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FOSTERING NEWSLETTER



Welcome to May's 'Thinking About Fostering' Newsletter

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



We are currently celebrating Foster Care Fortnight 2024, an annual campaign organised by The Fostering Network. It's a time that we push fostering firmly into the spotlight!

In this issue, we celebrate Wendy and William, a couple who have been fostering with us for a whopping 30 years. They share their amazing story with us, and the legacy that they are building.

Also, read more about our recently increased fostering payments and upcoming events!

Denise

👤 Fostering Payments and Allowances



In April, payments and allowances for our in-house foster carers rose by **6.88%**!

The minimum weekly allowance for a foster carer has increased to **£170 per week**, with the maximum weekly allowance going up to **£249 per week**.

Additional weekly skill fees, paid in recognition of our carers' skills, experience and dedication to continuous learning and development, have also increased.

[Learn more about our payments and allowances](#)

👤 Meet Wendy and William (Foster Carers)

It's [Foster Care Fortnight!](#)

We're celebrating the big and small #FosteringMoments that define the journeys of our fostering families.

Wendy and William live in Leicestershire and have been fostering for over **30 years**. During this time, they have fostered **22 babies**, adopted two young people, and raised two birth children.

They estimate that they have **sterilised approximately 40,000 bottles**, **changed over 50,000 nappies**, and **owned over 15 pushchairs!**



[Read about their experiences in their own words](#)



Pride Month 2024 will be taking place between 1 June – 30 June!

During this time, we will be sharing our support because, not only is it possible for the LGBTQ+ community to foster with us, it's also greatly encouraged!

[Follow us on Facebook](#) for content throughout the month, including a story from one of our lovely fostering couples.

Upcoming 'Find Out About Fostering' events

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 information sessions take place between 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

Virtual sessions are held on Microsoft Teams, whilst in-person sessions are held at County Hall (Glenfield, LE3 8RA).

- Thursday 6th June (virtual)
- Thursday 27th June (virtual)
- Tuesday 16th July (in person)

[Book your place now!](#)

Recent blogs

Have you read our recent fostering blogs yet?

[Our friendship will continue into the future](#)

[A young person's perspective: living with a Supported Lodgings Host](#)

😊 Thank you...

I hope this has been a useful insight into the world of fostering, and how you can have influence in the lives of Leicestershire's children and young people!

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**

Email us at **fostering@leics.gov.uk**

Complete the ['Get in contact' form](#)

With Best Wishes,

Denise

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