

**Myth #1**  
**'Fostering doesn't really make a difference in a child's life'**  
**- what children say**

'It's excellent. I feel safe and have fun.'

*Luke (8)*

'Being in care means a new home, and new family and a new life'

*Danielle (12) and Liam (10)*

'Being in care, to me, is that I am living with my foster parents who look after me because my birth mum and dad could not. This I am okay with but when I first came here I was scared and frightened but eventually I got over it.

I came into care when I was four years old and now I am thirteen. I have been fortunate that I have been with the same carers for that time and I am going to continue staying with them until I am ready to leave.

I now see my carers as my family.

The good things are that I get a better life than before and I know that I am getting looked after well and my carers care about me. Also, my carers try to make me get the best education that I can.

The only not so good thing is that I have not been brought up by my real parents and it can at times be embarrassing if too many people know as you can get bullied.'

*Kieron (13)*

'It's a bit scary at first. It is fun, but sad at the same time. You get to and see new and interesting things that we have never seen before. And you get to be part of a new family for a little while. And you get to meet lots of new people. And you get pocket money. And the carers are friendly and nice'

*Tiegan (10) and Morgan (9)*

'Being in care means being taken away from home and another family invites you in to their family to look after you. It is good, but it depends on what carer you get put with. Mine's is AMAZING! You learn to be part of a family where everyone is treated the same'

*Mikey (16)*

