



All Foster Carers in Wales

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Foster Care Fortnight 2020 - Message from Julie Morgan AM, Deputy Minister for Health and Social Care

I am delighted to be supporting ‘**This Is Fostering**’ – the Fostering Network’s campaign for Foster Care Fortnight 2020. The Foster Care fortnight is a time to celebrate the achievements of foster carers in Wales, and this year’s theme aims to do this by looking back and reflecting on the various contributions the people who are involved in foster care make; as well as reflecting on how foster care transforms the lives of children and young people across the country.

Over the years the role of foster carers has changed and it not only focuses on providing a safe place for a child to live, but also having the necessary skills and experience, so that the children you care for can develop and thrive during their transition into adulthood. The Welsh Government is committed to continuing to support you to help achieve this.

During these unprecedented times foster carers have continued to perform outstandingly. Being a foster carer is a highly rewarding job but not always an easy one particularly with the current restrictions in force. However, once again you have risen to the challenge and continued to provide crucial support to some of the most vulnerable children in our society. I am thankful to each and every one of you and the fostering agencies who have diversified in order to continue to provide these services.

There is always a need to recruit additional foster carers, who can provide homes for vulnerable children in need of care and support. We particularly need people who can care for teenagers, children with disabilities and sibling groups, so that brothers and sisters can stay together.

I wish every success with this year’s campaign in raising the profile of the important role that you as foster carers provide to the vulnerable children and young people in Wales. It is an

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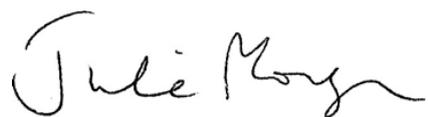
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influential role that enables children to become independent, confident and happy individuals, with great life choices ahead of them.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Julie Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'n'.

Julie Morgan AS/MS

Y Dirprwy Weinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services