

HOW DO I BECOME A FOSTER CARER?



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The first step is the biggest – and you've probably been thinking about this for a while. Take that first step and contact us to find out more.

You can call us for a chat or drop us an email via the fostering page of our website and we will contact you. Sometimes you don't know 'til you try.

Fostering isn't always easy but can be hugely rewarding. To find out more about becoming a foster carer with Sandwell Children's Trust contact us for an informal chat or to start your journey to become a foster carer.



Thanks for your interest in fostering for Sandwell. For more information contact our friendly team

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FOSTER FOR SANDWELL



WHO CAN FOSTER?

Every child who needs fostering in Sandwell is our responsibility.

We are looking for people who can provide a vulnerable child or teenager with a safe and loving home and who will stick with them through the good times and the more difficult times.

Children have many different needs and foster carers, like all families, come in many different shapes and sizes. If you have a spare room in your house and the instinct to care for a child in your heart, and you are over 21 with some experience or knowledge of looking after a child, then you can talk to us about fostering.

In Sandwell we're ready to talk to you about fostering, we want the best for our children and we want to hear from you.

IF YOU?

- ✓ Are over 21 years old
- ✓ Have the time & energy to commit to fostering
- ✓ Have you a spare bedroom

WE'LL SUPPORT YOU TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN SANDWELL

We have the skills, experience and knowledge to support you and help you to find the right type of fostering for you and your family.

- ✓ **Your own dedicated social worker**
- ✓ **Professional Training & development**
- ✓ **Generous financial packages**
- ✓ **24/7 support**
- ✓ **Fostering Friendly Employer**

Our fostering team pride themselves on being approachable and are there for you whenever you need support on your fostering journey.

WHAT IS FOSTERING?

Foster carers are needed to give vulnerable children and young people a safe, caring home environment whilst they're unable to live with their birth family. Fostering comes in many forms, it can be a short-term arrangement, or it can mean giving a home to a child until they reach adulthood.

Becoming a foster carer is important to enable children to grow, flourish and reach their potential. There are many reasons why children need to be fostered and there are many people, with different skills and experiences who can become foster carers.

