

Young Person's Guide



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agency

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My Fostering Agency



**Welcome to your new foster family and fostering agency!
This booklet has lots of useful things in it and has been
created especially for you.**

We have lots of foster carers across the UK. They look after children and young people just like you, to make sure you are happy and safe.

Your Local Authority social worker will still visit you at your new foster home and will speak to your foster carer and social worker to make sure you are ok.

If you want to chat to someone at the agency, use the contact details below.

Registered Manager name:

Claire Devine
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Registered Manager contact number:

01324 468055
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Registered Manager email:

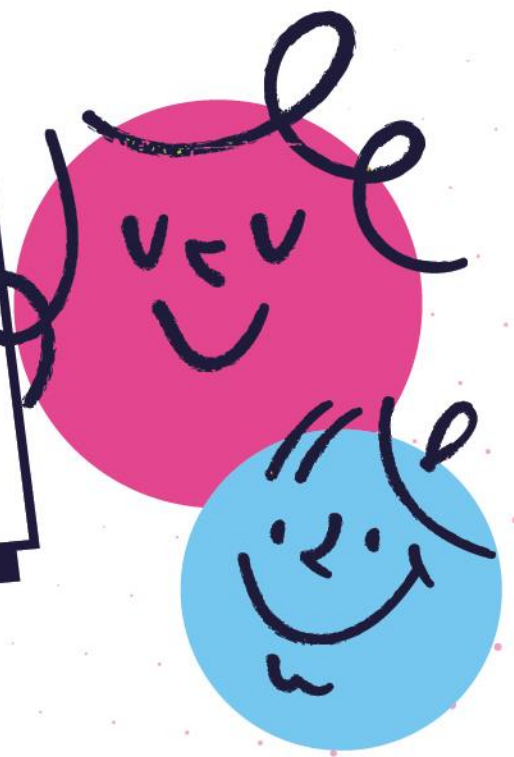
CDevine@nfa.co.uk
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Fostering Agency Address:

East Gateway, Beancross Rd, Grangemouth, FK3 8WH
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The Pinky Promise



Voice

Adults must really listen to you and include you in decisions about your life.

Scaffolding

Help and support available for you, your family and important adults in your life when needed.

Family

Supporting you and your family to stay together where it is safe and loving.

People

Ensuring you supported to keep relationships with important adults and family in your life.

Care

When it's not safe to stay in family home, supporting you and your siblings to stay in a place that is safe and loving together.





All about me!



This guide belongs to:

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Address:

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Phone number:

My Foster Carers:

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My Social Worker:

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My supervising Social Worker:

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Meet the Team

Claire Devine

Registered Manager

Welcome to your new foster family, I am available if you would like to call, text or email me to say hello.




YOU
ARE
AMAZING

Helen Grainey

Team Manager for Central / South and West of Scotland

"We will listen to whatever you have to say"



Leeanne Robertson

Team Manager for North of Scotland

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." -Winnie the Pooh



Our Pledge To You. We Will:

Keep you safe and care well for you

Ensure you live in a safe and homely place

Listen to you, particularly when you raise concerns about your safety or the quality of your care

Ensure that those people who care for you are trained and supported to keep you safe

Make sure you are prepared for the next stage of your life – including managing money, looking after your health and taking care of where you live

Help you get a good education (achieve and enjoy)

Make sure your education meets your needs

Help you to attend your education provision and make good progress

Have high expectations for your potential

Celebrate your educational achievements

Help those who care for you to have the right advice to support your education

Help you be healthy and enjoy life

Help you to be physically and emotionally well

Support you to take part in clubs and/or hobbies that interest you

Support you to make healthy eating decisions and to cook healthy food

Help you to socialise with your friends (as long as this is safe)

Support you to take part in exercise and have fun

Support your future and your next adventure

Help you to take part in positive activities

Support you to undertake work experience

Help you to find employment, an apprenticeship or to study further

Support you to take part in an adventure when you reach sixteen

Did you know?



You will have a Social Worker who will support you and discuss any plans with you. They will also listen to your thoughts, wishes, and feelings.



They will be a Supervising Social Worker who will work with the fostering family supervising and guiding them.



You will be allocated an Independent Reviewing Officer.



There will be different meetings held in order for everybody to work together to ensure you are supported.



All those around you will support with keeping in touch with those who are important to you. This may be named as 'Family time'.

What to expect

Your foster carers will support you with all aspects and make you feel happy and comfortable whilst living with them.

They will look after you whilst listening and respecting you

They will support you to learn or add to the skills you need as you get older

You will have your own space

They will give you the opportunity to celebrate special days

There will be expectations within the foster home

Dealing with worries



Your foster carers will not mind you asking any questions.

Do they know I don't like certain foods?

Can I have my friends around?

Can I get a drink when I want to?


What school will I be going to?

Can I personalise my room?


Your Health



Your foster carer will support you with all your health needs. This includes the Doctors, Dentist, and Opticians. This also includes;



Emotional wellbeing support



Healthy hygiene

A healthy balanced range of foods

Physical health support



Food

It is important that you like the food that's on offer to you so talk to your carers. They will make sure that they give you food that you like, but they will also need to give you a healthy balanced diet as well.



You should never be made to eat food you dislike or are allergic to and your religious dietary needs should always be respected. It could be helpful to go shopping with your carers so you can look at the different foods you might not have tried before as well as the food you like.

If you are having problems that prevent you from eating, or are worried about food in other ways, there is help on offer. Talk to someone you trust so that they can support you.

Remember that you can always ring NFA Scotland about anything that bothers you.





