

Can I adopt a child?

Adoption is a lifelong commitment providing a loving, permanent family for a child or children who cannot return to their birth family. When you adopt you take on all the legal rights and responsibilities for your child.

Like all parents there will be good times as well as challenging times. You will need to have qualities to see your child through the ups and the downs that they will face throughout their life.

Adopters are needed from many different backgrounds and family structures. Prospective adopters will be welcomed by Worcestershire County Council's Adoption Agency and treated with respect and fairness.

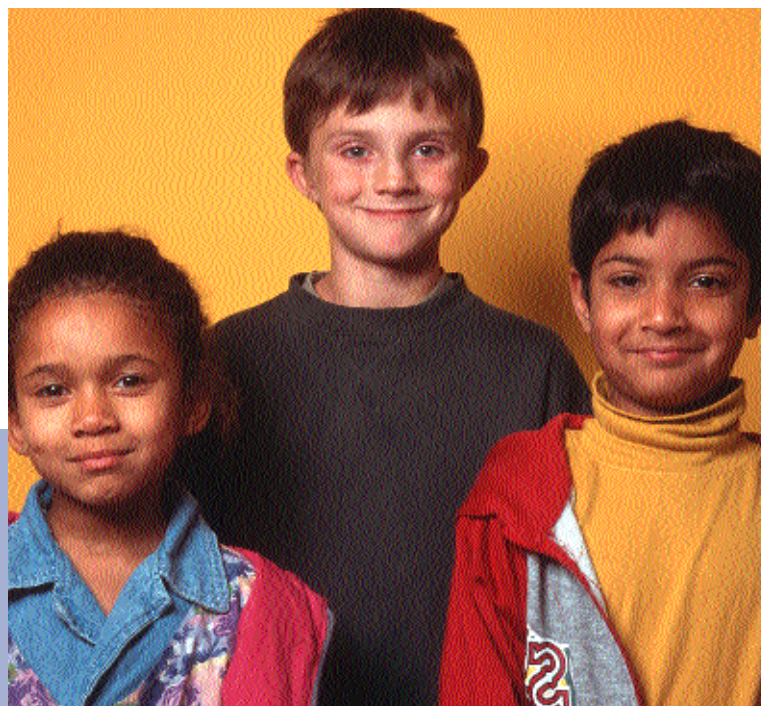
Our focus is to meet the needs of the children who need adoptive parents.

Adopters are...

- Over 21 years of age
- Married, single or in a partnership including same sex relationships.
- Of any race or ethnic origin
- In or out of work
- Practising a religion, or not
- Living in their own home or rented accommodation
- Disabled or not

All potential adopters have to undergo a health assessment where a doctor will advise us of any medical conditions that might affect your ability to care for children.

The process of preparation and assessment of prospective adopters will be thorough, this is to determine whether applicants are suitable to adopt. The need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children is our main concern.



"If you think you can do it then go for it. Be aware it won't always be easy. However, the good times far outweigh the bad.

Times like when I watch them sleeping or when they say 'I love you' makes everything else seem meaningless.

I wouldn't change it for a moment. This is what I have always wanted".

helping you, help them.