

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

John is described by his carer as a lovely little boy who is keen to please. He loves getting adult approval when he succeeds in what he is doing. He is a lively little boy and he enjoys most sports. He will put in 110% effort into the activities he loves such as riding his bike, football and trampolining.



John is an affectionate, caring boy, who likes giving hugs. He is able to form, trusting and positive relationships, however, he will need high levels of positive attention, stability and security for such attachments to be formed.

John is very sociable and he can play well on a one to one basis with others, but he can find co-operative play with several children more difficult. He has however, made significant improvements in regulating his emotions since he came into care. He is a rewarding child to care for because he will respond positively to good parenting and firm boundaries.

John is a healthy boy. He has had some problems with hearing which have impacted on his speech development. He has recently had grommets fitted and his hearing is significantly improved. He is subject to a Statement for Special Educational Needs.

John will offer the right family much love. It is likely that he will need a care giving approach, which is patient and persevering and where the slow but significant steps that he is making are acknowledged and rewarded.

Contact: John has a strong bond with his younger half-sister; she lives with her birth father under a Residence Order. It is hoped that John maintains some face to face contact with her; however the overriding need is for John to enjoy a stable & loving family and be claimed. Therefore an adoptive placement will have precedence over this direct contact. Yearly indirect letter box contact is proposed between John and other members of his birth family.

Family Required: John needs a family who can offer good routines & firm boundaries and who can accept that the identity of his birth father is unknown and there is no family or medical history available. John will need support in school as he has a Statement of educational needs. (John will remain in mainstream education with support.) John needs a family who are able to relate emotional difficulties to behaviour and who are able to offer consistent and positive structured care. John will need to be the youngest child in the family.

Preferred area for placement: *Outside of North Northumberland*

Legal:
Placement Order

Ethnic origin:
White British

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

REFERENCE NUMBER: XXX/XXX

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