



WINTER NEWSLETTER



As an agency, we are grateful to all our brilliant carers for the amazing work they do in changing children's lives and their dedication. We want to wish you a restful Christmas period and a Happy New Year! We look forward to working with everyone in 2024.

Special Thanks to Marie our Decision Maker, Varsha and the Panel Team, Robert our IRO Officer and all the staffing team at Family First Fostering.

- Noor, Shabeer, Noor Snr, Geeta & FFF team



New Foster Carers



DD & TS, BK, DB & MB, NS & NS, AM, JK, KWM & RWM, AE & GE, BK & FS, KT, BF

Carer's Recognition

JN for going above and beyond for children in her care. Well done!
NB and JB for supporting TBP and ABP in learning how to walk. Good job
KPH for supporting her young people to develop independent skills. Well done!
Well done BK for providing a stable home for her young people.
Well done JW for managing challenging behaviors within her placement.
Good job to CA and KA for being able to meet the needs of their young child and their milestones.



Welcome to the Team

Suad Elsayed – Administrative Apprentice
Debora Kaindoh – Supervising Social Worker
Maria Mohammed Brown – Supervising Social Worker
Kachelle Matthew Richards – Supervising Social Worker
Naomi Balan – Student Social Worker
Zarin Haque – Placement Officer
Shauna Stewart – Panel Member
Ayisat -Mcnaught Lawal – Form F Assessor

Children's Achievements

SN donated her hair to charity, Very proud!
CJ learnt how to crawl, Well done!
GA learnt how to ride a bike without stabilisers, Good job!
JHL has expressed how he feels amazingly, very proud of you!
ABP and TBP both learnt how to walk, amazing!
LH for showing empathy towards peers. Well done!
MK was elected to be a school MP! Congratulations!



Health and Safety

All Foster Carer should have updated health and safety documents and these documents need to be sent over to the office or to your SSW. 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

Reminding all Foster Carers to use charms for writing reports, uploading documents and signing off Supervisions. If you don't have access to CHARMS, Please let your SSW know or the office.

Staff Promotions

Bayley Lawrence—Social Work Assistant
Victor Morata Roca—Fostering Team Manager
Monica Arranz—Deputy Team Manager
Rochelle Adighibe—Senior Supervising Social Worker

HOT Topics



September—Carer's Well Being
October—Personal Development Plan
November—Christmas

Message from Placements

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication!

- Shabeer, Kam and Zarin

FFF Whatsapp

Join the Family First Fostering Community on Whatsapp for agency updates!
Please ask your SSW for more information or alternatively call
0800 389 4448



Recordings

Weekly reports should be uploaded on CHARMS for the first four weeks and then by monthly reports when the young person is settled in.

Back up Carers

Please plan your back up carers in advance. Also, it is important for your Back up carers to attend trainings.

The Fostering Network

The Fostering Network website provides you with useful information about fostering and guides on how to contact them regarding taxes, and many more aspects of fostering.

To learn more please visit: <https://www.thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/adviceinformation/all-about-fostering>
For steps on how to contact HMRC regarding taxes:
<https://www.thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/advice-information/finances/tax-and-national-insurance>
To explore the website and learn more: <https://www.thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/>

The CHARMS™ Digital Letterbox is available now.
If you would like a free demonstration
please contact 0161 237 1872, or email info@socialcarenetwork.com

Referral bonus available for New

carer Recommendations



FFF Christmas Competitions



Christmas Tree Decoration Competition



Ginger Bread Man Competition

For more info please ask your SSW or call
the office at 0800 389 4448



Top 6 Christmas Market to visit this Christmas



Leicester Square - 8th Nov-7 Jan 2024

South Bank Centre Winter Market - 2nd Nov-26 Dec 2023

Kingston Christmas Market 16th Nov - 31st Dec 2023

Birmingham Frankfurt Christmas Market - 3rd Nov - 23rd Dec 2023

Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market -17th Nov - 21st Dec 2023

Rochester, Kent Christmas Market -25 Nov - 10 Dec 2023

Tips to have a good Christmas!

Christmas Movie Night—Everyone has a favourite Christmas movie, so why not make a list of Christmas Movies and let your children choose which one to watch!

Christmas Dinner—Traditional Christmas dinner features turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, and vegetables.

Christmas Tree—Children can get involved in decorating a Christmas tree and they can decorate it with Baubles, Christmas Lights and Garland

Children Charities You Can Donate This Winter

www.savethechildren.org.uk

www.make-a-wish.org.uk

www.actionforchildren.org.uk

www.thesickchildrenstrust.org

This year the agency made contributions to the following Charities:

- Samaritan Purse Charity
- Mary's Meal
- Morocco Earthquake Relief Fund
- Palestine War
- Teenage Cancer Trust

TRAINING

CHARMS Systems and Recordings– 09/12/2023.
Understanding Safeguarding and Child Protection/
Safer Caring -12/12/2023
Team Teach De-escalation Training
(Two Day Course)19/01/2024

Upcoming Support Group 2023/2024

24th January 2024 - 10:30AM - 12:00PM

20th February 2024 – 16:30 PM – 18:00PM

21st March 2024 - 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Out of Hours Information

From January 2023, FFF will be running a new Out of hours system. Should an incident and / or accident occur, If you need any advice outside of office hours (9:00 AM— 6 :00 PM) or Bank Holiday, Please call : **07852 150 501** and a member of the Social Work Team will be available to provide you support and advice.



Christmas Party

Children's Christmas Party

Date: 17th December 2023

Time: 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Location: Gascoyne One Community
Centre
Gascoyne Road

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas party on Saturday and it was great to see everyone had fun.

