

Wokingham Residential Children's Homes: Built on safety, compassion and love.

At Wokingham Borough Council, we've invested in two modern, purpose-built children's residential homes designed with one clear goal in mind: giving local young people the chance to stay close to their communities, schools, and support networks. Between the two houses, we can support up to six children aged eight to eighteen, offering a safe and stable alternative to foster care.

Many of the children who come to us have experienced significant trauma and may present with emotional and behavioural challenges. Our homes are shaped around the specialist, nurturing support they deserve.

These are warm, therapeutic spaces built with wraparound care and genuine connection at their heart. Some young people simply find one-to-one fostering too intense, so arriving "home" with us gives them the chance to build healthy relationships with a small team of adults – each bringing their own strengths, personality, and sense of calm. It's a really special environment where children can take their time to settle, learn to trust again, and feel safe.

Before a child arrives, our Wokingham social workers work closely with the residential team to share a full, honest picture of the young person's needs. This means no unexpected surprises, no reactive crisis management – just good preparation & consistency. Before day one, we're thinking about their emotional, educational, behavioural, and therapeutic needs, creating a clear and thoughtful plan that helps our children get the very best start on their journey with us.

The homes are run by a Residential Manager, an Assistant Manager, and a dedicated team of Support Workers who work on a well-designed rota. Support Workers typically work long but meaningful shifts (around 15 hours) ensuring that our children experience consistent care across the day while still benefiting from a variety of adults throughout the week.

We are focused on making sure our team feels confident and supported too: every Support Worker is able to complete their Level 3 Diploma in Residential Childcare so they can deliver truly therapeutic, child-centred care. The aspirations we hold for our children, echo in our investment in our workers careers with us in Children's Services.

Working in our homes is very hands-on and relational. You're there for the big moments – exam celebrations, breakthroughs, small victories – and also for the tough ones, offering comfort and calm when life feels overwhelming for our young people. It's meaningful, heart-led work that genuinely changes lives.

The culture here is full of authenticity, humour, and heart. We believe it really does take a village to raise a child, and our small Wokingham "village" is always looking for people who are inclusive, warm, imaginative, emotionally intelligent, and ready to think creatively when things get tricky.

Above all, Wokingham's residential homes are places of safety, stability, learning, and love. They're built on the belief that every child deserves adults who won't give up on them – adults who see their potential beneath the trauma and who offer structure, compassion, and the relational warmth needed to help them heal.

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