

# Adoption process



Suffolk  
Fostering & Adoption

## Initial Enquiry

Get in touch with us.



## Chat with our Team

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We'll find out more about your situation and answer any questions you may have.



## Information Event

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You'll be invited to join one of our information events, to hear from our team and get the chance to ask any questions.



## Registration of Interest

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You'll complete and return a Registration of Interest form, and if this is accepted, you'll start the process.



## Stage 1 (Approx. 60 days\*)

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We'll allocate you a dedicated stage one worker. References, checks and medicals are undertaken and you'll be asked to complete a workbook. You will also be invited to our adoption preparation course.



## Stage 2 (Approx. 120 days\*)

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You'll be allocated an adoption Social Worker who will get to know you and your family and support you through the assessment, approval and matching process.



## Adoption Panel

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You'll attend a panel of independent people with your Social Worker who will consider your approval as an adopter.



## Matching/ Introductions

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If approved, your adoption Social Worker will work with you to identify the most suitable child to be part of your family and support you through this.



## Adoption Order/ Celebration Hearing

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After a minimum of 10 weeks of the child being placed with you, you can send your application to the court for an adoption order.



## Post Adoption Support

We've got a team dedicated to supporting your family.

