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# Adoption?



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# Adoption is the legal process of becoming a child's parent for life

## Adoption

- Offers children a happy and secure permanent home
- Helps children come to terms with difficult backgrounds
- Is a lifelong legal and emotional commitment.

## Who needs to be adopted?

- Children of all ages, in particular over the age of five
- Children from different racial and religious backgrounds, in particular black children and those from dual heritage backgrounds
- Individual children and brothers and sisters who need to be placed together
- Disabled children and children whose future development is unclear
- Some children who will have been abused or neglected
- Children who might remain in contact with their birth families.



## Who can adopt?

- People who are over 21 years old
- People from all cultural, religious and social backgrounds to reflect the children we support
- People who are single, married or living together as partners
- People who do or don't have children
- People who own or rent their homes
- People who have a low or high income.

## What do we offer?

- Information and advice along the way
- Training
- Support, particularly post-placement and post-adoption
- Financial assistance.

## Equal opportunities

We are an equal opportunity borough and welcome applicants from all races and cultures, regardless of gender, sexuality, whether disabled or able bodied.

**If you can give a child a lifelong permanent home, please contact:**

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