

Stage One checklist.

At the end of Stage One, together we will have completed an *Initial Visit* with you at your home, *Registration of Interest*, *Prospective Adopter Preparation Training* and signed a *Stage One Agreement*. You will have provided us with:

- Proof of identity
- Details of your GP and a medical report to confirm you are fit and well enough to raise a child through to adulthood.
- Details of your finances and living accommodation

You will also provide any other key documents should they apply to you e.g. Marriage/Civil Partnership Certificate; Divorce Petition & Decree Absolute; County Court Judgements / Bankruptcy / Family Court Proceedings; Domicile/Habitual Residence; Tenancy Agreement.

All applicants will have a DBS check, along with any other people living in your household and we undertake international checks where applicable.

We undertake a number of further checks e.g. adult children, local authorities, written references from family and friends, and employers if you work with children or vulnerable adults.

Before moving into Stage Two, each applicant provides us with details about your: family and support network; childcare experience; any pets; and information about your home for our health and safety check.

Stage Two checklist:

At the end of Stage Two, you will have completed a very comprehensive assessment process with your social worker. You will have given us feedback on all training undertaken and completed your home study books. We will have all the details needed about your employment and finances, family tree and support network, plus employment references, pet questionnaire, previous employment and / or voluntary work references. You will also spend time with your social worker discussing the types of children who would be well-matched with you. If you have any other children, we will help you to prepare them for the arrival of a new sibling.