



Children have the right to smile.

Nothing replaces the family. We need to spend time with our parents, our brothers and sisters, our aunts and uncles, and our grandparents, even if we don't live with them. That makes us smile.

When we're sick, we need to be treated. For example, the little brother of one of us had to go to the hospital by ambulance very often. Without that, he would be dead.

In this Tapori meeting, we speak different languages, we're different ages and sizes, and we have different skin colors, but we play together. We like it when it's like that. We're all equal. We want to be accepted and respected, even if we're different. That makes us smile.

At school, children that can't give their opinion feel excluded. One child said, "What's important isn't that my opinion is chosen, but that I'm at least listened to." Another one said, "It's important to make a friend. When we're two, we're not alone. That helps. We can support each other. Friendship makes us smile.

It's important to go to school to know lots of words and to be able to answer other people's questions. If a child doesn't go to school regularly, she might not have the same chances to have a good life as others. Going to school doesn't always make us smile, but if we don't go, we can't read the sentence: "We're all equal."

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