



ALL ABOUT
adoption



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When you were a new-born baby
you lived with your birth family.



It was very sad, but your birth mummy
or daddy couldn't keep you safe, so now
you're being looked after by your foster
carer, who can keep you safe.

The social workers talked to lots of people to make the right decision for you but are worried if you went back to your birth family you still wouldn't be safe.



Your social worker will talk to you about what has happened, and about what might happen next. They will check that you are happy and safe and how you are feeling.

Your social worker will go to see
a wise judge who has to decide if
you should have a new family.



If the judge thinks it is best for you to have
a new family, your social worker will look
for the right forever family for you to live
with until you are grown-up.

When your social worker thinks they have found the best new family they can for you, they will go to see some people called an adoption panel to check the family are right for you.



Before you meet your new family your social worker and foster carer will tell you all about them and show you photographs.

You will spend some time getting to know your adoptive family before you go to live with them. Your foster carer will stay close by.



Once you know your new family, you will go and live with them. Your social worker will still visit you to check you are happy.

Your birth family can write back, or stay in touch with you in other ways, to let you know they haven't forgotten about you.



When you and your family are ready, you will all go to see the wise judge for something called an Adoption Order. An Adoption Order is a special piece of paper. It is very special because it means that you are part of your new family forever.

Useful contacts:

(social worker to complete before sharing)

My social worker:

Email:

Phone number:

My IRO:

Email:

Phone number:

Children's commissioner:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/help-at-hand

Ofsted:

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