

## Summary for children and young people

Name: Flourish Fostering

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Dear Children and Young People,

My name is Brenda and I work for Ofsted. As well as inspecting schools, Ofsted inspect independent fostering agencies like Flourish Fostering, where your foster carers went to find out if they could foster children and young people just like you. During COVID Ofsted are visiting places like Flourish Fostering to check that children are safe and that children, and their carers, are getting all the help they need.

It was an absolute pleasure talking to some of you on the telephone during the visit. Meeting with children and young people in foster care is a very important as it helps me to understand what it is like and how I can help to improve things for you if needed. So, a massive thank-you to all of you who spoke to me.

Karen, Mica and the rest of the Flourish Fostering team are providing you with some good care. It also seems you can get some extra support with things if needed from Karen and her team, which is great to hear. Everyone needs some help sometimes and I found all the workers at Flourish Fostering were good understanding the things that worry you and tried hard to be helpful for you and your families when things were a bit tricky. I really enjoyed hearing about all your children's groups including the panto that you performed. I hope you all get to meet face to face in the summer.

Flourish Fostering is still quite a new company and still developing some things like reports to senior managers and sharing information with children's social workers. I thought one thing that Flourish Fostering could improve is to make sure all foster carers are visited by a qualified social worker who has completed their training and has their certificate.

Best wishes  
Brenda  
Ofsted Inspector