

Who's **LOO**king

after your child?

Leaflet for
parents
about private
fostering



What is private fostering?

Children who are cared for on a full-time basis by people who are not their parents or a close relative may be in private foster care.

Private foster care occurs when a child under 16 (or under 18 if disabled) is cared for and provided with accommodation for more than 28 days by an adult who is not a parent or close relative*. This is usually arranged privately between the parent and carer.

*Close relatives are defined by the Children Act 1989 as:

- Step parents
- Brothers or sisters
- Grandparents
- Aunt / Uncle (whether full blood, half blood or by marriage)

Solihull Council has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of privately fostered children.

Private fostering situations may involve:

- Children sent to this country for education or health care by birth parents from overseas
- Children living with a friend's family as a result of parental separation, divorce or arguments at home
- Teenagers living with the family of a boyfriend or girlfriend
- Children whose parents' study or work involves unsuitable hours which make it difficult for them to use ordinary day or after school care

If your child is being privately fostered, you should read the following information. This will help you to ensure that your child is properly cared for.

What must I do if my child is being privately fostered?

The law requires that you tell your local council at least six weeks before the arrangement begins that you intend for somebody to privately foster your child, unless the arrangement is made in an emergency in which case the notification must be made within 48 hours. If you live in Solihull, you should notify the Duty Assessment Referral Team (DART)

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Also, make sure you tell the private foster carer as much as possible about your child including health records, eating preferences, school records, hobbies, religion and cultural background. This will help them understand your child and take better care of him or her.

Does this mean I am giving up my rights to my child?

No. You remain the person with legal responsibility for your child and should continue to be involved in all decisions concerning your child's development such as schooling and religion. It is very important that you remain in frequent contact with your child.

What will Solihull Council do for my child?

Solihull Council has a duty to find out whether the private foster carer is suitable to care for your child. They will make regular visits to see your child and they will give help and advice when it is needed. This is very important as in some cases a parent may not be in a position to find out much about how their child is being cared for.

What if I decide to change my carer?

Solihull Council is there to make sure your child is living in a safe, secure environment. They can only do this if they know where your child is, and you should make sure they are told of any change of carer or address.

Who else can I talk to about someone else looking after my child?

You can talk to your child's teacher, your doctor or health visitor. They will be able to give you advice on the best care for your child. You can also talk to Children's social work services.

**You have a legal duty to
tell your local council.
Children's Social Work
Services are here to help you.**

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Kjo fletushkë është për njerëzit tjerë të cilët përkujdesen për
fëmiun tënd, nëse ju duhen më shumë informata apo këshilla,
ju lutem përdorni detajet e kontaktit më lartë.

هذا المنشور حول الأشخاص الذين يقومون برعاية طفلك، إذا كنت تحتاج الى نصائح أو معلومات أكثر،
فالرجاء استخدام المعلومات الموجودة في الأعلى للإتصال بنا.

এই প্রচারপত্রটিতে আপনার বাচ্চাকে অন্যের দেখাশোনা করার ব্যাপারে বলা হয়েছে, আপনার যদি আরও বিস্তারিত
তথ্য বা পরামর্শের প্রয়োজন থাকে, তবে দয়া করে উপরোক্ত যোগাযোগের বিবরণীগুলো ব্যবহার করুন।

這是關於你的孩子由別人帶養的資料。如果你需要更加詳細的資訊或指導，請用上述的
關係資料接觸我們。

این برگه اطلاعاتی درباره اشخاص دیگری که از طفل شما مراقبت بعمل می آورند می باشد. جهت
کسب اطلاعات بیشتر ویا دریافت مشورت لطفاً به شماره تلفن بالا تماس بگیرید.

Ce dépliant concerne les personnes qui s'occupent de votre enfant. Pour
tout renseignement complémentaire ou conseil, veuillez utiliser les
coordonnées du contact indiquées ci-dessus.

ਅਸੀਂ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਬੱਚੇ ਦੀ ਦੇਖਭਾਲ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਾਂ। ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਹੋਰ
ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਜਾਂ ਸਲਾਹ ਲੈਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਉੱਪਰ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ ਵੇਰਵੇ ਵਾਲੀ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।

تعم بلاوکه ره وه به دهر باره ی ناگادار یونی خه لکی تر له منداله که ت، نه گهر بیوو بستت به نامؤزگاری یاخود
به زانیاری تر هه به نکایه په یوهو نندیمان پی بکه به به کارهینانی زانیاریه کانی سه ره وه.

ਇਹ ਪਰਚਾ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਹੈ ਜਿਹੜੇ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਦੇਖਭਾਲ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ। ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਹੋਰ
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لري نو مهرباني وكړئ چې په پورتنۍ شميره تېلفون وكړئ.

Tani waa warqad ku saabsan dadka kale ee xanaaneeya
caruurtaada, hadii aad u baahan tahay warbixin dheeraad
ah ama talo, fadlan la xidhiidh talifoonka kor ku qoran.

Hii ni karatasi juu ya watu wengine wakitunza mtoto wako.
Ukitaka habari au shauri jingine, tafadhali uyatumie maelezo
ya kuwasiliana huko juu

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