

Foster Carer Leave

The Council recognises the valuable role that foster carers play in caring for children and young people who cannot remain with their own families. Employees who are foster carers or prospective foster carers, either with Leicestershire County Council or another local authority, may therefore be granted up to 148 hours paid leave per year (pro rata for part-time) in order to undertake their role as a foster carer. This may include, but is not limited to, time off to attend training sessions, meetings or home visits during the assessment and approval process, meetings in connection with the placement of a child, time at the start of a planned permanent placement to help the child settle into their new home, unforeseen emergencies such as the emergency placement of a child at short notice. The leave may be taken in whole days, part days or on an hourly basis and should be requested using the [Foster Carer Leave Application Form](#). If both foster parents are employed by the Council, the leave entitlement will apply to both parents.

Further information on the support available to employees who are foster carers is available by clicking [here](#).

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“Shared Lives” Carer Leave

Employees who are Shared Lives carers or are considering becoming such a carer, either with Leicestershire County Council or another local authority, may be granted up to 148 hours paid leave per year (pro rata for part-time) in order to undertake their role as a Shared Lives carer. This may include, but is not limited to, time off to attend training sessions, meetings or home visits during the assessment and approval process, meetings in connection with the placement of an adult, time at the start of a long term placement to help the adult settle into their new home. The leave may be taken in whole days, part days or on an hourly basis and should be requested using the [Shared Lives Carer Leave Application Form](#).

Further information about applying to become a Shared Lives carer is available by clicking [here](#).

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