

Contact the child/YP and speak to them directly

Report the child/YP to their placing LA to report them **Away from Home**/ unauthorised absence and notify SSW in Office hours or PCFS OOHS

**Missing from Care**

**Away from Home**

**NB: ALL Missing episodes however long or short need to be reported as a significant event to consider if Risk Management Strategy (RMS) is needed or needs to be updated.**

See **Missing Process Flowchart – when a child CANNOT be** contacted

At this stage Foster Parents are to complete the **Missing Assessment Tool**, which will help indicate next steps.

If a Child/Young person becomes uncontactable at any time and/or a Foster Parent cannot verify where they are and whether the situation is safe, the foster parent is to explain that they have a duty of care to report them as **Away from Home** or **Missing from Care** to the Police and LA.

For older teenagers it may be more appropriate to negotiate with them to remain where they are as long as the foster parent can ascertain the details and speak to an adult present. They are then to report the Child/YP as **Away from Home**

Placing LA and PCFS to be kept up to date with any changes, and all notified as and when the child returns home.

When contact is made, make arrangements to collect Child/YP or for them to return home immediately