Education

Your foster carer will help and support you with all aspects of school and education. This may be;

Supporting to enroll you into school

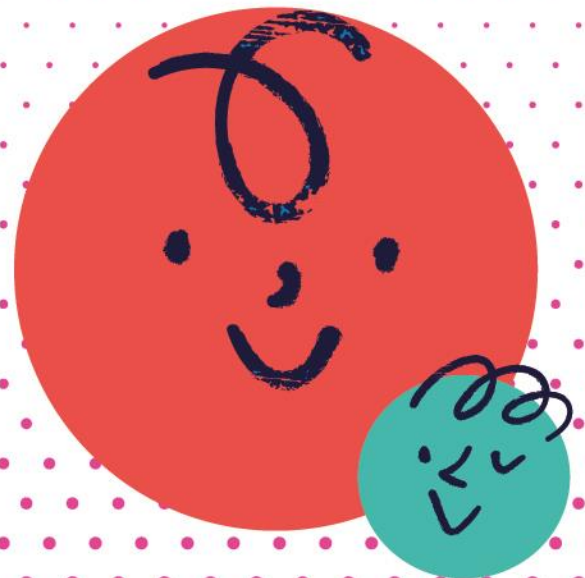
Supporting to get you to school

Giving you a quiet space to study/do homework

Support with extra curriculum

Taking part in school activities

Any worries you may have



Bullying



If you feel you are being bullying you should tell someone. This could include; carers, teachers, social worker, or someone you can trust. You can also contact an agency (see useful contact section).

Bullying includes;

- ✘ Name calling
- ✘ Making things up to get you into trouble
- ✘ Anything physical such as; hitting, pinching, biting, pushing, and shoving
- ✘ Taking your things
- ✘ Damaging your property
- ✘ Threats or intimidation

There is also another form of bullying called **cyber bullying**. This is bullying through email, instant messages, text, blogs, website and mobiles.



Useful tips to know; be careful who you share your number with, and don't leave your mobile laying about.

Activities

You will be supported and encouraged to take part in activities inside and outside of the home. Your foster carers will also support you with any hobbies or interests you may have.





Allowances

Whilst with your foster carers you are entitled to weekly pocket money. The amount will be agreed at your placement agreement meeting between you, your foster carer and social worker. You are also entitled to a clothing allowance. You can discuss this with your foster carer.

Independence

When you're between the age of 13-18 it will be time to start gaining the skills you need to become independent. This can be an exciting but challenging time. Your foster carer will work with you to help develop skills in;



Managing your money, setting up bank accounts and paying bills.



Healthy eating, shopping for food and cooking.



Personal health, first aid, avoiding illnesses, and food preparation.



Housing options and DIY.



Education, training or work.

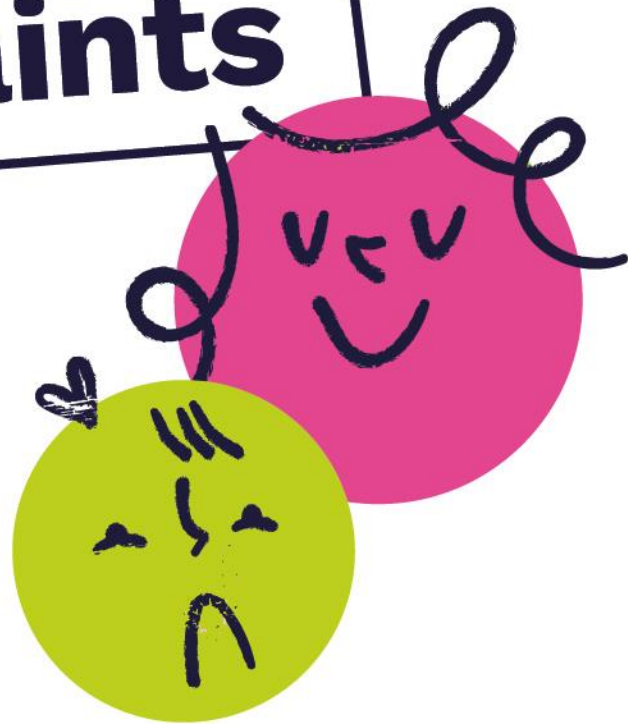


Participation

NFA Scotland hold regular participation events. These include different festivals as well as diversity events and celebrations. This is an excellent opportunity to have fun, gain knowledge and understanding, as well to an opportunity to meet other.



Compliments & Complaints



If you have a compliment or you are not happy with something then you can report this face to face, by calling NFA Scotland, or by putting it in writing.

For further details please speak to your carers or supervising social worker.

NFA Scotland

Tel: 01324 468055

Web: www.nfascotland.co.uk

Email: info@nfagroup.co.uk



Useful Contacts

Commissioner for Scotland – The commissioner for Scotland is Bruce Adamson and he works to ‘promote awareness of the views and interests of children.’

Tel: 0800 0191179

Web: www.cypcs.org.uk

Child line – This is the free, confidential 24 hour helpline for children and young people in the UK, and the counsellors are there to support you.

Tel: 08001111

Web: www.childline.org.uk

Who Cares Scotland – This is a national voluntary organisation, working with care experienced young people and care leavers across Scotland.

Tel: 0141 2264441

Web: www.whocarescotland.org

Care Inspectorate – This is an organisation that checks the work of fostering agencies in Scotland.

Email: enquiries@careinspectorate.gov.scot

Web: www.careinspectorate.com

NFA Scotland - This is the fostering agency your carer's are with.

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