



If you're moving to a children's home or on to independence the process is fairly similar.

There aren't as many options for children's homes or 'leaving care' but just like fostering it's about finding the right match.




Your social worker or family finder should share the carer's 'Welcome Book' so you know who they are, where they live, who they live with, and the types of things they like.

Soon after you move a meeting will take place to discuss things like family time, groups or activities, routines in the house etc.



It's important that the foster carer knows what is important to you.



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What should I expect when I change placement?



Why does a placement end?

- ▶ The young person has decided to end the placement.
- ▶ The foster carer has decided to end the placement.
- ▶ The young person has to move for their own safety.
- ▶ To move from a temporary placement to a permanent carer.



When will you get told that you will be moving placement?

- ▶ Your social worker should let you know as soon as possible.
- ▶ There might be reasons why you don't get told straight away, younger children may not understand, or it might cause too much worry for someone.

What happens next?

Your social worker rings the Placement Support Team.

The Placement Support Team will talk to people who know you to find out more information about you.

You can meet the family finder to let them know what is important to you.

My family finder is:

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Their telephone number is:



I would like to meet the family finder:

Yes

No

I would like to meet them at:

School

Home

Office

Time and date of meeting:



My social worker family finder will keep me up to date and be in touch with me every

The most important things about getting a good match for me are:

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At first, only basic information about you will be shared with foster carers.

If the family finder thinks a foster carer is a good match for you, they will then share more detailed information.

The foster carer will decide if they can give you what you need, and whether their family is right for you.

If you, your social worker, foster carer and family finder are all happy with the match introductions can begin.

Please fill in this leaflet 

Who do I want to give information about me?

Foster carer

Residential care

Teacher

Social worker

Other:

Group leader

Family

Doctor

Any of these people might be asked if they have important information.

It's important to get the right match. Sometimes a match can be found in days, or weeks, or sometimes it takes months.

You can talk to your social worker about where you would like to meet them and how often you meet your new carers, but it might depend on how quickly you need to move.

This information will be used to decide what type of placement is best for you, this is usually a foster placement.

The family finder will then speak to different foster carers to see if they're a good match.

It might be best for some young people to move into a residential home or independence and this must be discussed with you.