

What is Private Fostering?

Private Fostering is when a child or young person aged 16 or under (or 18 if they are disabled) is cared for by an adult who is not a close relative for more than 28 days.

A Private Foster Carer may be:

- A friend of the family
- The parent of a friend of the child
- Someone previously unknown to the child's family who is willing to and makes arrangement to privately foster a child.

If someone else is looking after your child or you are looking after someone else's child you could be privately fostering and you must tell the Council so this can be registered. Private foster carers and children receive support from Redbridge Children and Families Service.



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