's friend Ron is his best friend, he makes him laugh. They watch TV and play x-box games together.

Fred's friend Bob chats with him and they go to the skate park together where they challenge each other to do tricks on their skateboards.

Fred gave his roller-skates to a charity shop and he heard that a little girl bought them. He sometimes sees her now at the roller-skating rink giggling and laughing with her Mum and Dad. Fred hopes she never feels like skating away on them. Looking back to the past Fred feels sad but now the present and future are good. The past was like a nasty black cloud but the present is a nice big coloured rainbow creating happiness and a road to his future.

School is going well, Fred is very happy where he is living. He has lovely caring people around, friends and things have got better when he sees his family.

Fred has hopes and dreams of learning to snowboard, becoming a singer and one day owning his own shoe shop. Fred is aiming for the highest he can go, he's looking forward not back but one thing he knows, he will never be alone or the boy who has to skate away ever again.

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