



CCS Adoption

Building a positive future for children

Information Leaflet for children about CCS Adoption

How does CCS help?

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- **What do we do for you?**

Here are the answers

Who we are

CCS Adoption tries to find adoptive families for children who need them.

Although our office is in Bristol, our adoptive families live in many other places like Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire.

Can you see where you used to live on the map of England and Wales? Can you see where you live now with your new family on the map below?



Our office is here
Where do you live now?

CCS Adoption – Social Workers

There are 10 workers at CCS Adoption and they have all been working with children and families for a long time.

You will probably meet all of them at some time, maybe at our picnic.

What we do

Our job is to find new families for children like you, who for all sorts of reasons, can't stay with their birth family and need to be adopted.

This means that we get to know families very well, talk to them about adoption and help them to think about whether it seems right for them, just like your social worker has been helping you to understand what adoption means.

But that's only the first step.

Before you move to your new family, we will have spent time helping them to understand your story and why you need to be adopted. We also make sure that your new family are safe to look after children.



We know that adoption is special.

Living with a new family can sometimes feel exciting at first but we also know that moving can be hard and that joining a new family means lots of changes for everyone. You may also miss people and places where you used to live. Family life has its ups and downs and that's why it's really important that we all talk together about how things are going.

Working together

We will stay in touch with you and your new family and we will work hard together to try and solve any problems. We will be visiting your new family to talk about how things are going and your social worker will be visiting you.

Every year CCS Adoption hold events including a picnic in September and a party in the spring where you can meet lots of our other adoptive families and CCS staff. We also have fun activities like climbing and drama during the school holidays.

Here's what some of our young people have said about CCS events:



“The picnic was really good. There was a bouncy castle in the gym. There were lots of activities such as softball, a treasure hunt, face painting and parachute games. It was one of the best outings I have gone to this year”



“At the climbing, the walls were about 30ft high. Nearly everyone climbed right to the top, we all had a lot of fun”

It takes time to learn to live as a family but after a while and if you and your new family all think that adoption is right, then you can go to the Court and ask the Judge for an Adoption Order.

The Road to Adoption

Can you remember the different steps along the road to adoption?
Let's look at them again:

Getting ready, thinking about adoption,
understanding what it means



You and your new family hear about each
other and decide about meeting



You and your new family get to know each
other and spend time together



You all decide if it feels right to live together



You move in and you all work at becoming a
family together



When everyone is ready, you all go to Court
to ask for an Adoption Order to become a
family



CCS will continue to be available to support
you and your family whenever you need us

Any questions?



If you have any questions, you could write them down here so you don't forget and show them to your new family, or social worker when they visit.



Do you need to talk to somebody about Adoption Support? If you are worried about something, we might be able to help. There is a social worker available every afternoon to speak to you on the telephone number below.

If you are not sure about something or are unhappy and need to speak to your social worker sooner, you can contact them on:

Contact CCS on 08451 22 00 77 or

Email: info@ccsadoption.org