

Fostering **in** **Oxfordshire**

You care with our support



Being a foster carer is rewarding but, we'll be honest, it's not easy. Our children and young people have often been through a lot and can need plenty of support. But every day we see the impact that support has. Seeing them grow in confidence – well, nothing beats that.

Fun trips to the shops, cuddles after a bad dream, helping with homework, being there during those tricky teen years – foster caring is about providing stability, positivity and reassurance when a child needs it most.



“I always thought that I needed to be older, financially secure and even possibly in a partnership to foster but really, you just need love.” Ellen, Wantage foster carer

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why us?



We fit around you. You may be single, work full time or have kids – foster carers come in all shapes and sizes and that's why we keep things personal. Even if it's early days and you just want a chat to find out more, we work at your pace to give you answers, so that when you're ready, we're ready – whenever that may be.



We're not for profit. Unlike private fostering agencies, all our resources are focused on supporting you and the child you are caring for.



We have training for everything. We know you'll be more successful if you feel prepared and can adapt to the needs of different children.



You'll be keeping Oxfordshire children local. It's common sense (and the stats tell us) that they'll do better if they're close to schools, friends and family, even if they're no longer in the same town.



You can access 24/7 dedicated mentoring support so you can talk to others who have 'been there, done that', exactly when you need them.



You'll get fair pay and expenses which for most are tax free. That means you can make the sums add up and not have to worry.



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