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Children



Across the UK there are children, of all ages and backgrounds waiting for a permanent adoptive family.

Children placed with Nugent adopters could be from any of the UK, including England, Scotland and Wales. All circumstances will be different, but for some reason why they can't stay with their birth families. There are many reasons a family may decide that they are unable to raise a child themselves, but in these cases are extremely rare. More often, children will have been placed for adoption due to concerns about their welfare. They may have had negative experiences of abuse, and so may need some extra help and support.

Adoption is a lifelong commitment which is both rewarding and challenging. Once it is made it cannot be changed, so everyone must be sure that it is in the child's best interests.

Some children sadly wait much longer for their adoptive family, than others.

- Older children above the age of 4 years

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- Children from minority ethnic and culturally diverse backgrounds and pre-school children
- Children with disabilities of all ages, including babies, and children with uncertain
- Children with learning difficulties
- Sibling groups of children of all ages

Nugent Adoption therefore particularly welcomes people who feel able to care for any of the above children.

Unlike in the past when adoption was secretive and often hidden, the adoption process. Children who are adopted have a right to knowledge about their birth reasons why they were adopted. Nugent Adoption recognises the importance of these relationships to the overall well-being of the child or young adult.

In order for children to develop a realistic understanding of the circumstances of their adoption, children need to know information about their birth family and maintain a level of contact with them. How birth family links are managed depends on the needs of the child and maintaining that contact always focuses on the child's best interests and security in their adoptive family.

There are many different ways that a child can maintain contact with their birth family which may mean birth parents, grandparents or siblings. Often an arrangement called Letterbox Contact – takes place through the adoption service. Some arrangements are called Direct Contact. This is less common and only happens if it is in the child's interest. As an adoptive parent you would always be fully informed of any contact before the child was placed with you and you would need to be in agreement otherwise you may not be quite the right family for that child.

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