

### Update for foster carers – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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

Thank you for all the positive support you are providing to our looked children and young people during these surreal times. I am grateful for all your hard work dedication, creativity and support to our looked after children and young people.

A shorter update for you this week, as no major changes on last week.

We are now in week nine of lockdown and although I am enjoying not having to drive around the county for various work meetings, having limited opportunities to get out during the working day is creating unexpected fatigue (especially whilst the sun is out!). I guess that I am not the only person experiencing mixed feelings about the situation we are all dealing with and was happy to receive the reflections of one of your people, Jamie, as to how he has experienced lockdown and strategies for coping. Jamie has kindly given his permission for his presentation to be shared with you and our staff. Thanks Jamie.



Jamie's covid 19  
thoughts.pptx

### Fostering Fortnight - 11th - 24th May 2020

You will be aware that this year's fostering fortnight aims to celebrate the dedication of foster carers and the positive impact that they have on children's lives. I have seen some lovely pictures and read about some of the wonderful activities you have been doing with the children and young people in your care, which you will see and read about our next Fostering News email, out soon.

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.

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