

LONDON

FOSTERING

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10 things Foster Carers want you to know

1. Communication is so important - it really helps when a school establishes clear and regular lines of contact.
2. Children Looked After have needs. Please understand the individual and personal needs/circumstances of looked after children.
3. We often have contact, supervision visits and multiple placements connected to foster care, so please be flexible access to meetings.
4. If we have delegated authority in relation to a child, as outlined in their care plan, please ask us to make day to day decisions for the child in our care e.g. permission slips.
5. We are professionals and we want to be listened to and viewed as equals.
6. We really want to be involved in the Personal Education Plan process, and may need support and encouragement from you to get our voices heard.
7. Our experiences of education vary so in some cases we may be less confident to engage, but it doesn't mean that we aren't passionate about education.
8. You can really help us to boost self-esteem and confidence by giving us and the young people in our care regular feedback on the positives as well as negatives.
9. We would really like you to consult with us on how the pupil premium will be spent.
10. Being a foster carer can be isolating – please offer us the chance to connect with other Parents or Carers