



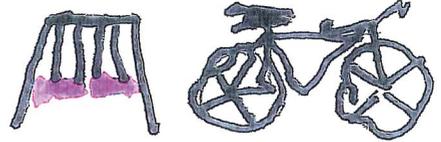
ME



MY HOUSE



MY FAMILY



OUR dog

# Permanent Fostering

With The FCA Scotland Family



## What do we mean by permanence?

When it's not possible for children to remain with or return to their own birth families, the Local Authority will introduce permanence planning. It's their aim to ensure that children have a secure, stable and loving family experience as they grow up.

In FCA Scotland, permanence in foster care is not just about children simply being placed with foster carers. Permanence is defined as children being "claimed" by foster carers and being accepted as members of the family with continuity into adulthood.

The children will already be placed with foster carers until their care plan is decided. Once the local authority has made the decision to secure a permanent family for them, they will seek a permanent fostering placement. The Local Authority and FCA Scotland will carefully consider the matching of the children to suitable permanent foster families who can meet their needs into adulthood.

# Supporting you every step of the way

We're available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to ensure that you receive the support and advice you need, when you need it.

- You'll receive support from our local team of social workers, therapists, education specialists and support workers.
- We also provide regular support group meetings with other foster carers, held at your local office where you can talk confidentially and offer each other advice and reassurance.
- We offer a competitive financial package that recognises your skills and commitment as a permanent foster carer.
- We provide ongoing training and development for our foster carers. Our preparation training helps you to understand exactly what the role of a permanent foster carer involves, then once you begin fostering we have lots of relevant courses for you to choose from.

## Start your journey

Hopefully by this point you'll have gathered enough information to decide whether or not you would like to progress, if we're all in agreement we'll send you an application to complete.

Once we receive this you'll be invited to attend our Journey to Foster training followed by a home visit from a member of our permanence team.

If you feel permanent fostering is right for you and your family, you can call our dedicated recruitment team on - 0141 646 4805 or log on to our website [www.fcascotland.co.uk](http://www.fcascotland.co.uk) for more information.

# Can I become a permanent foster carer?

Becoming a permanent foster carer is a big decision and takes commitment and patience. You'll need an enthusiastic approach, bags of energy and a genuine desire to make a positive and lasting difference to a young persons life.

Permanent carers from all walks of life, background and sexual orientations are needed to reflect the diverse communities we live in.

The list below might help you to think about whether or not you have the qualities to become a permanent foster carer.

- ✓ I have a spare bedroom
- ✓ I am energetic and enthusiastic, with a positive attitude
- ✓ I am kind, caring and willing to learn
- ✓ I am fair, consistent and can offer stability
- ✓ I am patient, understanding and a good listener
- ✓ I can empathise and have a flexible and adaptable approach
- ✓ I am committed to caring for a child right through to adulthood
- ✓ I will accept a child into becoming a full member of my extended family
- ✓ I would ensure a child placed became part of my wider network of family & friends

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