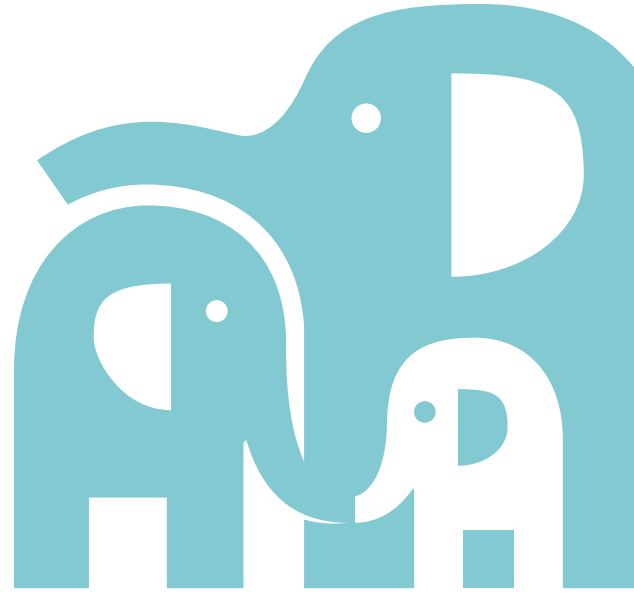


# Private Fostering- What you need to know

If someone is privately fostering a child, they have to tell their Local Authority (Council). Some people don't even know they are private fostering, so here is some information!



## What is private fostering?

Private fostering is when a child from 0-16 (or to 18 if they have additional needs) live with someone who is not immediate family.

## What does immediate family mean?

Immediate family are parents, siblings, uncles/aunts, step parents.

## What to do if you think you are privately fostering a child

If you are looking after a child who is not your immediate family and they are 0-16 (or 18 with additional needs), you need to contact your council.