

Private Fostering



Information and
advice for children

What is private fostering?



If your parents have asked someone to look after you for 28 days or more it is called private fostering and the person looking after you is a Private Foster Carer.

Why am I staying with them?



There are lots of reasons why parents ask a friend or someone they know to take care of you for a while. Lots of children are cared for in this way.

Where will I live?

You will live in the Private Foster Carer's own home, with them and their family - they might live in the town or the country.

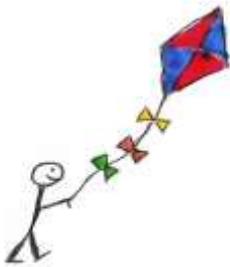
They should look after you as if you were their own child and treat you the same as they do their own children.



What will the Private Foster Carers do?

They will take care of you and keep you safe.

They will.....



Play with you



*Take you to school,
help you with your homework.*

*Cook the food that you
like & is good for you.*





Look after you when you don't feel well & take you to the doctors and dentist.

Keep your clothes clean and tidy



Make sure that you stay in touch with your family and friends.

Respect the things that are important to you, such as your religion and customs.

Things that other children have asked....

Why do Social Services need to know that I'm being privately fostered?

The law says that Social Services must make sure you are safe and well cared for.

How do they do this?

A Social Worker will come to see you to make sure you are happy living with your Private Foster Carers. They will talk to you on your own to make sure you are OK.

They will visit from time to time to check everything is still OK, but you can ask to see them if you have something you want to

talk to them about.



Who else will they talk to?

The social Worker will talk to your private foster carers to see if they need any help or support.

They will also talk to your parents to make sure they know that you are being well looked after.



How long will I stay with my Private Foster Carers?

You will need to talk to your parents and carers. They will be able to tell you how long you will be staying.

Who can I talk to if I am worried or unhappy?



Your Social Worker

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Your Private Foster Carer

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Your Teacher

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Can you think of anyone else you could talk to?

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They will listen to you and do their best to help you.

You can talk to them whenever you want to, but every so often you will all get together to talk about you. You help decide who comes to this meeting.

If I'm still not happy what can I do?



If you are still unhappy you can talk to the Children's Rights Officer.

The phone number is 01597 826392



Other useful numbers

Powys County Council Fostering Team

North Powys - 01686 614040

South Powys - 01874 614030

Childline - 0800 1111

A free helpline for children to talk about any problem

CSSIW - 01597 829319

(Care and social Services Inspectorate for Wales)

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Powys Advocacy Service (Tros Gynol)

- 01982 552450

Helping children to have a say in what is happening in their lives.