Do you know about Private Fostering?

Are you or will you be staying with someone who isn’t a close relative for more than 28 days.

If yes, you could be in a Private Fostering Arrangement.

**WHAT** is private fostering?

If you are under 16 years of age, (or under 18 years and have a disability) and are staying with someone who is not your:

 • parent

 • grand parent

 • aunt or uncle

 • brother or sister

 • stepparent by marriage / civil partnership.

for more than 28 days in total, it is a private fostering arrangement.

**WHO needs to know**?

Somebody must let Children’s Social Care know that you are no longer staying at home. This could be your parents, private foster carer, school, or yourself

For more information contact Merton Child and Family Hub.

**By telephone: 020 8545 4226**

**By email:** **candfhub@merton.gov.uk**



**Questions?**

**What is a social worker?**

A social worker is a person who supports families, children and young people to remain safe.

**Will my friends know I have a social worker**? No, this will be confidential.

**WHY** do I need to let social care know?

This is to make sure young people in Private Fostering arrangements are seen and spoken to and they are safe.
Social care can offer support to you, your family and carer to make sure you are happy, safe and feel secure.