



**Are you looking after  
someone else's child?**



**You could be a private foster carer,  
and you need to let us know.**

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If you are looking after someone else's child (under 16, or under 18 if they have a disability) for more than 28 days in a row, and they are not a close relation, and you are not their legal guardian then this arrangement is called private fostering and you need to let the Council know.

### Why does the Council need to know?

The Council has a responsibility to make sure children and young people in Luton are safe and being properly cared for. It's also important that you receive the support you need in your new role so you are not alone to face new challenges. If you are a private foster carer, a social worker will visit you to ensure the child or young person is safe and well, and they will also offer you help and support.

### What do I need to do?

You should tell the Council about the arrangement at least six weeks before the private fostering arrangement begins. If a child or young person arrives at short notice you will need to advise the Council within 48 hours of them arriving.

### What does the parent have to do?

As a parent you must tell the Council if you have asked someone who is not a close relative to look after your child.

We all have a responsibility to protect children in our local community. If you believe a child or young person is being cared for under a private arrangement you must tell us.

### Contact us

If you are not sure whether you are a private foster carer or you need to let the Council know you are looking after someone else's child, then please contact our **Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub** on, **01582 547653**.

Your call will be treated sensitively and in confidence.

### Polish

Prosimy skontaktować się z Zespołem ds. rodzinnej opieki zastępczej, jeżeli potrzebują Państwo informacji w języku polskim poprzez telefon **01582 547569** lub e-mail '**Fostering@luton.gov.uk**.)

### Urdu

یا اس پتے پر **01582 547569**

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### Bengali

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