

# OUR ADOPTION PROCESS

## Informal Initial Enquiry Stage

when you're ready

Get in touch with us



We'll speak to you to find out more



We'll give you some time to think things through

If you're going ahead we'll call you again soon and arrange to visit you at home



We'll go through the paperwork if you are going through to the next stage



## Stage One

approx 2 months

We'll request statutory references and you'll need to have a medical with your GP



You'll attend pre-adoption training



We'll talk to at least two of your personal referees

We'll do a health and safety check on your home and a pet assessment, if needed



After eight weeks we'll prepare a short report and decide if you can progress to stage two



## Stage Two

approx 4 months

Your social worker will visit you and your family over the next three months



We'll speak with your children, if you have any, whether you live with them or not



We'll speak with people in your support network

The adoption report known as the 'PAR' is completed



Your report is considered by the adoption panel - you can attend this with your social worker



approx 6 months

## Congratulations! You're approved!

The Agency Decision Maker makes the final decision on your approval



Your social worker will consider children who may be matched with you for adoption



The possible matching will go back to panel for agreement

You will meet the child/ren and get to know each other before they move in with you



When they have lived with you for ten weeks you can apply to the court for the official adoption order



This is to give you an overview. If you have any questions just give us a call on 0300 123 6723