

Foster Care Fortnight 2018 14-27 May



Can you help transform the lives of local children and young people?

Dear Headteacher

Foster Care Fortnight is the UK's biggest foster care awareness raising campaign. This year's theme is all about how the dedication and commitment of foster carers can help to transform children's lives.

We need to provide safe, secure and loving homes for children and young people across Hertfordshire and we urgently need to recruit more foster carers, particularly to provide placements for older children, teenagers and sibling groups. If we can provide local placements, then children are able to benefit from maintaining their school placements, family relationships and social networks. When children are placed locally, educational outcomes are better than if they are placed further afield.

To enable us to recruit more foster carers, we're asking for your support.

How you can help

Could you consider ways in which your school could help promote our need to recruit new carers? This could be through a variety of different approaches such as:

- Displaying our poster on your noticeboard
- Display an outdoor banner on your school gate or fence
- Include details of our campaign and website in a newsletter during Foster Care Fortnight
- Inform us of events or open evenings where we may be able to book a promotional stand



Our website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fostering has full information on the process, training and support available for foster carers in Hertfordshire, as well as details about forthcoming open events.

Please help us to transform the lives of children and young people. If you would like further information or have any further ideas about how your school could help, please do get in touch with us by calling 0800 917 0925, emailing: fostering.recruitment@hertfordshire.gov.uk.

Thank you in anticipation of your help

Yours faithfully,
Hertfordshire Adoption & Fostering Recruitment Team

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The Fostering Network

I'm a nurse...
and I'm
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to foster

Every **20 minutes** in the UK a child comes into care in need of a foster family.

Thousands more foster carers are needed this year. People from all backgrounds can foster.

Could you foster?

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