

# Are you caring for someone else's child?



## What is Private Fostering?

- When a child under the age of 16 years (or 18 years if they have a disability) is cared for by or is staying with someone who is not their parent or a close relative.
- A close relative is defined as a grandparent, sibling or aunt or uncle.
- When the arrangement is likely to last for 28 days or more.

## Informal arrangements

You may be caring for a child who is a close family relative. This may not be Private Fostering, but the Kinship team can offer help and advice. Each arrangement may look different, and we can help you explore options that might be available to you.

Find out more, scan the QR code or visit:

[www.suffolk.gov.uk/privatefostering](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/privatefostering)

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