

Private Fostering Awareness

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If you know of a child being privately fostered please don't ignore it



It is likely that everything is fine but it is a legal requirement that the parent/carer inform their local council.

Private fostering is when a child under the age of 16 (under 18 if disabled) is cared for by someone who is not their parent or a 'close relative'. This is a private arrangement made between a parent and a carer, for 28 days or more. Close relatives are defined as step-parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, uncles or aunts (whether of full blood, half blood or marriage/affinity).

If you have knowledge of what you suspect is a private fostering arrangement please visit www.westberks.gov.uk/privatefostering where you will find more details and our on-line notification form or phone The Contact, Advice and Assessment Service on **01635 503090** or email: child@westberks.gov.uk



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