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### **Inspection summary for children and young people**

Thank you to all those children and young people who completed a questionnaire and talked to us during the recent inspection of Reading Borough Council Fostering. It was good to hear about your contact with the fostering service.

We think that they are adequate in how they support you. During the inspection we found:

Recently I was fortunate to be able to visit Reading Fostering Service with my colleague Bridget. Our aim was to find out what it is like for children and young people to live with foster carers in Reading. During our inspection we had discussions with staff, foster carers and had great fun meeting and eating Pizza with a group of children and young people. Children and young people are placed with foster families who keep them safe, help them develop healthy lifestyles and support them in making progress in their education. Many children and young people settle into their placements so well that they stay until they feel ready to move on to independent or semi-independent living placement as young adults at 18.

Children and young people talked enthusiastically about their lives within their foster families and special mention was made of the kindness of their foster carers, the quality of their accommodation and the fun they had. Children and young people are clearly living full and active lives within their foster families and are engaged in regular sporting and recreational activities within their local communities. The successes of all children and young people are recognised and celebrated at regular events. Children and young people's said they were regularly asked if they were still happy in their placements by their social workers and reviewing officers. From all the information we received during our visit we concluded that outcomes for children and young people in Reading are good.

You can read the full inspection report on our website [www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report).

What you think about the fostering service is really important to us. Each year you can tell us your views about Reading Borough Council Fostering through an online questionnaire. You can find out how and when you can do this from the fostering service, Children in Care Councils or by contacting us.

We want to make sure you know what our inspections are about and there is a video on our website which tells you about them.

We hope this shows how important your views are to us and that you will take part in future inspections.

If you have any questions please contact us on 0300 123 1231 or at [enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk).

Thank you.

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