





**Placement Standards**

	<p>Here are some of our placement standards that we will talk to you about at the placement set-up meeting. Standards are rules that we will all work to.</p>
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	<p><b>Placement Arrangements</b></p>
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	<p>You are responsible for the care of your child during your placement. The foster carer will help you if needed.</p>
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	<p>The foster carer will get involved if they are worried about the safety of your child.</p>
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	<p>They will tell you why they are getting involved and tell the other professionals what has happened.</p>
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Ask the foster carer what the rules are about using their internet.



You must not use any drugs or drink any alcohol inside or outside of your 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.



You must not tell anyone the address of your placement.



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 on social media.






You should not take photos of the foster carer or their family and post them on any social media like Facebook.



If you need to go to Court or to see your solicitor, the foster carer will take care of your child.

	<p>You will not have to pay for things like rent, electricity or gas that you use at the foster placement.</p>
	<p>It's a good idea for you to save this money to support you when you leave the placement.</p>

	<p><b>Keeping your child safe</b></p>
	<p>You should not sleep with your baby/child in the same bed, armchair or sofa. This is because it increases the risk of sudden infant death for your baby.</p>
	<p>You must not smoke or use e-cigarettes inside your placement home.</p>
	<p>You should ask where you can smoke outside.</p>



If you go outside to smoke, make sure you wear a different jacket or jumper.



When you go back inside after smoking, wash your hands and rinse out your mouth.



Parents should leave some time between smoking and picking up your baby or child as the smoke can be very bad for your child's health.



## Spending time with your child



We ask you to think about how much time you spend doing things like

- watching television
- using your mobile phone, tablet or laptop
- playing on your games console



Try to prioritise your child, this means putting your child's 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 go out of placement, you should be back by the agreed time.



When you are away from your placement, your foster carer or other people must be able to contact you at all times.



## Parenting Assessment



The foster carer will give you support and advice during 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.



The monitors do not record but let the foster carer see how you and your child are doing without being in the same room. This helps them to give you support.



The foster carer will give the assessment team daily and weekly recordings on how you are getting on. This will include information about how you are caring for your child.



The recordings will be shown to you so you can share your views on them.



You may want to read them and write down your views.



A copy of the foster carer's 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
- how to make the changes happen.



If you agree, the parenting assessment meetings may involve the use of photos and video recording.



You should remember the dates and times of your meetings. You could write them down in a notebook or diary.



You should let us know if you can't make an appointment. You must have a good reason for not being able to go to your appointments.



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.

S Yourname



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)

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Name:

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Date: .....

Signature: (parent 2)

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Name:

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Date: .....