

# Private Fostering

Information for private foster carers



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## If the Local Authority is satisfied with the private fostering arrangement - what happens next?

### Information you should keep:

It will be beneficial to any child that you are privately fostering if you keep a file of important information. This file could contain:

- Up to date health and medical information—including dates that the child has visited the doctor and the dentist
- Copies of school reports, exam results and special pieces of work
- Notes of the dates and means of contact with the child's parents and other important people in the child's life
- Records of the child's out of school activities and special interests such as sport, music, drama, brownies/cubs etc
- Records of any money received in relation to the child's upkeep
- Dates and the nature of children's services contacts
- Photographs of special events and people in the child's life during their stay with you.

## Notifications:

- You must notify the Local Authority when any of the following occurs (in advance if possible otherwise within 48 hours):
- If your address changes—including if you move to another local authority
- If someone moves into your house (if they are over 16 years old they will need to have an enhanced CRB check)
- If anyone moves out of your house
- If you or anyone living at or employed in your home is convicted of an offence
- If the placement ends—you must let the local authority know who the child is living with and why.

## Other organisations that may be able to offer support and advice:

**Family Lives** - provides a free 24 hour telephone helpline and website giving non-judgemental support and advice to people caring for children  
[www.familylives.org](http://www.familylives.org)  
**0808 800 2222**

**The Fostering Network** - a UK charity for foster care providing support to foster carers including private fostering  
[www.fostering.net](http://www.fostering.net)  
**0800 040 7675**

**Family Rights Group** - provides a confidential advice service for families whose children are involved with Children's Services  
[www.frg.org.uk](http://www.frg.org.uk)  
**0808 801 0366**



## Social Worker's Details

Name: .....

Telephone: .....

Email: .....

Address: .....

### Contact details

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council,  
Children and Families Directorate,  
Seafield House,  
Kirkleatham Street,  
Redcar, TS10 1SP

**01642 771500**

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**Out of hours and weekend contact**

**Emergencies Only**

**08702 402994**



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