

Blue Sky

FOSTERING



**YOUR GUIDE TO
BLUE SKY FOSTERING**

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Hướng dẫn này được in bằng tiếng Anh, nếu bạn muốn nó được in bằng ngôn ngữ khác, vui lòng nhờ người liên hệ với Katie theo số 07725 860490

Buku ieu dicitak dina basa Inggris, upami anjeun hoyong eta dicitak dina basa sejen, mangga menta batur pikeun ngahubungan Katie on 07725 860490

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YOU COULD COLOUR IN, OR CIRCLE THINGS TO LET US KNOW WHAT YOU LIKE, OR CROSS OUT ALL THE STUFF YOU DON'T!



What you can expect from us...

We asked some young people living with Blue Sky foster carers what Blue Sky does for them. They said....

- "Blue sky events are very fun and they take care of me"
- "Their trips are really good. And one on one support is good"
- "They are so very good at their jobs and they are always there for me and they listen to me and I love that they don't argue :)"
- "Its literally saved my life and also we get to do fun things"
- "Blue Sky as a whole provides so much support for foster carers and the young people"
- "They're very helpful and kind and are always willing to help when needed"
- "They give us a lot of time themselves to give us a plan and make us feel safe"

What you can expect from your carers...

We asked some young people living with Blue Sky foster carers what you can expect from them. They said....

- "They are the best carers ever. They are very supportive, attentive and caring. I can talk to them about any problems or worries I have and always feel like a valued member of the family"
- "Really good and fun, help me a lot with school. They take us out everywhere and they make sure no one argues"
- "She is very loving and caring and will support me whatever the situation"
- "Very nice and I can talk to them about anything"
- "They are fun, they look after me well - they make me laugh and cook good food"
- "They always help when I need help and try to solve things"



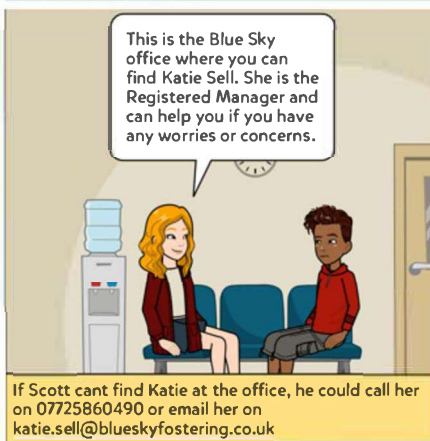
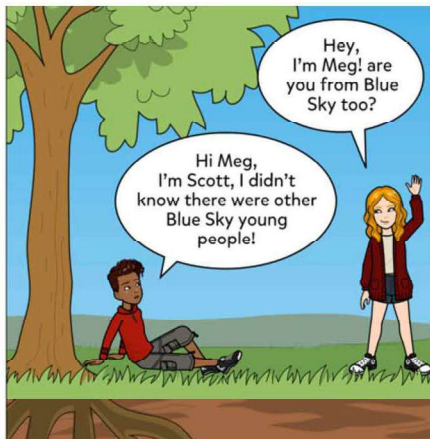
Scott has just moved in with a new family and isn't sure what to expect..

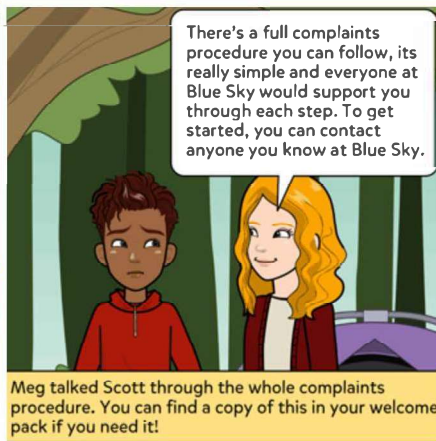


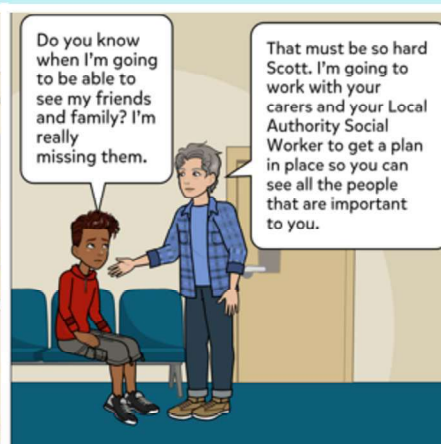
..He hasn't been with Blue Sky Fostering before and is feeling very nervous



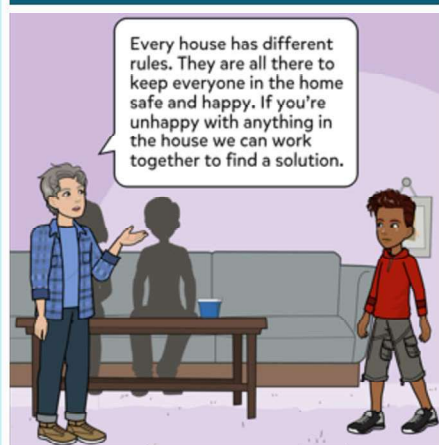
Scott bumped into Meg, another Blue Sky Young Person







Tim explained that Scott might not agree with the plan and that's okay, he can always talk to his carers, Social Worker or Blue Sky about anything he is unhappy with.





