**Private arrangements for caring for a child: information sheet/agreement (carer version)**

You have been asked by a child’s parent (or someone who holds legal parental responsibility for a child) to care for their child.

It is important everyone involved in situations like is clear about the legal situation and how you will be supported, so this information sheet and agreement will help with this.

This child is not a child in care (sometimes called a “foster child”). This means that children’s services (Birmingham Children’s Trust, or BCT) are not responsible for this child.

The parents of the child will still be responsible for the child even though you are caring for them. That means the parents will need to give you money (and/or food and clothes etc.) so you can look after the child. If there are big decisions (for example, if the child can go away with someone on holiday or if they should have an operation or not), the parents will need to make those decisions.

That means that BCT will not be providing regular financial support to you. BCT cannot make decisions about the child.

Like anyone in Birmingham, you can ask BCT for support in caring for a child, which can include giving you services to help you, or in exceptional circumstances one-off financial support (this is called Child in Need support).

When thinking about caring for someone else’s child, it’s really important that you understand what you are being asked to do. If you have any questions, please ask now.

The names of the children who the parents have asked you to care for:

The names of their parents:

Your name(s):

**By signing below I am confirming that a BCT staff member has been through this information sheet with me. I have had the chance to ask questions. I understand the parents of these children are responsible for providing financial support for these children while I care for them and for making big decisions about them, and BCT cannot do this.**

Your signature(s):

Date:

*[Note to BCT staff – take a photo of the completed form and upload this to Eclipse. Leave the original copy with the person who signed this form.]*