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Welcome to July's 'Thinking About Fostering' Newsletter

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



We currently have lots of exciting developments happening within our team, and we thought that this issue would be the perfect place to bring you up to speed!

In this issue, we celebrate our recent Ofsted rating, and what inspectors identified specifically about the fostering service at Leicestershire County Council.

Also, read more about our new 'Book a Chat' system, and our remaining summer pop-up information events.

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2024 Ofsted Rating



Ofsted has given Leicestershire County Council's Children and Family Services team an **OUTSTANDING** rating!

Their thorough inspection found various areas outstanding, including the experiences and progress of children in care, and the experiences and progress of care leavers.

Support offered to Leicestershire foster carers was also highlighted as '**consistent and reliable**' by inspectors.

Paul and Marie, two of our foster carers, recently shared their experience of fostering with us, including the support they receive.

[Read Paul and Marie's story](#)

[Learn more about the training and support we offer](#)

Book a Chat

We have recently launched our brand new 'Book a Chat' system!

Now, you can choose a time and date for a member of our friendly team to get in touch with you for a low-pressure conversation about fostering for Leicestershire.

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

[Book a chat with the team](#)

🗨 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 8 August (virtual)
- Wednesday 28 August (virtual)
- Tuesday 17 September (virtual)

[Book your place](#)

🌞 Summer events



We have been out and about this summer, speaking with people across the county about all-things fostering, adoption and Independent Visiting. Come along for a chat at one of our remaining events:

- Sunday 4 August: Heather Scarecrow Festival (Heather RFC, Heather, Leicestershire)
- Saturday 31 August: Leicester Pride (Abbey Park, Leicester)

😊 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

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

With Best Wishes,

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