

DO YOU KNOW IF YOU ARE BEING PRIVATELY FOSTERED?



Private fostering is an agreement that has been made between your parent, and the person who is, or will be looking after you. You may even have been involved in this decision yourself.

There are all sorts of reasons why you might not be living at home such as:

- your parent may be ill, in hospital and unable to look after you
- you may have had an argument and gone to stay with someone other than a member of your family.

If you have been living away from home for more than 28 days, this is called **Private Fostering**.

If you have been living away from home for more than 28 days with someone who is not a close family relation, then your parent or the person you are living with **must** tell someone. You are very important in all of this, and so you could tell someone yourself. This could be your teacher, mentor, GP, school nurse or any adult you feel you can trust.

It is important that you feel safe, that you are happy with the person you are living with, and that you know how long you are likely to be living there.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

If you are being privately fostered, someone will need to visit you at the place where you are living. They will make sure that you are happy and being well cared for, and that it is okay for you to stay there, until you can go back home.

WHO SHOULD BE TOLD

You, your parent, the person you are living with or the person you have told must telephone 01782 235100.

Someone will then come to visit you who will want to make sure you are safe, happy and cared for.