

# WHAT DO WE MEAN BY 'ANONYMOUS'??!!??

Hey...do you know what those Researchers from Barnardo's mean when they say they are going to keep what I say 'anonymous'?



Yeah sure...it means that if you tell them something they are not going to tell anyone else that it was you who said it.



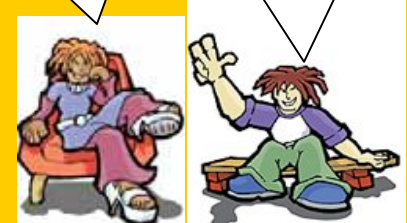
Does that mean that no-one else will know what I have said?

Not really...it means that they will let people know **what** you said but not **who** said it.



So how do they let people know what I think?

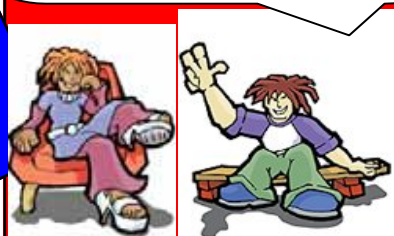
Well...they put quotes in their reports and books which say exactly what you have said, but they don't include any details about you.



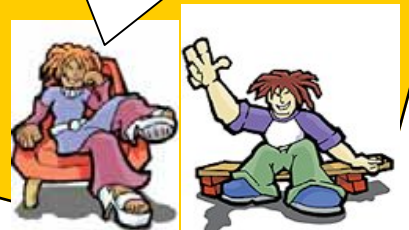
It's good to know that Barnardo's want to find out what we think and how we feel. I'm glad they respect our privacy, but try to make sure we are safe!



That's because Barnardo's works to make sure children and young people are safe – so if you tell them something that makes them think you (or another young person) might be getting hurt, they have to pass that information on. If they did have to do this they would always tell you first and explain what will happen next. They won't do anything without talking to you about it.



If they are making a promise not to tell anyone else what I have said, then how come they have told me that sometimes they **have** to tell other people about what I said?



That's really good ..it makes reports and books about young people a lot more interesting and 'real' if they include what **we** have said in our own words!



Yeah...and we don't have to worry or get embarrassed because people won't know it was us who said it!