



FAMILY FIRST FOSTERING WINTER NEWSLETTER 2024

We would like to express our gratitude to your hard work and dedication this year! May this holiday season bring you joy, peace and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Welcome

NEW FOSTER CARERS

IG & SG
AR & RQ
SP
CG
NH & MH
FM & BW
AM & AK
BS

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Viktorija - SSW
Diana- SSW
Isabel- Office Manager
Shahida - Administrator
Mariya -Team Manager
Laraisha - Student SSW
Zinora - Student SSW
Kulsum -Team Manager
Lilian - SSW
Milu - SSW
Fraju - SSW

PROMOTIONS

Victor - Registered Manager
Kam - Senior Placement Officer

Changes of Registered Managers

Message from Noor Snr

After setting up Family First Fostering 13 years ago and serving as the Registered Manager, I have decided to retire and leave the company in the capable hands of my youthful wife, Geeta, and our two children, Shabeer and Noor Jnr.

Family First Fostering would not be where it is today without the dedication of our carers, staff, and independent members. I am truly thankful for the opportunity to work with everyone at Family First Fostering and for the remarkable impact it has made in changing children's lives.

Message from Victor

As we approach the Christmas season, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to each of you, staff and carers, for your incredible hard work and dedication throughout the year. Your efforts have made a real difference in the lives of the children and young people we support, and I couldn't be more proud of what we have achieved together.

I am honoured to be stepping into this position and look forward to working closely with all of you in the future.

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Out of Hours

Should an incident and/or accident occur, if you need any advice outside of office hours (9:00–6:00 PM) or Bank Holiday, Please call **07852150501** and a member of the Social Work Team will be available to provide you support and advice.

Kindly avoid texting the Out of Hours number, as calling is preferred.

DONATE

Please contact your SSW or the office if you wish to make a donation. Family First Fostering will match any donation made.

OFSTED

With the upcoming Ofsted visit, it is crucial that all carers work closely with your Supervising Social Worker.

Supervising Social Worker should make sure all documentation are up to date.

CHARMS

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

Admission Form

Please ensure that admission form, Acknowledgement form and photo of the young person is obtain once a new young person comes to their Foster Home.

Health and Safety Docs

All Foster Carers 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:

- Valid Medical and DBS
- Home Insurance
- Gas Certificate
- Electrical Certificate
- Car Insurance and 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.

Carer's Recognition

AS & JA for doing well with their young people
VG & OG for making time to attend supervision and provide good insight to their YP.

EG for completing the carer logs in depth
DG & EG for doing well as they currently have a challenging YP.

MCF & WF for helping their YP to attend school.

HOT TOPIC



**December HOT TOPIC:
Christmas**



Christmas Party

07th December 2024
5:00 PM - 1:00 AM
The City Pavillion
Collier Row Road
Romford
RM5 2BH

Young Person Christmas Party

15th December 2024
12:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Charlton Park
Rugby Club
60A Broad Walk,
London SE3 8NB



Free Parking are available for both location for YP Christmas Party and FFF Christmas Party

The Fostering Network

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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://](https://www.thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/adviceinformation/all-about-fostering)

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For steps on how to contact:

HMRC regarding taxes: [https://www.thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/advice-information/finances/tax-and-national insurance](https://www.thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/advice-information/finances/tax-and-national-insurance).

To explore the website and learn more:

<https://www.thefosteringnetwork.org.uk>



First response training will give you an update on the latest news relating to the health, safety and welfare of children and young people, as well as useful resources, new courses and other special offers and learning solutions for early years, schools and childcare.

Here are few articles that you can read:

<https://www.firstresponsetraining.com/world-childrens-day-building-a-better-world-for-children/>

<https://www.firstresponsetraining.com/young-people-urged-to-choose-respect-this-anti-bullying-week/>

Upcoming Training Dates

CHARMS System and Recording -TBC- 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM

09th December 2024 - Working with Siblings and their Families - 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

16th December 2024 - Administering Medication - 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

19th December 2024 - Support Group - 10:30 AM- 2:00 PM

The 2025 training dates will be shared soon.

How to Make Christmas More Special for Children

Create a Festive Atmosphere by decorating the Home: Involve the children in decorating the Christmas tree, hanging stockings, and putting up lights.

Christmas Music and Movies: Play festive music and enjoy Christmas movies together as a family, creating a warm, holiday atmosphere.

Advent Calendar or Christmas Countdown: Use an advent calendar or make your own countdown calendar with little treats or activities for each day leading up to Christmas

Christmas Crafts and Activities: Plan fun arts and crafts such as making homemade ornaments, designing holiday cards, or building gingerbread houses

