

Update for foster carers – 7th May 2020

I hope you and your families are all continuing to keep well and safe.

I have received very positive feedback from our fostering team managers that overall, all our fostering households have adapted well to the Covid-19 lockdown measures as have the children and young people placed. You should all be proud of all you are doing to support the children and young people you have in your care and I am grateful for all the care and nurturing being provided.

You will be aware that there is likely to be some easing of the current lockdown restricts soon, so it is worth thinking what this may mean for children in your care. This is particularly important for any children that have not been attending school and will be soon be expected to adjust to returning to school and support you may need from your supervising social worker in the coming weeks/months.

New Advice and Mediation worker

Good news: I am pleased to inform you that the Fostering Network have now made an appointment to our area, than providing cover arrangements. Caron Heath has been appointed to the post and her contact details are as follows;

Landline – 01332 959980

Mobile – 07918708945

E mail – Caron.Heath@fostering.net

Foster carer conference

In consultation with FLAG, via Julie Harrison (Chair), we have decided to postpone this year's fostering conference due to Covid-19. The social distancing measures we are expected to adhere to make it impractical to safety host the conference. We have decided to postpone the conference to a date to be confirmed in 2021.

Fostering Fortnight 11th – 24th May 2020

Apologies for repeating this note from last week, but we do want to celebrate you as foster carers, particularly during this year's fostering fortnight, and the difference you are making to the lives of our looked after children and young people. It would be a great to see any drawings or painting that children are willing to share, some of which we can then share on our webpages and social media platforms.

Resources



The above picture was provided by one of our family workers (Lisa), as an example what could be a weekly project for children. They can paint and hide the stones for others to find.

The following resources identified by our fantastic fostering staff and foster carers:

Beacon house therapeutic website, if you go onto the resource section the learning tools are brilliant and I use a lot of these resources to support carers understanding.

- You Tube: Beacon house “Understanding my traumatised child” and “Bottom up approach”
- You Tube: Sarah Naish “What is therapeutic parenting? And clips on PACE.
- Dan Hughes and Dan Siegel clips on YouTube to support learning around PACE and brain development

Do make use of our foster carer website: <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/fanotts> for updates re; COVID-19 and where there is lots of good information and resources and our facebook page: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/fosternotts/>

Thank you for all you are doing and for your ongoing support to our looked after children and young people. I will keep you all updated of any changes to our working practices impacted by any further government guidance.

Ty Yousaf
Fostering Service Manager
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