



**Statement
on
Private Fostering**

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Statement re Private Fostering

All children and young people under the age of 16 (18 if disabled) who are living in homestay in the UK without their parents for 28 days or more, are considered 'Privately Fostered'. It is a statutory duty for us to inform the Local Authority of all students in our care where this is the case.

Once notified, the Local Authority will visit you within 7 working days in your homestay, meeting you and your hosts. You will be allocated a social worker who is there to support both you, and your hosts during your placement or until you turn 16 years old. The social worker will undertake regular visits (approx every 6 weeks, but this may be more frequent in the first weeks) to you in both your homestay and at school. their parents for 28 days or more, are considered 'Privately Fostered'. It is a statutory duty for us to inform the Local Authority of all students in our care where this is the case.