

Your Fostering Journey



Step 2 Home Visit

We visit you.

After you've found out a bit about fostering and got in contact with us, you can book an 'initial visit' which is where a member of our team visits you at home to talk in more detail about you and your interest in fostering.

We'll arrange a suitable time to visit you in your home. This provides you a further opportunity to ask any questions and help you decide if fostering is right for you and your family.

Time Frame: As long as you need.

Step 1 Initial Enquiry

Have a friendly chat.



If you want to know more about fostering with Leicestershire County Council, we'd love for you to get in touch.

- You can call us on **0116 305 05 05**, Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm
- You can call or message us on **WhatsApp 07923 230 856**, every Tuesday, between 5pm-8pm
- You can text **WEAREFAMILY** to **60777**
- You can come to our **'find out about fostering events'**
- You can find us on **Facebook @fosteringleicestershire**
- You can sign up for our **newsletter here**

Time Frame: As long as you need.

When you are ready to explore further and apply:

Step 3a Application

We collect your details and complete mandatory checks.



After you have submitted your application, we'll request checks and references.

b Skills to foster training, social worker allocation and further training

We kickstart your journey with a 'skills to foster' training course, which runs flexibly to allow for working hours and other commitments you may have.

You then move on to more in-depth fostering training, giving you the opportunity to hear from children in care and other foster carers. Fear not, training isn't limited to just this, we continuously invest in carers by providing training and support – **find out more here.**

We also allocate a social worker to visit you at home, several times, to find out all about you. This helps us to find out the types of fostering you're most suited to. You can find out about the **different ways to foster here.**

Time Frame: The whole of step 3 takes between 2 and 6 months



Step 4 Approval and matching

A panel will approve your application and we will carefully match you with the right child / young person.

Approval is the final stage of your application process but the beginning of an amazing journey as a foster carer with Leicestershire County Council.

