

Fostering process



Suffolk
Fostering & Adoption

Initial Enquiry

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Get in touch with us and we'll find out more about your situation and answer any questions you may have.



Information Event

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You'll be invited to join one of our information events, to hear from our team and a foster carer and get the chance to ask any questions.



Initial Visit

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We'll come and visit you in your home, tell you more about fostering and find out more about you and your family.



Stage 1 (Approx. 30-60 days)

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We'll review your references and complete background checks. Everyone will also be asked to complete a workbook about themselves.



Preparation Training

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You will be invited to attend our Skills to Foster course, which will help you learn more about fostering.



Stage 2 (Approx. 2-4 months)

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A Social Worker will visit you regularly to get to know you better. We'll discuss the type of fostering that's best suited to you, and your household, as well as exploring any support you might need.



Workshop

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This is your opportunity to meet staff and carers in the team who may be supporting you when you start fostering.



Assessment Report

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You'll complete a Form F report with your Social Worker to show how you meet the training, support and development standards.



Panel

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You'll attend a panel, made up of independent people, with your Social Worker. The panel will consider your approval as a foster carer.



Approval

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Congratulations

You'll receive official confirmation from the Fostering Service as you become a fully-fledged foster carer.