If, like Scott, you'd like someone to talk to, or you feel like something is wrong and you'd like to make a complaint, we can help!

This is
Katie, the
Registered
Manager for
Blue Sky
Fostering!
You can
contact her
any time if
you need
someone to
speak to!





Help at Hand

Help at Hand offers advice and representation for children in care, living away from home, working with social services and care leavers.

If you need assistance from Help at Hand please visit their website: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/help-at-hand/> or call on 0800 528 0731.

You have the right to complain about your foster carers if there is something you do not like about living with them or if you do not like the care you receive. On the next page, you can find our complaints procedure that was designed by young people living with Blue Sky carers. It tells you each step of how to complain. If you are not happy with any of these stages then you can contact Ofsted on 0300 123 1231 and they will get in contact with us.

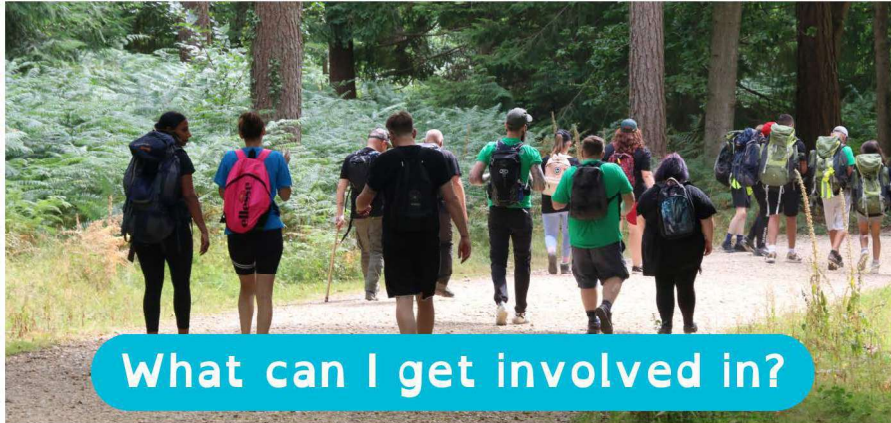
What if I'm unhappy or need to make a complaint?

At Blue Sky, we will always try to match you with a family that you will be happy with. Sometimes things don't always go smoothly and you may find yourself feeling unhappy.

If you are not happy with something to do with Blue Sky, you could try speaking with your carers and asking them to support you in sharing your views with us. If you are not happy with something to do with your carers, you might find it more comfortable to come to us directly. The important thing is that you are sharing your thoughts and feelings with the team around you.

If you'd like to speak with someone from Blue Sky to make a complaint, you can follow these steps:

- **Stage 1:** Get in touch! This could be with your social worker, Individual Worker or directly with Katie Sell 07725860490.
- **Stage 2:** We at Blue Sky will talk to everyone involved to try to sort out the problem.
- **Stage 3:** Blue Sky will keep in contact with you, and update you within 2 weeks to let you know what has been said and done. If you are happy with this, the process may stop here, if not you can carry on to the next stage.
- **Stage 4:** If you are not happy, Blue Sky will find an independent person who will have another 2 weeks to help you with your complaint.
- **Stage 5:** If you feel like the problem has still not been solved then Blue Sky will arrange a meeting for everyone involved within 7 days to try to solve the issues.
- **Stage 6:** If after this meeting you would like to take your complaint further, you can contact Ofsted on 03001231231



What can I get involved in?

There are so many ways you can be part of Blue Sky if you'd like to be!

In every school holiday there will be an event organised by your local hub. This could be anything from a picnic to a theme park trip! All with the aim to get you out and about doing something fun and getting to know people.

We run special participation events every year too that are all designed and run by young people! It's a great way for everyone to be able to share their passions and feel heard at Blue Sky.

We support lots of charities too, so you will often find us doing fun runs, Tough Mudder Challenges and Ultra Walks to raise money for special causes!

At Blue Sky, we run the Duke of Edinburgh Award - a super fun way of giving back to our communities while developing new skills and interests.



This is Chrissie, the Participation Lead for Blue Sky! You can contact her any time if there is something you'd like to get involved in at Blue Sky or if you need an extra person to talk to!

Email: chrissie.bolger@blueskyfostering.co.uk

Call or Text: 07376 237 063

Important Details

My Foster Carers' Names:

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My Foster Carers' Number:

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My Social Worker's Name:

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My Social Worker's Number:

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My IRO (Independent Reviewing Officer's) Name:

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My IRO's Number:

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My Blue Sky Social Worker's Name:

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My Blue Sky Social Worker's Number:

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Useful Links!



Katie Sell - Registered Manager at Blue Sky Fostering
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Chrissie Bolger - Participation Lead at Blue Sky Fostering
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Dame Rachel De Souza - Children's Commissioner England (works with the government to make sure young people's voices are heard!)
02077838330,
<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/about-us/contact/>



Sir Martyn Oliver - Chief Inspector for Ofsted (Our governing body that ensures everyone is working in a safe way to help young people thrive!) 03001231231, enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk, or Clive House, 70 Petty France, London SW1H 9EX



Our website where you can find information to contact your local hub
www.blueskyfostering.co.uk

Blue Sky Art Gallery!





This guide has been made in collaboration with Blue Sky young people.