



SHINING STARS FOSTERING AGENCY

HERE FOR **YOU**

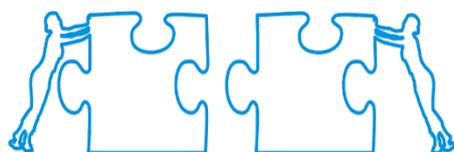
About going missing

When you go out and you don't tell your foster carer where you are, they get worried and so does everybody that works with you and support your foster carers.

Your foster carer gets worried because they don't know where you are and if you are okay. They also don't know if you are safe and that's why they have a duty to report you missing to the police and social services.



Foster carers and professionals aim to work with you on taking risks sensibly. We are experienced in talking to young people and understand that you must be experiencing strong feelings not to want to speak about why you are going out and where you are going.



There are many ways to address the problems or difficulties you are going through and we are stronger if we work together to sort those things out.

If you have a number of missing episodes your social worker will have to ask the press to send out a picture of you and ask the public to contact them if they see you or know where you are. Having a record of missing episodes might have an impact on applications with the home office or applications for internships and work.





For example, some young people go missing because they want to be with their friends and they think they will not be allowed to do so. It's good for everybody to have good friendships and we want to help you do this safely so there is no need to contact the police. We will support you in making choices that are best for you and this maybe that you see your friends in safe places.

We know young people may have boyfriends or girlfriends or may want to be in a relationship. We want you to feel you can share that with people you trust, your foster carers or maybe the adults working with you. We understand they are important in your life and we will support you in having healthy relationships and to think about all the important aspects of being in a relationship.



Some young people are afraid of letting their carers know that they are working to earn some money. It's better to talk to us and explore opportunities for further education, training or employment that are best for you.

There are times where young people are in very difficult situations, being bullied or exploited, and sometimes they don't recognise that. We have supported many young people in situations like that to help them make changes that improved their lives.



Let's talk and share problems, gives us a chance to show you how we can help.

The Shining Stars Team around you



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