

If the local authority has made the arrangement, or the person who is caring for the child is an approved foster carer or has legal guardianship, this is not private fostering.

REMEMBER: If you are planning a private fostering arrangement or if your child is currently being privately fostered, then you must let the local authority (Herefordshire Council) know.



What to do if you are aware of a private fostering arrangement

Don't worry, it is allowed but you do need to tell Herefordshire Council. Local authorities have a legal duty to ensure that all children who are privately fostered are cared for in a safe and suitable environment.

To notify us of a private fostering arrangement in Herefordshire, or if you are unsure if your situation is private fostering, please call Herefordshire Council on: 01432 260800

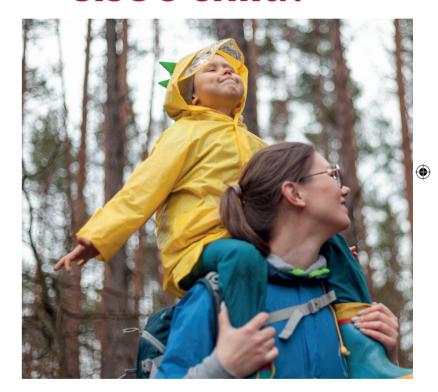
Or Email: CYPD@herefordshire.gov.uk



For more information about private fostering in Herefordshire visit www.herefordshire.gov.uk/privatefostering



Looking after somebody else's child?





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Is somebody else looking after your child?

Are you planning to look after someone else's child for 28 days or more?

If so, this may be a private fostering arrangement. The law says you must tell your local authority. This is so they can make sure the child/ren are being well looked after and to provide advice and support for everyone involved in the arrangement.

Private fostering is when a child or young person under 16 years old - or under 18 if they have a disability - lives with someone for 28 days or more who is not a close relative, guardian, or person with parental responsibility. A close relative would be a grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle or stepparent. These are private, informal arrangements, usually made directly between the child's parent and the carer.

