

VACANCY Family Placement

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Number of available placements:	2 Children (if part of a sibling group)
Age range on admission:	0-12
Gender:	Either or the same sex if part of a sibling group
Categories:	Respite, Short Term and Long Term
Ethnicity:	White British
Religion:	Church of England (practising)
Area:	Heysham, Morecambe, Lancashire

Joanne and Steve have been married for 11 years. They live in a three bedroom semi-detached house on a quiet cul-de-sac in Morecambe. Joanne and Steve live with their six year old adopted daughter, who they adopted in 2007. Joanne and Steve's daughter is settled within the household and is looking forward to the prospect of a child or young person joining the family. Joanne and Steve are open with their daughter about her being adopted and have been proactive in accessing information about her birth family, so that they can answer any questions she may have as and when they arise.

Joanne and Steve are extremely family orientated and enjoy sharing days out together. They enjoy spending time on the park or on the beach where they like to walk along the sea front, which is in close proximity to their house. They do, however, recognise the importance of allowing children and young people to have their own space if needed, but would try to encourage any child or young person placed with them to join in family activities or days out.

Joanne is a self-employed complementary therapist, working 3-10 hours per week. She states that her hours are flexible and that her fostering career will come first. Steve works within a factory where he is also a union representative which has given him new opportunities, gaining skills and knowledge of how to meet people's needs within the company. As Joanne is self-employed and can be flexible with her hours she will be the primary carer of any child who would be placed with them. Both Joanne and Steve participate in voluntary work and both held the trustee position for a number of years within a charity called Primrose House, a charity for adults with learning and physical difficulties. Joanne and Steve jointly support this charity, aiding them with fundraising events. Joanne further supports the local community by helping to clean and maintain the local church.

Joanne and Steve have recently provided a respite placement for a young baby which was a success. Joanne and Steve were able to work in partnership with all professionals involved, as well as the child's birth family when assisting with contact. Both Joanne and Steve are committed to the children and young people in their care, and are open minded about the age of children/ young people who could be placed with them. Careful consideration would, however, need to be made in respect of their daughter.

Both Joanne and Steve have commenced the CWDC Induction Standards and have attended a variety of training courses which will assist them in their role as foster carers.

If you would like further information please phone us on the above number or email us at families@family-care.co.uk.

If you have a child with particular needs, we will always be please to recruit suitable carers.