

# Children's Guide Adoption Over 5

If you are not happy about how we are doing our job and want to talk to someone about it, please ask someone you trust - a teacher, your foster carer, social worker or a friend to help you contact: Angie Evers or Claire Harris.

Angie and Claire's job is to listen to Herefordshire children and try to help them. Their phone numbers are:

Angie: 07792881500

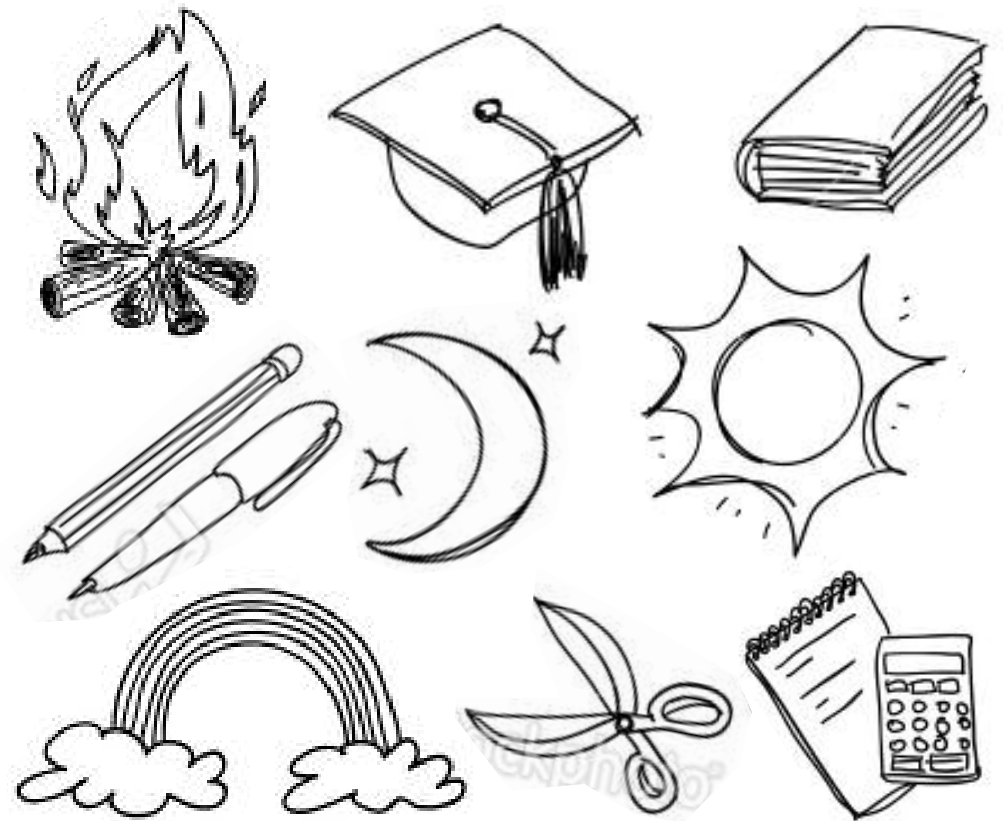
Claire: 07792881509

You can also ask someone to contact your Independent Reviewing Officer on 01432 260772.

There are other people who make sure we do things properly. You could ask someone to phone them on: 0800 528 0731 and ask if you can talk to Roger Morgan, who is the Director of Children's Rights. You could also ask someone to contact Ofsted on 0300 123 4666.

There is a website - [www.rights4me.org](http://www.rights4me.org) which will give you lots of information abouts your rights.

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Telephone: 01432 383240 or  
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# This tells you what we want to do for you

We try to help families look after their children and keep them safe.

Sometimes they can't do this and so the children go and stay with foster carers while social workers try to help families learn how to look after their children.

Sometimes families just can't learn to keep their children safe and so new families are needed.



# How will we find you a new family

We know lots of grownups who want to be mums and dads to children not born to them. Some would like to look after brothers and sisters together, some would like to look after just one child. We will make sure that we find the family that is right for you.

We will find out lots about you and the family you were born to and will ask people who know you well what sort of family you need to grow up healthy and happy.



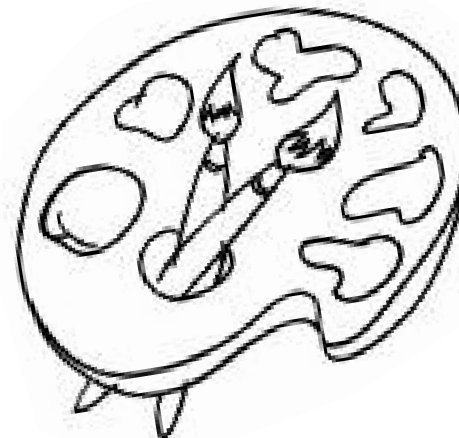
# What we want to do

When we find the right family, we'll tell them about the family you were born into and why you can't live with them anymore.

We will make sure you get to know your new family before you go to live with them, by seeing photos or a DVD of them and where they live and by spending time with them.

We will make sure you are happy with your new family before you go to live with them.

We will do everything we can to make sure you and your new family care for each other and that they will look after you, take you places you like to go and help you with your school.



# What we must do

1. You are the most important person. We want you to be happy and safe and will do everything we can to make sure this happens
2. We know it's hard to wait, so we will make sure you know how we are getting on. We will make sure you're ready to move to your new family. We know it's an exciting time, but a bit scary too, so we'll help you all we can.
3. We will tell your new family all about what has happened to you, to help them look after you. We won't tell other people unless they need to know, to help you. We will make sure all that we know about you is kept safe and private - when you are older, you can see all this.
4. We will talk to you about your new family, show you a DVD and photos and arrange visits to your new home before you move.
5. We will make sure we know you how you are feeling about your new family.
6. We will ask other people who know about keeping children safe, to make sure we're doing a good job.