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FOSTERING NEWSLETTER



Welcome to October's 'Thinking About Fostering' Newsletter



Welcome to the October issue of our 'Thinking About Fostering' newsletter!

We're currently celebrating 'Children of Foster Carers Month', a time dedicated to acknowledging and thanking birth children on the important role they play within the fostering process.

In this issue we celebrate Emily*, who is part of one of our fostering families. She has kindly shared her thoughts about welcoming looked-after children and young people into her life and home.

Also, read more about the final few fostering information sessions of the year, and how you can book a chat with our team at a time and date that suits you.

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Children of Foster Carers Month

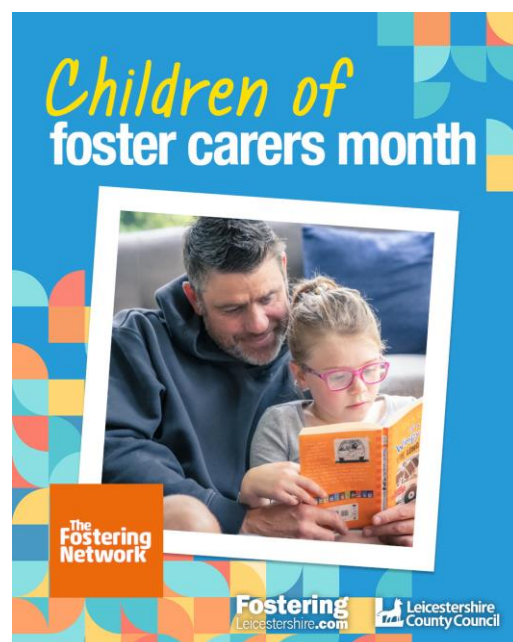
We understand that fostering is a commitment that the whole family agrees to. That is why, when fostering with Leicestershire, one of our top priorities is ensuring the whole family, including birth children, feel supported and secure.

Throughout the year, we often hold events for birth children to talk and socialise with other young people in the same situation as them. Upcoming events include trampolining and movie nights.

Emily*, 12, has been fostering with her family for seven years, primarily fostering babies and toddlers on a short-term basis. She recently shared her thoughts about fostering with us, highlighting her favourite parts of welcoming another young person into the home.

Make sure you're also following us on Facebook, as we'll be sharing more stories from birth children throughout the month!

**Name changed to maintain anonymity.*



[Read about Emily's* experience in her own words](#)

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Final 'Find Out About Fostering' events of 2024

With the end of 2024 nearing, we're inviting everyone interested in fostering to join us at one of our final fostering information sessions of the year.

Join our team and one of our current foster carers to learn more about all-things fostering, including the application process, the support on offer, and the allowances available.

All virtual information sessions take place between 6:30pm – 8:30pm on Microsoft Teams.

- Tuesday 29 October 2024 (virtual)
- Wednesday 20 November 2024 (virtual)
- Thursday 12 December 2024 (virtual)

[Book your place](#)

Book a Chat

Have you booked your chat yet?

We recently launched our new 'Book a Chat' system, that allows you to choose a time and date that suits you for a friendly chat with our team.

There will be absolutely no pressure to make any decisions during the call, and the time will instead be used to answer any questions that you may have about fostering, as well as offer personalised information and guidance.

[Book a chat with the team](#)

Thank you...

I hope this has been a useful insight into what we have been up to, and how you can get in touch with us – now at a time that perfectly suits you!

We understand that choosing to foster is a huge decision for you and your family to make, so we are here for you every step of the way.

Get in touch with us today – we'd love to help.

Call us on **0116 305 0505** or [book a chat](#)

Email us at fostering@leics.gov.uk

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With Best Wishes,

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