

Roles and Commitments

The Fostering Team's commitments

- To provide safe and stable foster care for children and young people to allow them to grow as individuals
- To recruit, train and provide support to foster carers to allow them to develop their skills and confidence
- To support foster carers to use their skills to form meaningful relationships with children and young people they care for which allows carers to provide a safe and stable home for them.

The Foster Carer's commitments:

- To look after our children and young people with the same level of care they would give to family members
- Provide love and care to help children and young people recover from any trauma they might have experienced
- Help children and young people to be emotionally strong, to strive to be happy and to reach for the stars.

Foster Carer's Charter



WE CARE ABOUT OUR CHILDREN, YOU COULD TOO



Hartlepool Borough Council is committed to:

- **Acting in the child/young person's best interests**
- **Ensuring that children are safe and provided with stable, secure and loving homes**
 - **Supporting and promoting children's physical and mental health**
 - **Raising hope and aspiration**
 - **Encouraging children to express their views and feelings and always taking those into account**

Expectations

What Foster Carers can expect from the Fostering team:

- To be treated with respect, to have skills valued to be included in all meetings where planning and decision making will affect you or the child/young person you care for
- To have relevant information so you can support the child/young person to fulfil their potential and be cared for safely
- Clear and timely plans for the child's care
- To be enabled to make everyday decisions to allow the child/young person to feel part of the family
- Details of all policies and procedures
- Support with regular supervision and communication from the team around the child
- Appropriate and accessible training
- Consultation and involvement with the service and feedback about developments
- To be appreciated for your hard work

What the Fostering Team and children in our care can expect from Foster Carers:

- Children and young people to be provided with a positive experience of family life
- Positive work with people and agencies to offer the best support for the child/young person you care for
- Open and honest conversations
- Attendance at meetings about the child/young person you care for
- Develop meaningful relationships with child/young people by understanding their needs, supporting them to grow and develop and wherever possible remain in touch with them when they move on
- The same level of care and protection as you would to your own child or family member
- To develop skills by taking part in training
- Recognise, support and respect the child/young person's identity and the need to embrace their family of origin