

**Adoption Example Profile:** *This is a portrayal of children for whom we are seeking families*

Joe is a lively and engaging child. He is very talkative and chatty and when excited he can be boisterous. Joe likes playing with a wide range of toys. He loves being outdoors, going for walks and playing in the park. Indoors he likes playing with his work bench, tools and goggles, taking things apart to see how they work.



Joe also likes quiet times when he curls up and watches television. He has a caring side to his nature. He is very affectionate and loves hugs and cuddles.

Joe is doing well in school. He is good at numeracy and literacy and likes all subjects. He is very enthusiastic and likes joining in all class activities. Joe can have difficulty concentrating in a class environment but with support he now manages to focus. He has been referred to Educational Psychology and is currently being assessed for a Statement of Educational needs. This will enable Joe to continue to receive the class room support he clearly needs.

Joe has had a chaotic childhood, with inconsistent care and he can be anxious and a worrier, especially round times of change when his behaviour can be challenging. He has benefited from consistency and boundaries within his placement where he has been for the last year and a half.

**Contact:** indirect contact with Joe's parents and paternal grandparents

**Family Required:** *Joe has developed a positive relationship with his carer, but In light of his early experiences it is felt that he will need a period of time and a committed effort on behalf of new parents to enable him to establish his attachment to them. Joe may require therapeutic support in the future and his new family would need to engage with this.*

*There is a history of mental health difficulties within both Joe's maternal and paternal family and enhancing his resilience through nurturing and emotional security would help minimise future risk*

*Joe needs a family who can offer good routines and firm boundaries. Joe would need to either be the only child at home, or in a family with significantly older siblings.*

**Preferred area for placement:** *Outside of South East Northumberland*

**Legal:**  
Full Care Order

**Ethnic origin:**  
White British

**Support:**  
Support from post adoption team  
Adoption allowance may be available

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** XXX/XXX

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