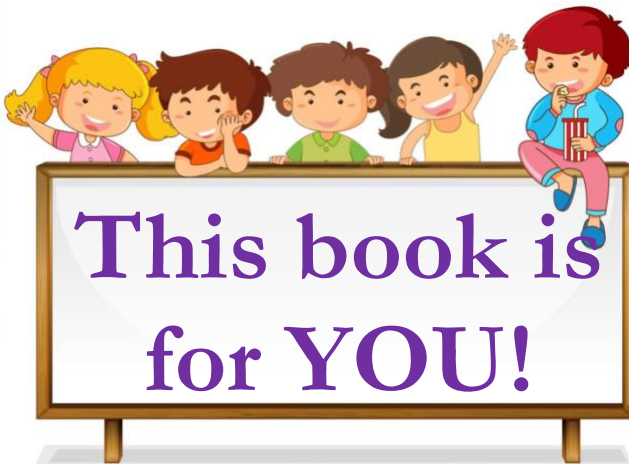


# Fostering Connections



You can write all  
about you here

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I am ..... years old

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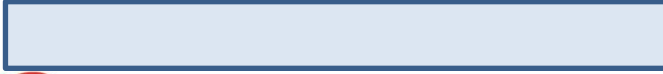
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# What does Foster Care mean?

If you can't live with your own family, a social worker will find you a foster home. This is a family who will look after you.

**You have come to live with:**



## Who are Fostering Connections?

Fostering Connections is a fostering agency.

We help find foster families for children.

We found your foster family for you.

We help your foster family and make sure that they are looking after you well.

You will meet us when we visit your foster home.

We are always happy to hear from you.

# People you will meet at Fostering Connections



Our foster families get together for fun activities. Children say that they have a great time. Whenever we have a fun day or some event we think you will like, we will invite you and your Foster Family to come.

We know that moving to a new home, with new people, can be hard. Your foster family want to know about you so that they can make you feel welcome. They want to know what makes you happy.



In your new home, you will have all the things you need:



A bedroom of your own (or shared with your brother/sister)

Space to play



Fun activities like swimming and going to the park



Pocket money to buy things that you like



Time with your family and friends



Help with your school work



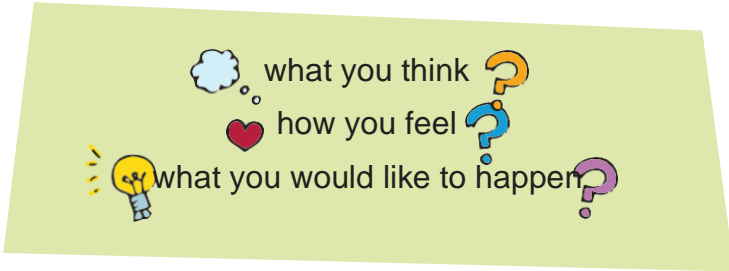
# How long will I stay here for?



Children live with foster families for different reasons. Some children stay for a short time, and others until they are grown up.

Your social worker will make a plan for your time with your Foster Family. They will visit you and make sure that you are safe and happy.

**They will talk to you and find out:**






## What about school?

School is very important. You can make friends, learn and enjoy other activities that you like. You might not be able to stay at your old school. We will help your social worker find you a new school. We'll help you to settle in and do as well as you can.



# What if I'm not happy?

You should tell an adult, your foster family, your teacher or someone at Fostering Connections if you;

- have a problem 
- aren't happy about something 
- are worried about something 

If you find it hard to say what's wrong, you could draw a picture or write it down.

You will never get in trouble for letting us know you have a problem. We will always try to help.

## Important details

Our office phone number:

Your social worker's phone number:



## Other people who can Help

If you are worried about something, you can call:



Childline: 0800 11 11

OFSTED: 0300 123 1231

Children's commissioner: 0800 528 0731



