

**Are you looking after
someone else's child?
Do you know someone
who is?**



**Calderdale
Safeguarding
Children Board**



If you're caring for someone else's child under the age of 16 (18 if disabled) and have been for more than 28 days, it is known as Private Fostering – and you have a duty to let the Council know.

Private Fostering arrangement can be a positive response to a family in need of help, but any child separated from their parents can be vulnerable and private foster carers sometimes need support.

The Parent/s (or those with parental responsibility) and the private foster carer must notify the Council of the name and address of the carer, six weeks before the start of the arrangement. If the arrangement is already in place, they must let the Council know immediately.

To access support or for more information go to www.calderdale.gov.uk and search 'private fostering'.

Or call **01422 393336** to let the Council know about any arrangements.