

The Foster Carer's Commitment:

Working in Partnership.

We will work together to achieve the best outcomes for the child in all areas of development particularly in education and health including taking responsibility for children's health appointments.

Respect for the child.

Foster children are part of our family and will be able to enjoy:

- A family life with us including holidays and outings.
- Have a sense of cultural identity, celebrating and encouraging religious beliefs
- Encouragement to keep in touch with their friends and family

Information.

We will keep accurate records and inform you of any changes that impact on our fostering or the children.

Learning and development.

We will participate in all relevant training as agreed within our development plan. We will achieve our Training, Support and Development Standards within one year of approval.

Communication and Consultation.

We will participate in opportunities to develop the service and join in with locality support groups. We will respond to local consultations in relation to fostering issues.

Fair Treatment.

We will treat children and their experiences with compassion and respect. We will offer consistency, guidance and support the child to feel part of our family

Foster Care Charter

Leicestershire County Council aims to provide safe caring placements for its children and young people and recognises the importance that foster placements have in supporting some of the most challenging yet rewarding children and young people.

The charter defines the expectations that can be expected between the Fostering Service and the Foster Carer.



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EXTRAORDINARY FOSTERING



Foster Care Charter



The Charter has been produced in consultation with children in care, foster carers and staff from the fostering team.

The Charter is fully endorsed by County Councillors with responsibilities for Children's Services.

The Fostering Service's Commitment:

Working in partnership.

We will support you through the process of becoming a foster carer and work with you to achieve the best outcomes for children. We will be clear with you about your responsibilities for the child and acknowledge that the foster placement is your home and as such respect this.

provide you with information in relation to the Compliments/ Complaints procedure

Learning and development.

A programme of training and support will be available to support you in your role as a foster carer

Fair Treatment.

We will treat you and your family with respect and consult with you regarding any changes. We will provide you with support if you are subject to an allegation.

Information.

Prior to the child being placed, we will share with you any known information
At the Placement Planning Meeting we will be clear about what you can and cannot agree to.

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Support and Clarity.

Before placements we will be clear about any financial matters and payments
We will establish a visiting pattern that meets the needs of you and the child and provide access to support either out of hours or if your worker is not available. We will

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