

Christmas in care campaign



Christmas can sometimes be a very emotive time for foster children which occasionally can prove challenging to foster carers.

Our #Christmasincare campaign includes stories from foster carers and articles from Fosterline Advisors which we hope foster carers will find helpful and inspire those who are considering fostering. To access these articles, please click [here](#).

Please help raise the profile of fostering and share our #Christmasincare campaign via your social media channels.

Welcome to the Fosterline Lowdown

Fosterline's dedicated newsletter for current & prospective foster carers, plus fostering services



Christmas opening times

Fosterline will be open on Christmas Eve from 9am to 5pm.

Fosterline will be closed on Christmas Day & Boxing Day and will re-open on Wednesday 2 January 2019.

Contact us on **0800 040 7675** or email enquiries@fosterline.info

Tax return deadline

30 December – tax returns must be received by HMRC for any tax due to be collected via PAYE.

31 January – online submission of the 2017-18 tax return and payment of 2017-18 tax and first payment on account for 2018-19.

Reducing unnecessary criminalisation of looked-after children and care leavers: national protocol

The government is urging councils, the police and courts across England to sign up to an agreement aimed at reducing the unnecessary criminalisation of looked-after children and care leavers.

A national protocol published by the DfE, Home Office and Ministry of Justice, outlines ways the prosecution of children in care and care leavers can be avoided "wherever possible and appropriate". The framework, which is designed to help social care and criminal justice agencies keep looked-after children out of the criminal justice system, has been co-developed with leaders in the statutory and voluntary sectors.

FosterTalk is pleased to have been one of the organisations contributing to the development of the protocol, which commits all agencies involved in the care of children and care leavers to understand the trauma they may have faced in their lives. Further information about the protocol can be found [here](#).

Kinship Care and SGOs

FosterTalk will be opening up a review into Kinship Care and Special Guardianship Orders following feedback received from callers to the Fosterline service. We'll be surveying foster carers as part of our consultation into Kinship Care and SGOs and we want to ensure that we're asking the questions that you want answers to.

This is your opportunity to gain insights into the issues affecting your carers - What question do you specifically want to find the answer to around Kinship Care and SGO? Please send your questions to marketing@fostertalk.org with KIN18 as the subject heading.

Free foster carer recruitment

Fostering services throughout England can advertise their recruitment events on our website **free** of charge. Last year, 18,600 prospective foster carers contacted Fosterline so your advert will reach those who are actively interested in fostering. To advertise your foster carer recruitment events for free, just click [here](#)

Fosterline is working on a number of upcoming projects in conjunction with FosterTalk in the New Year. Follow us on social media for all the latest news.