

Child and Parent Assessment Team

Placement Standards

Here are some of our placement standards that will be discussed at the set-up meeting.

Placement Arrangements

- You are responsible for the care of your child whilst in placement. The Foster carer will help you if needed and will step in if they are concerned about the safety of your child. If this happens, they will explain why they have stepped in and they will let the other professionals know what has happened.
- Ask the foster carer what the arrangements are about using their internet.
- You must not use any drugs or drink alcohol, inside or outside of placement, for the whole of your time here in the placement.
- You must not be violent or aggressive to anyone in your placement. If you are violent or aggressive in any way, your placement will likely have to end.
- You need to keep your room clean and tidy and any other areas of the home that you use.
- We encourage you to join the foster family for a meal sometimes.
- The placement address should not be disclosed to anyone. Do not post anything on social media, like Facebook, that may let people know or work out your placement address.
- Do not post photos of the outside of your placement home or the foster carer and their family on social media.
- If you need to go to Court or to your solicitor, the foster carer will take care of your child.
- You will not have to pay for things like rent, electricity or gas that you use at the foster placement. We encourage you to save this money to support you with 'moving on' and leaving placement.

Keeping your child safe

- You should not co-sleep with your baby/child because of the increased risk of sudden infant death.
- You must not smoke (including e-cigarettes) within the placement home. Each placement will have their own rules about where to smoke outside. Please use a smoking jacket or jumper, ensure you wash your hands and mouth and think carefully about leaving a period of time between smoking and picking up your child. Smoke can be harmful for your child's health.

Spending time with your child

- We encourage you to think about how often you watch the television or use your mobile phone, tablet, laptop or games console. Try to prioritise your child and put their needs first.

Staying in touch with family and friends

- Staying in touch with family and friends while you are in your placement is important.
- Family and friends will usually not be able to visit you at your placement address.
- You will be supported to keep in contact with anyone who the child's social worker thinks is safe.

- When you are away from your placement (in unsupervised time), your foster carer or other people must be able to contact you at all times.

Parenting Assessment

- The foster carer will provide support and advice throughout your time in placement. This will include them going into your living and bedroom areas at times.
- There will be video or audio monitors in the placement. You will be shown where the monitors are. They do not record but provide a ‘live’ monitor of the room to the foster carer. This enables them to supervise and support you without always being in the room with you.
- The foster carer will provide the assessment team with daily and weekly recordings, summarising how you have managed the care of your child. These will be shown to you and you are encouraged to read these regularly and share your views. A copy of these recordings will be sent to the child’s social worker to be held on their file.
- As part of the assessment, you will need to meet with a social worker or family practitioner to talk about your parenting of your child, anything we are worried about, changes that need to be made, and how to make the changes happen.
- If you agree, the assessment sessions may involve the use of photos and video recording.
- You should remember the dates and times of your sessions that have been arranged.
- You should let us know if you are unable to make an appointment. There should be a good reason for not being able to attend the session.
- The social worker or family practitioner will let you know as soon as possible if they need to cancel an appointment. You will be told why the appointment has been cancelled.
- If you decide to leave the placement before it has finished, you should talk to someone so we can support you to do this in a planned way. You could speak to your foster carer, assessing social worker, family practitioner or your child’s social worker.
- If you leave the placement before it has finished, you will be asked to sign an agreement that says what is expected of you and everybody else.

Please sign your name below to show that you have been given a copy of these placement standards and you understand them.

Signature: (parent 1) Date:

Name:

Signature: (parent 2) Date:

Name: