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### **Stepping Children Down from Residential Homes**

Every child deserves the warmth, stability, and sense of belonging that comes from being part of a family. While residential care can meet immediate needs, it can lack the personal connection and consistency that foster families can provide. Moving children from residential settings into fostering homes is vital for most

children, as it allows them to experience daily life within a family, build meaningful relationships, and feel truly cared for as individuals rather than as part of a system.

A home offers more than shelter. It provides emotional security, routine, and love. Children in foster families can learn what trust feels like, develop a stronger sense of identity, and receive guidance from adults who are present every day and are invested in their wellbeing. This nurturing environment gives them the tools to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally, creating a foundation for a brighter future. Unlike in residential care, where staff often rotate and attention must be shared among many children, fostering creates consistency. Having a trusted adult to turn to helps a child feel valued, seen, and supported in ways that shape their long-term confidence and resilience.

Transitions are not always easy. Children may struggle with building trust or adapting to new routines, while carers can sometimes feel uncertain about how to respond to behaviours shaped by past experiences. Some children might test boundaries, withdraw emotionally, or find it hard to express their feelings. For carers, it can take time and patience to understand the child's needs and build that essential bond. Yet with the right training, guidance, and compassion, these challenges become stepping stones toward stronger connections. Over time, small breakthroughs, like a child beginning to laugh freely, finally feeling comfortable enough to talk openly, helps themselves to a snack from the fridge can be incredibly rewarding.

Most importantly, the impact of fostering is transformative for both the child and the carer. A stable home gives children hope, belonging, and the chance to imagine a brighter future. For carers, it brings the joy of knowing you've changed a young life forever.



**The Run tells the story of Tom, an 11-year-old boy**

### **New Film Raising Awareness of Fostering Needs in Swindon**

A powerful new short film, *The Run*, has been launched by Swindon Borough Council to support efforts to recruit more foster carers.

Currently, 310 children are in care across Swindon, with 42 per cent placed outside the Borough away from loved ones and friends due to a shortage of local foster families.

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# I am Daisy



## About Daisy

**Daisy is a bright, quick-witted 14-year-old girl who currently lives in a residential home. She is now ready to move to a fostering family and would love to be based in Swindon, where she feels most at home.**

**Daisy is clever and uses her great sense of humour to connect with people and make them laugh, it gives her such a mischievous grin and twinkle in her eye. It's a delight to see.**

## Interests & Hobbies

I really enjoy gaming, I've got an Xbox with loads of games on it. I do spend a lot of time chatting with my friends, I'm not really sure how we find things to talk about but we do and were always laughing. I like helping out in the kitchen cooking and baking and I'm happy to tidy up afterwards as long as there's a dishwasher. I like to tell mum what I've doing when I see her. I also enjoy having a laugh and spending time with people who are

## What I'm Looking For

Daisy would benefit from a caring and patient family who can offer her a stable home with clear routines with calm, consistent support. She has an upbeat personality and makes friends easily, though sometimes this can lead her to make risky choices. When Daisy has a trusting relationship with adults, she is open to talking about her decisions and seeks support and guidance. She needs carers who can stay steady when she becomes upset and help her feel safe and understood. With the right guidance, Daisy's humour, warmth, and determination will shine, and she will bring energy and fun to family life.

Can you support Daisy?

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or call on **07917 503 447** to find out more about Fostering with Swindon.

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