

**Welcome to the start of your fostering journey.**

Thank you for considering fostering with us.

We’re excited to tell you all about fostering and the amazing difference foster carers can have on children’s lives.

Foster carers play a vital role helping children and young people develop their full potential. We always try to place children and young people with our own foster carers rather than with independent agencies, which means you will be helping local children.

This attached guide and information will help you understand more about what is involved, the different types of fostering, the skills and qualities needed to be a foster carer, and the support, training, and financial payments we provide. Fostering is a hugely rewarding but sometimes challenging role – by fostering with us you can be reassured that you will receive excellent support every step of the way.

After reading the guide, if you have any further questions, or would like to get in touch with us, please contact us on **020 7364 1246** or email us at: [**fostering@towerhamlets.gov.uk**](mailto:fostering@towerhamlets.gov.uk).

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