The PROMISE

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The Makaton Vocabulary Development Project has produced this standardised version of the Promise, to be used by Unit Leaders who have children in their unit, who use signs with the Makaton Vocabulary as their main means of communication.

The Makaton Vocabulary Development Project has collaborated with the Scouts Association to produce a Training Video introducing Makaton and showing how to sign the Promise. The video and the Scouts Association’s Communication Chart are available to order from the Scouts Association, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London E4 7QW.
THE PROMISE

On my honour

I promise that

I will do my best to do my duty to God,

to serve the Queen,
to help other people

and to keep the Scout Law
USEFUL SIGNS FOR ENROLMENT

UNIT LEADER ASKS:

THE PROMISE IS GIVEN

UNIT LEADER ANSWERS:

SIGN BANK

YOU point to person

TO SIGN (MAKE) flat hands circle alternately

YOUR move fist towards person

TO + SAY

TO KEEP right cupped hand taps twice on left palm = PROMISE

TRUE +

= TO TRUST flat hand strikes other palm deliberately – then change hands

THIS point to PROMISE
SIGN BANK

- use these signs for your promise

ON (HEART)
finger tips touch heart

HEART (HONOUR)
index fingers outline heart shape

TO SAY +

TO KEEP
good cupped hand taps twice on left palm

= TO PROMISE

TO DO
small striking movement made twice

MY
draw fist towards chest

BEST
right thumb tip brushes left thumb tip sharply away from body

DUTY
right flat hand taps twice on left shoulder

GOD

TO WORK
(TO SERVE)
flat hand makes sawing movement over other flat hand

CROWN +

LADY
small stroke on cheek

= QUEEN

TO HELP
(TO BE OF SERVICE)
fist on finger tips, raise both

THEY
(OTHER PEOPLE)

AND
small linking sign

SCOUT GUIDE
CUB
BROWNIE

LAW
index on to other palm firmly

WHAT

YOUR
move fist towards person

RESPONSIBILITY
2 hands rest on lowered shoulder

TALL +

= RANGER

IN

COMMUNITY
thumbs and finger tips touching, move together to make small circle
The Makaton Vocabulary is a Language Programme which provides a basic means of communication and encourages language development in children and adults who have communication problems related to learning difficulties or other disabilities. It is in widespread use in this country and, increasingly, abroad. In the UK, the signs we use have been selected from British Sign Language.

Further copies of the Promise, details of Training Courses, Resource Materials, Research Information and the names and addresses of local UK Makaton Representatives, can be obtained by contacting the Director of the National Centre for the Makaton Vocabulary. The Makaton Vocabulary Development Project is a Registered Charitable Trust.

Workshops are provided locally by approved Makaton Tutors, or directly from the MVDP.

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