Are you looking after someone else’s child?

You could be a private foster carer, and you need to let us know.

www.luton.gov.uk/fostering
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**What does the parent have to do?**
As a parent you must tell the Council if you have asked someone who is not a close relative to look after your child. We all have a responsibility to protect children in our local community. If you believe a child or young person is being cared for under a private arrangement you must tell us.

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**Why does the Council need to know?**
The Council has a responsibility to make sure children and young people in Luton are safe and being properly cared for. It’s also important that you receive the support you need in your new role so you are not alone to face new challenges. If you are a private foster carer, a social worker will visit you to ensure the child or young person is safe and well, and they will also offer you help and support.

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