

Main Purpose:

- To provide a safe, caring, healthy and nurturing environment
- To help each child to recognise and overcome factors which have led to him/her being looked after, in order that he/she may achieve his/her potential
- To assist with the preparation of each child for his/her future

Key duties:

- To help a child to develop his/her own basic physical care
- To monitor and respond to a child's health needs
- To help a child to develop self esteem through presentation and appearance, including an understanding of personal possessions
- To support a child's education, including liaison with schools as appropriate
- To develop a child's understanding and acceptance of routines, disciplines and structures
- To positively encourage a child's social behaviour and attitudes
- To encourage a child to manage his/her own leisure time, ensuring opportunities for recreation and leisure activities
- To assist with a child's religious development in keeping with his/her own and family's cultural and religious beliefs
- To promote an understanding of differences in race, culture, language and religion and a respect for those differences
- To understand the legal requirements of foster caring
- To hold a basic knowledge of first aid
- To ensure that a child is kept safe from hazardous substances and ensure general safety in the home
- To work with social workers and other agencies as required, including participation in multi-professional meetings
- To provide information, in writing or verbally, to social workers and other agencies as required, and to maintain a record of significant events
- To maintain a positive and professional relationship with a child's family, including working with agreed contact arrangements
- To ensure good relations with the agency through efficient administration and communication about a child's placement, and regular attendance at training and meetings
- To be involved in a mutual support network with other foster carers, as appropriate
- To manage your own finances and tax affairs, and provide adequate insurance
- To seek help immediately with any concerns relating to fostering.