

YOU'RE NOT HOME ALONE

ISSUE 10

Dear colleague,

Welcome to the tenth edition of our newsletter, You're Not Home Alone. With all of the uncertainty with continued local lock downs we wanted to continue to provide useful information for you and your family, so you know we are here for you. Please do continue to send any pictures of any activities from our newsletter that your children have enjoyed doing – we've loved seeing so many. Just contact marketing@fostertalk.org or call **0121 758 5013**.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PASS THIS ON TO YOUR COLLEAGUES AND TO OTHER FOSTER CARERS.

CORONAVIRUS: THE 'RULE OF SIX' INTRODUCED ACROSS UK

Social gatherings of more than six people have become illegal in England. Versions of the "rule of six" - explained in detail - are now in place right across the UK and are designed to provide clarity. However, there are significant differences between nations. It applies indoors and out in England and Scotland, but not in Wales and Northern Ireland. In Scotland and Wales, children under 11 and 12 respectively are exempt. A reminder of why this is all being brought in - that crucial R number is rising.

[Click here for more.](#)

	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
How many people outdoors?	Six from multiple households	Up to six aged 12+ from two households*	Up to 30 outdoors	Up to 15 outdoors
At what distance?	1m 'plus'	2m apart - aged 12+ only (less in some premises)	2m apart - age 11+ only (less in some premises)	2m apart
Indoors	Six from multiple households	Up to six aged 12+ from two households*	Up to six aged 11+ from an "extended household"***	Six from two households

*In Scotland, under 12s from the two households don't count towards total

**In Wales, under 11s from "extended household" don't count towards total

TALKOUT & WIN!

Your brand new TalkOut App launched earlier this summer and we're thrilled to see so many of you are already enjoying the benefits.

"Just downloaded the app and some really good posts already published. Great to have everything in one handy place."

"I am newly approved foster carers and still finding our feet so this is going to be great for me."

"Just opened the app. First impressions are favourable. Keep up the good work. It is much appreciated."

Talk Out is your go-to source for all foster care news and updates. You can also access a growing resources section, sign up for free wellbeing webinars and chat to other foster carers in your area. **Plus! There is still time to win an annual Merlin Family Pass when you download and post, like or chat in the App before 09/10/20!**

Further Talk Out App emails will be sent out over the next 4 weeks which include your unique registration link.

If you haven't received your email or need to access your registration link, simply contact us at enquiries@fostertalk.org

Competition closes 09/10/20 terms and conditions apply.

FOSTERTALK VIRTUAL TRAINING

Our online, virtual training courses have been getting some positive feedback on their success. We have lots to offer including training on Staying Put, Life Story Work, Allegations, Education and Sexual Exploitation. Take a [look here](#) and contact us for further information.



HOME SCHOOL



BBC BITESIZE IS BACK! Autumn term may be a little different this year but BBC Bitesize has continued to supply additional learning materials to help make learning (and catching up) fun! There's plenty of videos, quizzes, catch-up lessons and lots more being added each week. [Click here](#) for more.



ARTS & CRAFTS

SALT BOXES - Have fun with you little ones as well as encouraging their literacy skills. Salt Boxes are a great way to easily practise forming letters, numbers and general mark making. They work essentially like an etch-a-sketch! Write and shake and start again.

AUTUMN IDEAS - As the temperatures drop and leaves on the trees start changing their colours it's time to share some Autumn crafts for kids to make! Easy Peasy and Fun have quite a collection of crafting ideas for all ages already, so we are sure you will find just the right autumn activity to make with your kids at home.

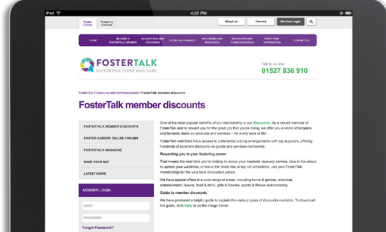
You can create cute hedgehogs from collected leaves – paint some stones as orange pumpkins and [Click here](#) for many more ideas.



MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

As you are aware, as a FosterTalk member you have access to lots of discounts on family days out, electrical equipment and lots more. We currently have a great discount with SKY who are offering up to 35% off SKY TV packages.

For further information log into your [membership area](#) where you'll find lots of discounts on shopping, breaks away and many more.



MUSEUM AT HOME

If your children are interested in history, art or museum artefacts, check out the [Museum at Home YouTube channel here](#) for lots of free weekly videos and activity packs on lots of different topics.



SAY GOODBYE TO MONTHLY PAYROLL STRESS WITH INTELLECT PAYROLL!

With recent legislation changes and automatic HMRC penalties on the rise, it's no wonder so many small business owners feel overwhelmed at the prospect of processing their payroll each month.

We've launched Intellect Payroll – a brand-new, personalised service to take away your payroll stresses and save you time so you can focus on other important areas of your business.

For a competitive fixed fee, we will:

- Give you access to a dedicated payroll specialist, available to you on the same or next working day.

- Provide you with a fully compliant end-to-end payroll service. Simply tell us what you want to pay your employees, and we'll do the rest.
- Provide you with payslips for your employees and inform you of your liabilities to HMRC, your pension and any other third parties in line with legislation.
- Ensure you comply with all your payroll responsibilities with HMRC throughout the year.

For further information call us on **0121 758 5013** or e-mail enquiries@fostertalk.org

Best regards

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