



What is Fostering?

Fostering is a way of providing a stable family life for children and young people, who are unable to live with their birth parents. Fostering gives these children the chance to thrive in a safe, secure, loving and caring home environment with Foster Carers. The children and young people placed with Foster Carers are from a diverse range of backgrounds and will display different behaviour depending upon their various experiences.

Do you want to Foster a Muslim Child?

Muslim children are best placed with families who can support them in an environment which matches their Islamic cultural identity.

We are therefore reaching out to the Muslim community to ask you to come forward and see if you can foster a child.

Currently there is a huge shortage of Muslim Foster Carers. There are currently more Muslim children in care than there are Muslim Foster Carers.

In addition, the Save the Children fund is urging the government to admit 3,000 orphaned refugee children from Syria into the UK. If this happens then most of these children will be placed with non-Muslim Foster Carers.

Why Muslim Scholars are urging Muslims to become foster carers:

- To safeguard the Deen of each Muslim child who come into care.
- It is a Sunnah to care for a child in their home.
- The Prophet himself, pbuh, was fostered by his uncle Abu Talib.
- The Prophet himself, pbuh, fostered Zaid.
- To help maintain the identity and sense of belonging of Muslim children.
- There are many rewards for looking after children other than your own, as the Qur'an and Hadith make clear.

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The Islamic perspective on Fostering

For those who care for others, Allah says in the Quran:

“They give food, despite their love for it, to the poor and orphans and captives: We feed you only out of desire for the Face of Allah.”

—Surah al-Insan, verse 8

Quote from a Foster Carer:

“It can be challenging, but so rewarding, and my home is used for a good cause to please Allah”.

—A Muslim foster mother to two children

What you need is:

- A spare bedroom.
- Some experience with children.
- Time, love, and patience needed to care for a child.

Foster Carers receive:

- 24 hour support all the year round
- A wide range of training
- Support from other Foster Carers, both Muslim and non-Muslim, in the network
- An Allowance and Skills payment of up to £400 per week per child

The Prophet, pbuh, holding up his index and middle fingers together, said:

“As for whoever treats an orphan, (a boy or a girl) with goodness and kindness, (s)he and I will be as close to each other in Paradise as these two fingers.”

—Bukhari and Muslim

The Prophet, pbuh, said,

“As for whoever caresses the head of an orphan (in affection), solely for the sake of Allah, a good deed will be written to his or her account for every hair over which his or her hand passed.

—Bukhari and Muslim



Allah's Messenger, pbuh, said:

“The best house among the Muslims is one which houses an orphan who is well treated, and the worst house among the Muslims is one which houses an orphan who is badly treated.”

—Tirmidhi

