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safe, nurturing environment'*

Private fostering

Private fostering happens when a child is being looked after by someone other than a close relative for more than 28 days.

It is different to a fostering arrangement organised by the local authority and applies to any child up to the age of 16, or under 18 if the young person has a disability.

It is a legal requirement to notify Oldham Local Authority when parents make arrangements for their child (children) to be cared for by someone other than a parent or close relative (for example; friends, neighbours or extended family) for 28 days or more.

Who is considered a close relative?

- Child's grandparents
- Parents
- Older brothers or sisters
- Blood-related aunts and uncles
- Any carer with a Residence Order or Special Guardianship Order (granted by UK courts).

A child's cousins, great aunts and uncles, as well as parent's ex-partners, family friends and neighbours are not close relatives, even though they may have a close relationship with the child.

To notify the local authority of private fostering:

Please contact us: Call: 0161 770 7777

email: child.mash@oldham.gov.uk

visit: www.oldham.gov.uk/privatefostering