

kids guide to

fostering

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for children who foster

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Charley

I've been fostering for 2 or 3 months.
I like it when he laughs and when I make him laugh.
I don't like it when he cries and doesn't stop.
I read him stories and let him have my teddies.

We've been fostering since before we were born, over 10 years, for our whole life really. We like knowing we are making a difference and helping them with their future. We like the little toddlers.



Rhianna, Bethan & Robert



Sophie

I've been fostering for about 4 years.
I like looking after children and it's nice to come to a group where everyone's the same.
Letting go is hard if you've had them a long time.
If mum's doing something then I look after them and play with them.

questions

What are the foster children like?

they are nice, they are normally really happy and it's great when you make them smile coz you feel you are doing something right

a baby foster child will be like any other baby but a foster child that is older might be naughtier

most of them are nice and they are normally very appreciative of the help you give them

Why are they in care?

because their parents have not looked after them properly

because the parents can't cope or the children are being hurt

sometimes it's just to give their parents a break

What if I don't like them?

just tell your parents that you don't like them

Once you get to know them they are nice like they say don't judge a book by its cover even if you don't like them at first

Will they do chores?

It really does depend if they are old enough.

Some like to help set the table.

Some like to help around their house to take their minds off things and keep on everyone's good side.

Do I have to share my stuff?

sometimes you will have to share your toys but it's not that bad because you can play together. You get over not having the tv to yourself. You have to share your parents, siblings and time but it's totally worth it.

all the things you don't want the kids to play with put in your room.

I normally share my stuff but not my makeup or phone. Just tell them what they can and can't play with

Is it hard to say goodbye?

Yes.

Yes but it's easier if you know they are going to a safe place that's nice.

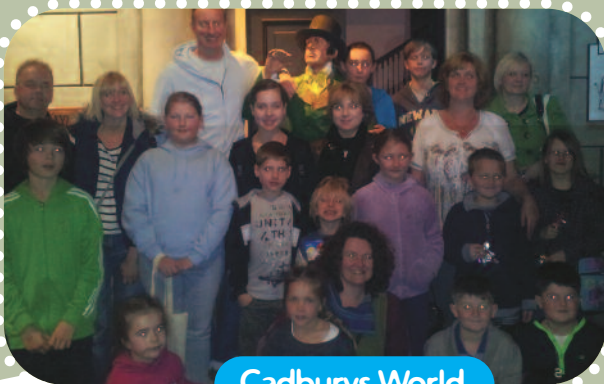
Our fun trips



Chester Zoo



Alton Towers



Cadbury's World



Halloween at Applejacks



Snow Dome



Manley Mere

Fun
Opportunity to learn
Sad to say goodbye
Teach other children about it
Each child is appreciative
Remind you how lucky you are
I hope for the best future for them
Neglect is why they are here
Great times we have

by Rhianna



Christmas Party