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This guide belongs to: _____

My social worker from the local authority is: _____

Their telephone number is: _____

My independent reviewing officer is: _____

Their telephone number is: _____

My family's ccs social worker is: _____

Their number is: _____

Their office number is : 0117 9350 005

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E: info@cssadoption.org W: www.cssadoption.org

Who else can i contact if i'm unhappy about something?:

If you want to know about your rights, you can contact:

The Children's Commissioner for England

The Office of the Children's Commissioner

Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT

T: 0207 783 8330 W: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk

If you want to speak to the people who check that we are doing things properly,
they are called ofsted:

Ofsted, Piccadilly Gate, Store Street, Manchester M1 2WD

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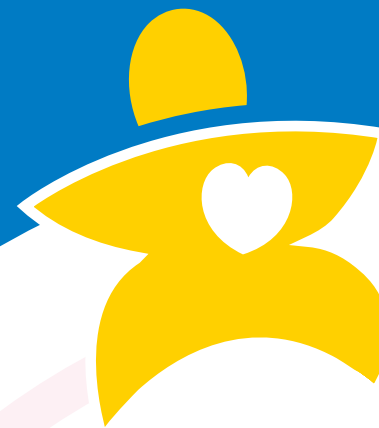


This is your special book, now that you have come to live with your new family.

This book will tell you what you can do if you have questions and want to talk to someone or if you are feeling worried about anything.

This is lilly and leo, they are adopted just like you. They understand that being adopted can make you feel all sorts of feelings and are here to help.

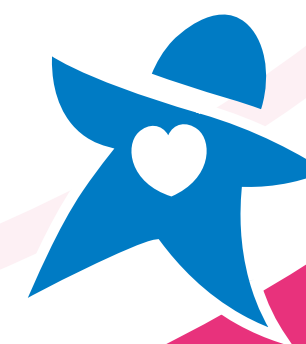
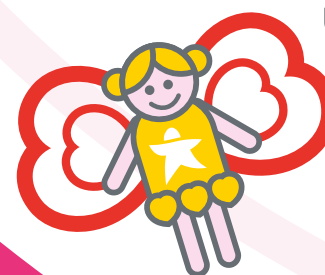
Can you find them hiding on each page?



Families come in all shapes and sizes



Adoption is when babies or children can't stay with the families they were born into, so a social worker finds them a new family who can take really good care of them until they are all grown up.





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Adopted characters you may know



Lots of children all around the world are adopted.
So were some of these famous people and characters.

(These pictures have been drawn by children
who are supported by ccs adoption).



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Your new family



The social worker at ccs helped your new mummy(s)
or daddy(s) become your parent(s).

Your new family wanted you to join them very much.
They are so happy and excited that you are now
living with them.

Being in a new family can sometimes feel a bit strange.
Your new family are here to help you feel happy and safe.
Sometimes it can take time to feel settled.





Who are CCS? How can we help you?



THIS IS EMMA

Emma is the CEO and her job is to make sure we have nice staff and everyone is doing their jobs well.



THIS IS CHARLIE

Charlie looks after the social worker team.



THIS IS LAURA

Laura is the post adoption support manager – she makes sure there are lots of fun groups and activities for kids and families to come to.

There are lots of other people who help them to do their jobs.





Who are CCS? How can we help you?



Our job at CCS is to find new families for children like you, who for all sorts of reasons can't stay with the families they were born to and need to be adopted.

Before you move to your adoptive family, we will have spent time helping them to understand your story and have done lots of talking about how to be your parent. We also make sure that your adoptive family is safe to look after children.

 We know that having an adoptive family can be exciting and fun. 

 We also know that, at times, being adopted can be hard. 

If you are finding it hard, you can talk to us and we will try to help you.

 You can either ask your adoptive parent(s) to talk to us or you can get in touch yourself. 





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We are here to support you



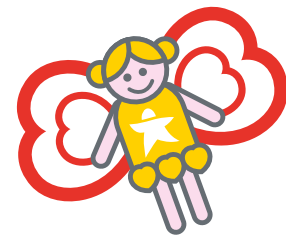
Here are some of the ways we can help.



Listen to you, listen to your adoptive family.



Help with your life story so you understand what has happened in your life.



Talk to other people, maybe teachers, doctors or other people.



Organise for you to talk to other people who have been adopted.



Arrange fun activities for you and your family where you can meet other children who have also been adopted.



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We are one big family



We think of ccs adoption as a big family, which you are now part of.

We do lots of fun things together

LGBT+ coffee mornings

Discover horses

Boxing therapy

Fairs

Fun holiday clubs

Tots groups





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Feelings




Sometimes you might feel sad or worried about having a new family and other times you might feel really happy.

You may get a funny feeling in your tummy, or you may suddenly feel all hot, upset and cross.

Don't worry, you are going to be ok, the feeling will go away in a little while, but you might like to tell someone so that they can help you to feel a bit better.

You could speak to your new parents or the social worker.

It feels better when you tell someone instead of storing worries inside of you.



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Your space



You might have some questions about your new family or the family you used to live with.

Your new parents or your social worker can help you find some answers.

You can write down any questions you have, draw a picture or cover it in stickers... it is up to you!

