



Happy Summer! We hope that everyone has a great summer this year and we wish you it full of joy and lots of sunshine!

Once again, all the staff and team would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the foster carers for the brilliant work they have done so far this year. We're halfway through the year and we can see some amazing work the carers have been doing. So thank you to you all!

Carer's Recognition

We always take time to reflect on the brilliant work our carers do, please see below some of the recognition we noted lately and keep an eye out as you could be next:

Well done to CR for having complex needs children doing a great job.

Well done to A&JK for being proactive with arranging activities for their children and plans on taking them on holiday.

Good job to EK for doing a brilliant job with her new placement.

Well done to LG for her hard work and how the children develop well in her care

Good job to M&DF for accepting an emergency placement and helping out.

Good job to L&AW for being supportive with their yp and also helping them transition with moving with their relative

Well done to JN for doing a great job, for being patient and supportive with her Yp

P&MA for doing well with their placements. Well done!

Good Job to MK for helping out the yp while their Foster carer was away.

Well done to AI&CM for the placement they have & the praises they got from the local authority.

Good Job to Chía on her newly released song "Kunumunu". Here is the link:

[Chía - Kunumunu \[Official Audio\] - YouTube](#)

Health and Safety Documents

All Foster Carer should have updated health and safety documents and these documents need to be sent over to the office. These documents are:

A valid Medical and DBS, Home Insurance, Gas Certificate, Electrical Certificate, Car Insurance & MOT (If applicable)

Anyone aged 18 or over who stays in the family home (including birth children and staying put) need to have a valid DBS check completed by the agency.

Charms

Reminder to all carers to use charms for writing reports, uploading photos and to

Welcome our new carers!

RO, VS, EM,
DG & EG, AB & AB,
NB & JB, ES & MS,
MW, IC & RK,
PB & SB, SA & KH

Hot Weather

Just a reminder that as the weather in England is increasing to ensure you are taking precautions for yourself and young people. Please ensure you stay hydrated and follow safety measures,



HOT TOPICS!

April—Diversity and Equality

May—Foster Carer's Journey

June—Young People's Identity

July—Foster Carers Recordings

August—School

It is important to ensure all young people have a school placement by September and carers should ensure they are celebrating all positive results!

Welcome to our new members

Lorna—Team Manager
Rabia—SSW
Kaylyn—SSW
Fatimah—Administrator
Amira - Student SSW

Congratulations to the Women's England Team for winning the Euros 2022! What an amazing movement in football history for Women, bring on the world cup!



Placements

Currently, we have many unaccompanied minors coming through due to the warmer weather and easier travelling routes. However, as an agency we have very few vacancies of foster carers available. We are also seeing an influx of many more complex children with additional needs such as ADHD and Autism, therefore we do recommend to attend the therapeutic training in September.

Things to do this Summer

There are few places you can visit this summer for FREE!

Crystal Palace Park Dinosaurs

Greenwich Park

Amusement Parks

London Zoo

The Family First Fostering Sports Day at Victoria Park on the 21st August 2022.

Charity Work

As an agency we always aim to do whatever we can to support the community and charities. This year we have supported two charities so far:

Clayhall Community Centre which is a non profit religious community center in Ilford.

We donated towards a polish organisation which was helping victims in Ukraine.

We also are planning on donating towards a fundraiser for Great Ormond Street Hospital this month!

Upcoming Celebrations



XLP

XLP work all over London with young people aged between 11—22. They have a number of youth centres and arrange trips for yp which are all free to join. This would be a great opportunity for young people to join a community, all staff are DBS checked.

Check out their website here:

www.xlp.org.uk

Discounts and Offers

KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022

MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.



Did you know that you can get a MAX Card and a BLUE LIGHT CARD if you are a Foster Carer?

These discount cards can save you money across the UK from cinemas, attractions, day outs, groceries and even a FREE meal. For more information please visit

www.bluelightcard.com

mymaxcard.co.uk



Did you know that if you refer a carer to us and you can get a referral fee once they're approved. So if you know someone who is interested in fostering be sure to let us know!

Dates to Remember

Understanding Safeguarding and child protection/ Safe caring - 23.08.2022

Support group – 23.08.2022

Semi Independence Workshop for YP—29.08.2022

Team Teach De-escalation Training 2 days—05.09.2022 &

06.09.2022

CSE 13.09.2022

Managing Allegation & Meeting Standards of Care -

21.09.2022

Social Media

We have recently joined social media, be sure to follow and support us on our platforms:

Instagram: @family.1st.fostering

Twitter: @FFirstFostering

Also if you have any content for us to share be sure to let us know.