

Welcome to your exciting journey!

Exploration

- Read our information and visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/fostering
 - Talk to social workers and foster carers
- Have a home visit to decide if fostering is for you
 - Make an application

Step one

Initial checks and registration

- Background checks including DBS
 - Medicals with your GP
 - Personal references
- Family tree and pet questionnaire
 - Home safety check
 - Financial statement

Step two – two months

Training

- Three-day preparation course

Step three

Assessment

- We look at your family's skills and strengths
- We look at your background and experiences
- We interview your referees and complete a report

Step four – four months

Approval and panel

- You'll be invited to attend panel with your social worker
 - The panel will make a recommendation
 - The county council will make a decision
- You'll be allocated your own supervising social worker

Step five

- Becoming a fostering family
- We'll match you with a child or children
 - **Welcome to the team!**