

new placement questions

questions to ask the Fostering team when they call about a new placement

the basics

name and what do they like to be called? Age (birthday), Gender, How many? Can they share a bedroom?

background history

Where are they coming from? Why are they moving from there? How long have they been in foster care?

length of stay

Legal status, Long term, short term, Any important dates (holidays planned) in the foster carer's diary that need to be considered. Likelihood of placement arriving and expected time.

education

What school do they go to? In full time education? School run? School transport?

belongings

What are they bringing with them? What might they need?

contact

Siblings , Birth Parents - How often, when, where, transport, supervised?

staff involved

child's social worker, Sessional workers, Who will be coming with the child?

development and behaviour

car seat size, developmental age, any known behaviour or diagnosis...

food & medical needs

dietary requirements, allergies, medical conditions

home area

originally from? areas to avoid?

likes and dislikes

what do we know about them?

pets

are they used to pets? Do they like cats, dogs...?

support needs

What does the child need support with? What support will I need as a foster carer?

babies

pre-birth, has mum had any prenatal care? due date? was there any parental substance misuse? withdrawing?

babies

milk, dummies, washing powder, routine, nappies. what hospital, tests, heel prick, weighed, discharge meeting.

equipment

car seat, high chair, pushchair, cot, beds...