

CCS Adoption (Clifton Children's Society) and Covid-19

A message for our supporters

Staying safe and well

The Covid-19 pandemic is having a huge impact on all our lives. For many adoptive families, our group activities are a lifeline, a regular opportunity to meet up with other children and parents and access professional support from our experienced staff. However, the health and safety of our children, families and staff is our top priority, so in the short term, we are changing the way we work.

Staying in touch

CCS staff, now working remotely, remain focused on finding ways to support the vulnerable children and families we work with. These include:

- Continuing to place children with families, where it is safe and practicable to do so
- Regular personal phone/video calls to support families in the early stages of an adoption placement, offering advice and guidance where needed
- Phone/video contact with established families as required, particularly those families who are in need of extra support
- A weekly e-newsletter for our Tots families with useful links and tips for adoptive parents, downloadable songs, ideas and simple instructions for therapeutic play activities.
- Weekly interactive music sessions for Tots, Mums and Dads with Andy, our specialist musical activity worker (using ZOOM)
- Using ZOOM to enable established groups such as The A-Team (adopted teenagers) and our parents' support groups to continue meeting with CCS staff facilitating.

We will speak regularly with our adoptive families, listen to their concerns and hear their requests for help and support. We will endeavour to respond creatively and practically in order to give them what they need. We look forward to welcoming them all back, as soon as it's safe to do so.

Staying in business

As a registered charity (and voluntary adoption agency) this is an incredibly challenging time for CCS Adoption, as our income both from placements and from charitable sources is likely to reduce. Your support at this time will help us to sustain our charity and stay close to our adoptive families, helping more adoptions to succeed, changing children's lives.

On their behalf - **THANK YOU** - we are hugely grateful.

Please note that, in the interests of everyone's health and safety, we will be communicating wherever possible by email. Should you make a donation, please remember to consent to email, so that we can say thank you!