

It's time to #SupportAdoption this **National Adoption Week**

Do you #SupportAdoption?

We're excited about National Adoption Week 2019 this year and want to share with you what it is and how you can get involved.

Adopters for Adoption will be working with the team at First4Adoption, together with other voluntary adoption agencies, adoption charities, Local Authorities and other professionals to promote adoption across the UK.

This year, National Adoption Week will take place from **14th to 21st October** and aims to raise awareness of adoption, the adoption process, the children that are waiting for adoption and to encourage prospective adopters to ask any questions they have and start their adoption journey.

In previous years, the focus has been on finding adopters for sibling groups to keep brothers and sisters together, and finding families for children with disabilities. This year, the focus is on highlighting inclusivity within adoption; reaching those potential adopters who may have been put off the process due to myths and misconceptions they might have heard. The hashtag **#YouCanAdoptToo** will be used to reach audiences such as: BAME adopters, LGBT+ adopters, single adopters and disabled adopters.

Now, more than ever, it is important to bust the myths that surround adoption, to make the process as transparent as possible and to encourage those who have thought about adoption to come forward.



Transparency calls for honesty, and it's important for prospective adopters to understand that the approval process and family finding process can be tough. However, it is completely worthwhile, especially when you are matched with a child that you feel a connection with. Our team at Adopters for Adoption will be there to support you every step of the way.

Adoptive parenting can also be very challenging, as adoptive children have often been experienced trauma and can present challenging and emotional behaviour. However, it is also vitally important for you to know that adopting a child can be incredibly rewarding.

This National Adoption Week, we encourage you to contact us and ask the questions you have about adoption. Do not rule yourself out on a myth, and know that the journey will be worth the end result... remember #YouCanAdoptToo.



“ Adoption is something we had always wanted to do, and 18 months ago, we took the leap and never looked back. The adoption process is tough; it's emotionally draining, intense and can, at times, feel very intrusive. Why am I telling you this? It's the truth! But honestly - go for it.

Our little girl now calls us Mummy & Daddy, our hearts are full of love and happiness and our family is now complete. ”

-AFA Adopter