# Children & Young People's Council Leaflet - Who are UK Fostering & What do we do?

### 1. Who is UK Fostering?

- UK Fostering is a fostering agency with a team of committed social workers.
- We help children needing to be in foster care find foster families.
- Our foster families will understand the child's needs, love and care for them.

#### 2. When UK fostering first started and why?

- UK Fostering was started in 2013.
- It was the idea of Urs Bielmann and Amar Dhull who have many years of experience working with looked after children.
- They wanted to provide children and young people with great opportunities in life to be safe and do well.

## 3. What do UK Fostering Do?

- UK Fostering is seen as a Good agency by OFSTED.
- OFSTED makes sure that UK Fostering are doing everything it says it would.
- We provide children and young people with fostering families who will support them to be safe, do well in school and live an enjoyable life.

## 4. What UK Fostering can do to help you?

- We will listen to you wishes and feelings.
- We provide winter & summer family day activities for all foster families to join together and get to know one another.
- We provide your foster family with a Supervising Social Worker who works with you all to ensure you are happy and safe.
- We work with your foster carers to make sure they are doing everything to provide you with a safe and caring home.

#### 5. Our Supervising Social Worker and what they do?

- UK Fostering employs Supervising Social Workers (SSW).
- The SSW are based in different locations such as in the South East, Midlands, North West, and North East.
- They will listen to your wishes and feelings to make sure you are happy.
- They work in partnership with your Social Worker to ensure you are with the right foster family.
- They support you and your foster carer to ensure you are well looked after and safe.
- They work together with your foster carer and school to make sure you receive the best education.
- They work with your foster carer to support you to maintain a healthy lifestyle.
- They visit you and your foster carer every month.
- They keep in contact with you and your foster family every week.
- They work together with your foster carer to support you to have contact with your family if this is ok with your social worker.
- They work with your foster carer to support you to celebrate your birthday and other special events such as Eide and Christmas etc.

- They work together with your foster carer to support you to practice your religion and access venues such as your church and mosque.
- They work with your foster carers birth children to make sure they are also; happy, safe and well.

(Space at the bottom of the leaflet will be left for these details – SSW are responsible for filling this section before putting in to the Goodie Bag for the Child/ YP)

| Your carer's Supervising Social Worker details: |
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| Your Social Worker's Details:                   |
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