



Is someone else's child living with you?

It is a legal requirement to tell us if you are looking after someone else's child for more than 28 days.
We are here to offer help, support and advice.





Private Fostering

What is it?

If you're caring for someone else's child under the age of 16 (or under 18 if the young person has a disability) and have been for more than 28 days within the borough - you have to let Oldham Council know.

Private fostering is different to a fostering arrangement that is organised by the council and is when parents make arrangements for their child to be cared for by someone other than a close relative, for example; a child's grandparents, parents, older brothers or sisters, blood-related aunts and uncles, or any carer with a Residence Order or a Special Guardianship Order (granted by UK courts).

By law, this type of arrangement must be reported.

However, we can provide valuable advice and guidance needed to both the child and the person caring for them.



Please contact us:

Call: 0161 770 7777 email: child.mash@oldham.gov.uk
or visit: www.oldham.gov.uk/privatefostering

