Fostering Application

About you, your family and your home

Leicester City Council

Your title	_____	**Partner's title**	_____
First name	_____	First name	_____
Surname	_____	Surname	_____
Previous names	_____	Previous names	_____
Date of birth	_____	Date of birth	_____
Ethnicity	_____	Ethnicity	_____
Languages spoken	_____	Languages spoken	_____
Religion		Religion	

How long have you been married or living together?

Phone numbers & e-mail

Current address .....

How long have you lived here? [ ] .....

Post code .....

Your previous address .....

Dates you lived here? [ ] .....

Post code .....

Have you lived at any other addresses during the last 5 years? If so please tell us the addresses and dates you lived there on a separate sheet.

Partner's previous address .....

Dates he or she lived here? [ ] .....

Post code .....

Has your partner lived at any other addresses during the last 5 years? If so please tell us the addresses and dates he or she lived there on a separate sheet.

Please list below all the children and adults who live or regularly stay at your home

Full name	Relationship to you	Name & address of school	Date of birth	Male/female

Please list below any of your own or your partner's children who live apart from you. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Full name	Relationship	Current address	Date of birth	Male/female

How many bedrooms are there in your home?

Where could a foster child sleep?

Do you have facilities that would be suitable for a disabled child?

Is there a safe place for a child to play outdoors?

What pets do you have?

If you or your partner work please tell us about your jobs

Your job _____

Employer _____

Address _____

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Times and days you work

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Partner's job _____

Employer _____

Address _____

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Times and days partner works

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If you have a partner and/or family living with you, are they as keen to foster as you are?

Have you thought about which type of children you would prefer to foster?
Tell us now if you want to – don't worry you can always change your mind later!

Would you prefer to foster boys or girls or doesn't it matter?

What age-group would you prefer to foster?

Would you consider fostering disabled children?

Would you consider offering a permanent home to a child?

How many children at a time would you like to foster?

Would you consider fostering siblings?

You don't need any particular qualifications to foster. But please tell us why you want to foster and if you have any particular experience you can bring to the task. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

Are you applying to foster with another agency?

Are you thinking about adoption as well as fostering?

Are you having, or planning to have, fertility treatment to start a family?

Has one of our foster carers recommended fostering to you? If so, please give us their name so that we can offer them a reward payment when you are approved.

Please tell us about any health problems affecting you or your partner?

Please give us the name and address of your doctor & your partner's doctor if different.

Your doctor

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Post code

Partner's doctor

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Post code

Before you can be approved as a foster carer, checks have to be made with the police, probation services, health services, schools services, the Child Protection Register, Child Minding registration (if appropriate), other fostering agencies (where appropriate) and Leicester City Council's own records and those of other local authorities. Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks have to be made for anyone aged over 16 in your household. CRB checks include the Police National Computer, Department of Health, Protection of Children list and Department of Education List 99.

Please tell us now about anything concerning you or other people in your house that you think might show up in these checks and affect your application.

Have you or your partner ever been convicted of a criminal offence? Please give details & see notes below.

IMPORTANT NOTES – PLEASE READ. Your details, as foster carer applicants, will be entered on our Departmental computer records and treated in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Being a foster carer involves substantial opportunity for access to children. Any offences, which you may have committed, are therefore exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. You are therefore asked to declare any conviction or cautions which you may have.

The information you give will be treated in confidence and will only be used in relation to your fostering application. Information received from the Criminal Records Bureau will be kept in strict confidence and will be destroyed immediately your fostering application is complete.

The disclosure of a criminal record will not automatically bar you from being a foster carer unless the Fostering Panel considers that the conviction renders you unsuitable to become a foster carer. In making its decision the panel will consider the nature of the offence, how long ago it was committed, and the age you were when it was committed.

Failure to declare a conviction may adversely affect your application to become a foster carer.

When we receive this application form we will invite you to an information evening.
By signing this form, you and your partner are consenting to us looking into your local authority records and proceeding with the checks described above.

Your signature	Partner's signature
Date	Date
Print name here	Print name here

Anyone aged over 16 who lives in your home should sign & date below consenting to us proceeding with checks as described above relating to them.

Signature	Signature
Date	Date
Print name here	Print name here
Signature	Signature
Date	Date
Print name here	Print name here