

# Foster with Swindon

## 1. Get in touch

Give us a call, send us an email or complete an enquiry form online.



## 2. Find out more

You could come to an information session or arrange for a member of our team to visit you at home to discuss your suitability to foster.



## 3. Apply

If you're ready to proceed and the team agree, you will be invited to complete an application form. Once this is received, Stage 1 & Stage 2 of your assessment will start.



## 4. Checks and References (Stage 1)

We undertake a number of checks and references, including a DBS check. You will also need to arrange for a medical to take place with your GP.



## 5. Assessment visits (Stage 2)

Whilst checks and references are being undertaken, your assessing social worker will visit approximately 8-10 times to complete your assessment



## 6. Attending training

During your assessment you will need to attend our pre-approval training, which includes our Skills to Foster course.



## 7. Your assessment is complete!

Your assessing social worker will complete your assessment and share this along with the recommendation with you. This is then presented to the fostering panel.



## 8. Attending Foster Panel

You will be invited to attend the independent fostering panel with your assessing social worker. The foster panel make a recommendation to the Agency Decision Maker about your suitability to foster.



## 9. Agency Decision Maker (ADM)

The ADM will then make the final decision about approving you for fostering with Swindon.



## 10. What happens next?

If you're approved, you will become a registered foster carer with Swindon and be a part of our fostering community!

