

Spring Holiday Opening Times

Easter Break

Thursday 18th April - 9am-5pm
Good Friday 19th April - Closed
Easter Monday 22nd April - Closed
Tuesday 23rd April - 9am- 5pm

May Bank Holidays

Monday 6th May - Closed
Monday 27th May - Closed

Our helpline is open Monday - Friday,
9am - 5pm Call **0800 040 7675**.

If you need to speak to an advisor outside of
these hours, please visit fosterline.info and book
a call back

Welcome to the Fosterline Lowdown



Fosterline's dedicated newsletter for
current and prospective foster carers.

Children's Views of Being in Care

Ofsted has published a report looking at
what children and young people told
them about their experiences of living in
social care settings in England, including
children's homes, boarding schools and
living with foster carers.

3,024 children and young people
responded to questionnaires which found
that: 79% of children and young people
living in children's homes said they were
"always" well looked after, compared with
93% of children and young people living
in foster care; 76% of those living in
residential special schools and 56% of
children and young people living in
boarding schools.

Easter as a foster family

Easter Eggs are now in the shops
reminding us that Easter is just
around the corner!

Fosterline Coordinator, Clare,
shares her view of Easter and
provides some suggestions for
enjoying the Easter period with your
foster children, family and friends.

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Better Support for Children in Education

A group of charities, including [Adoption UK](#) and the NSPCC, has sent a letter to the
Schools Minister calling for the Government to amend teaching practice in England to
better reflect the needs of care-experienced children.

The proposed amendments are: to recognise care experienced children as a group
with specific needs, in addition to existing groups such as those with disabilities or for
whom English is not their first language; and to make reasonable adjustments to
behaviour policies to accommodate the needs of traumatised children.

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Tax Deadlines

The Tax year ended on 5th April 2019.
You will be required to complete a tax
return if you fostered during the period
6th April 2018 to 5th April 2019.

If you claim Tax Credits, you need to do
your renewal by 31st July 2019. Make
sure you have prepared your tax return
prior to this date so that you have the
actual figures to give to HMRC.

Your Tax Credits will be stopped if you
do not provide HMRC with the figures
by 31st July 2019.

Thinking of Fostering?

Spring signifies the start of new
life and new beginnings. Can you
try something new this Spring and
take the first step into fostering?
Take our fostering quiz

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Find a Fostering Event

If you're thinking of fostering, you
can find details on the fostering
services that are recruiting in your
area.

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