

Young People's Survival Guide to Fostering



Who are Eastern Fostering Services?

Eastern Fostering Services work with children and young people who can't live with their own families for lots of different reasons. We approve people to be Fostering Families-these are people who want to help children and young people like you. They will support you in whatever is best for you for your future.

Meet the team:

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Why am I living with foster carers?

There are loads of reasons why you might not be able to live with your own family-it might be that they didn't look after you as they should have, or that they may have hurt you or that you were separated from them.

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Whatever the reason, your fostering family should treat you as part of their family, including any children that they already have.

They know that this could be really difficult for you and they don't expect to replace your own family.

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Living with foster carers doesn't mean that your own family doesn't love you, or that you can't love them.

What happens now?

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When you move in to live with your foster carers, they will show you around the house and make sure you know where everything is. They will also make sure you know the names of everyone who lives in the home.

You might feel quite wobbly at first, this is totally normal, it is a big change.

You will have a social worker who will be talking to you about what is best for the future. A social worker is someone who tries to help children and families who have serious problems.

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EFS has a duty to make sure you are as safe and happy as possible whilst you are with us, and we will work with your foster carers and your local authority social worker to sort things out for you.

Whilst you are with us, your foster carers will have their own EFS social worker who they will see regularly and make sure you are ok.

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How will I know what to do?

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It is pretty likely that your fostering family won't have exactly the same rules or interests as your own family, so below here is a checklist of questions you might like to ask so you get to know them a bit better.

If you have any more that this list doesn't cover, do ask, they won't mind.

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Question	Answer
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Can I watch the TV programmes I like?	
ዝፈትዎም	
What time do you expect me to go to bed?	
ሰዓት ክንደይ ክድቅስ ትጽበዩኒ?	
Can I go out on my own?	
ባዕለይ ክወጵእ ይኽእል ድየ?	
What time is dinner?	
ድራር ሰዓት ክንደይ እዩ?	
Can I help myself to food if I am hungry?	

<i>እ</i> ንተ	
Can I use the computer?	
ኮምፒተር ክጥቀሞሉ ይኽእል ድየ?	
What should I do if I need something?	
<i>ገ</i> ለ ነገር እንተድኣ ኣድልዩኒ እንታይ ክንብር ኣለኒ?	
What happens if I do something wrong?	
<i>ጌጋ እ</i> ንተ <i>ገ</i> ይረ እንታይ ይኸው <i>ጓ</i> ?	
Will I get pocket money?	
ናይ ጁባ <i>าን</i> ዘብ ክረክብ ድየ?	
Are there any major house rules that I should know?	
ክፈልጦ ዝግበኣኒ ሕግታት <i>ገ</i> ዛ ኣሎ ድዩ?	

The Asylum Process

When you enter the United Kingdom and wish to stay here, you must claim asylum. Claiming Asylum means you are asking the UK government to offer you protection if you cannot return to your own country. Your asylum claim is made with the Home Office which is part of the government. Your Social Worker and your foster carer will support you with your claim for asylum and will explain to you what you need to do and when. If you have any worries you can speak to your foster carer, your social worker or contact Eleanor Newman from EFS at eleanor.newman@easternfosteringservices.com

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It can feel like you have no say in what is happening to you, but **your views are very important**, and what you tell your social worker will help them make the best plans for you. You can also talk to your foster carers, your teacher or any adult that you can trust. It is totally normal to feel confused, angry and sad, as well as relieved sometimes. You have been through a lot of change.

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When you live with a family who foster, it can seem that suddenly there are loads of different people in your life.

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What can I do if I'm not happy?

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If you are not happy in your fostering family, you must say so. Sometimes it can be difficult to settle with a new group of people, and your social worker is there to help you as much as possible to do so. They will not mind at all, whatever you tell them, because they are there for you.

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Sometimes things can get sorted out much easier than you think - just ask!

If you are not happy about the plans that have been made for you, you can talk to any adult you trust first, and if they still can't help, you can talk to **Eleanor Newman** at EFS. She will listen to everything you say and decide what the best thing to do is. You can telephone Eleanor on 01206 299775, or you can tell your social worker that you want to speak to Eleanor.

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You really are not alone!

Lots of children and young people live with foster carers because there are so many different reasons why their own families can't look after them.

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Did you know that in 2022 over 82,000 children young people were living in fostering families?! Even if there aren't any others in your school, they are out there!

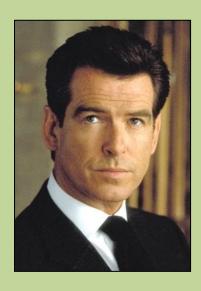
It is not something you should feel embarrassed about but if you need help in what to tell your friends or to say to people at school, ask your fostering family or your social worker.

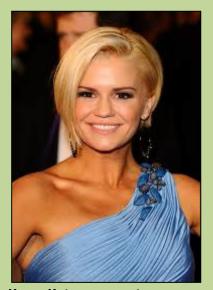
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Eddie Murphy-actor and comedian ተዋሳኣይን ኮሜድያንን







Useful Information

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Below is a list of different places that you can get more information about being fostered, or where you can talk to someone else.

Who Cares? Trust, visit Who Cares Town:

http://www.thewhocarestrust.org.uk

Info For Care Kids:

This is a fun and interactive website to visit and it will give you advice on being in care

http://www.info4carekids.org.uk/

Childline:

This is a helpline and a website that gives you advice on all sorts of things that might be troubling you. Contact them on:

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Tel: 0800 1111

www.childline.org.uk

Refugee Council

Refugee council

Contact Us - Refugee Council

They offer help to all children who come unaccompanied to the UK seeking asylum.

Voice for the Child In Care:

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Tel: 0808 8005792 www.voiceyp.org

Ofsted:

Ofsted checks all of the work that EFS and its' fostering families does. Contact them on:

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