



What is Private Fostering?

Private fostering is when a child or young person under 16 years old (or 18 if they have a disability) is looked after for 28 days or more by someone who is not a close relative, guardian or person with parental responsibility. Close relatives include parents, step parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents. It is not private fostering if the arrangement was made by a social worker at Cheshire East Council or if the person looking after the child is an approved foster carer.

People become private foster carers for all sorts of reasons. Private foster carers can be a friend of the child's family, or be someone who is willing to care for the child of a family they do not know.

The film below explains Private Fostering: [Somebody Else's Child: A guide to private fostering](#)

Why do you need to notify Cheshire East Safeguarding Children Partnership if you are privately fostering a child?

Help us keep children safe and support families—if you aren't a close relative of a child you are looking after for 28 days or more, you must tell us—let us know by calling 0300 123 5012. For further information, please see the Private Fostering Statement of Purpose 2017-2018. [Private Fostering Statement of Purpose 2017-2018](#)

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Or you can go online: [Private Fostering Information and Advice](#)



Staff Training, Key Documents and Policies



All school staff completed Level 1 Safeguarding training in the Autumn Term to ensure their knowledge and understanding is up to date. Weekly safeguarding briefings continue to be held to refresh key safeguarding topics. Since the beginning of the academic year we have reviewed various safeguarding policies. These include:

- Attendance Policy
- PREVENT Policy and Action Plan
- Child on Child Abuse Policy
- Safer Recruitment Policy
- Restrictive Physical Intervention Policy

Click here to view our safeguarding policies: [Policies – Marlfields Primary Academy](#)



Safer Internet Day Tuesday 11th February 2025



Children should feel safe at all times. This includes when they are online. We have an E-Safety Policy which is regularly reviewed and updated. Staying safe in the virtual world is regularly discussed in class and in assemblies to further promote the importance of this.

This year, Safer Internet Day has the theme of "Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online". Awareness of this topic will be focussed on in lessons in an age-appropriate way. Click here for more information: [Safer Internet Day 2025 - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

National Online Safety is a multi-award winning digital training provider with extensive resources in online safety, developed in line with the Department of Education's statutory requirements.

We regularly email posters to offer advice, support and helpful tips for increasing internet safety in the home. These posters provide information on filters, time-limits and safety settings on various apps and devices as well as some of the risks of social media platforms that parents may not be aware of.

Please click on the link below for lots of useful resources and support for staying safe online including National Online Safety factsheets:

[E-Safety – Marlfields Primary Academy](#)



Cheshire East Family Information Service offer free confidential and impartial information, advice and guidance services for families with children and young people aged 0-25. [Family Information Service](#)

If you would like to speak to someone, contact your local family hub by following the link above. They can offer support with childcare, SEN & disability services, youth support and Health & wellbeing.