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Fostering Promise

FOSTER[®] FOR HULL

Hull Fostering will hold your hand every step of your fostering journey so you can hold theirs.

We are extremely proud of our carers and children.

By caring for our children together, you and your family will be confident in welcoming a child into your home knowing you feel supported, listened to and an integral part of our team.

To make this happen we promise:

1) Training

You will feel confident, skilled, and capable in your role as a foster carer.

We believe by passing on our knowledge and professional experience to you, through dynamic and flexible training you will be able to make an even bigger difference to children in your care. Your skills will be the cornerstone of supporting our children in greatest need to feel loved and important.

2) Allowances

A career in fostering is a professional role and one we recognise through our financial package. You will be paid a competitive rate for each child in your care, an additional weekly skills payment given based on your experience and continuous learning development, £500 annual bonus, mileage, babysitting and setting up costs. You will be given additional allowances for providing experiences for the children in your care to go on holiday, cover Birthday and Christmas presents. Your whole family will receive heavily reduced leisure membership passes, Max card, special discounts and local benefits. We also pay your annual Fostering Network membership.

3) Support

You will be part of a wonderful community of foster carers and our team. By caring for our children together, you will feel supported whatever the time of day. You will have your own dedicated fostering social worker, 24-hour support 365 days a year and another team covering out of hours support for emergencies. We will always be available to help you. You will be invited to attend any of the six fostering support groups held each month and given access to stress, legal and financial support lines specifically for foster carers. New carers will also be partnered with an experienced foster carer mentor for the first 12 months.

4) Two Way Communication

As part of our team, you steer the future direction of Hull Fostering. You are invited to be part of our monthly consultation group chaired by Hull Fostering managers, given access to a private Hull Fostering carers Facebook group and sent monthly newsletters. Based on our community approach, we are continually striving for improvement, development and progress for you, our children and the department. You will have a great relationship with your dedicated Fostering Social Worker and can speak to any of the team or managers when needed.

5) Keeping Things Local

All our carers live within 30 miles of Hull, meaning our children still get to live in the city they know. We know this is very important to our children and by staying local they have more chances of staying in contact with their friends, school and support network. Hull Fostering are based in Hull city centre and means when you need us in person, we are never far away.

6) Professionalism

You are the cornerstone of our children's futures, progress, and development and your voice will be heard when professional decisions need to be made. You know the children in your care, and we support you in making day-to-day decisions. You are an integral part of our team, and we encourage your opinions, recommendations, and professional curiosity. We will encourage you like all our team to continually develop through training opportunities and may ask you to become a mentor for new carers joining our family.

7) Celebrating Success

To show our appreciation and caring for our children together, Hull Fostering organise several fun activities throughout the year for the whole family to enjoy. From visiting the Pantomime, holding summer and Christmas parties, we also thank our carers for continual service to our children with ceremonies, awards, and gifts. Hull Fostering work closely with local businesses, allowing us to put on weekly sporting sessions, after school clubs and activities for your entire household and more opportunities to meet our community of carers in the city.

8) Whole Family Approach

We recognise it takes the whole family to successfully accept other children into your home and lives. We thank your birth children for sharing you by organising specific fun activities and regular talking groups exclusively for your birth children. Their voice is just as important, and any feedback will be given to the consultation members for actioning.

9) Recruitment

We offer six types of fostering to suit you and your family. Depending on your commitments there are a multitude of different types of fostering you can provide to help a child needing care. Hull Fostering are continually trying to recruit new foster carers to ensure we have enough families to meet the needs of the children coming into care. It is important our assessment process is thorough, and training is given to new potential carers prior to approval to ensure they fully understand the role and responsibilities before inviting a child to live with them.

10) Mockingbird Family Model

We support the 'Mockingbird family model'. Mockingbird is a support network like no other. Up to 10 fostering households come together and provide an extended family network to one another. Children are allowed to stay over at each other houses, lifetime friendships are made and as an extended family problems are resolved quickly