

Adopters views on Adoption

An Adoptive Couple

Mr & Mrs Clarke are a married couple from Hertfordshire who made the decision to adopt. "My wife and I have been married for over 18 years. We had no children but felt that we had so much to give to a child. We could offer our love and affection, so decided to adopt."

"We were worried about how we would find the right child and whether the child would be healthy. We were also concerned about how our families would react. However, we were pleased with the help we received from the adoption team and happy to proceed with Haringey Adoption Service"

February 2008 they became adoptive parents to their three year old daughter.

"We feel so blessed that everything has worked out well. Our daughter is a lovely child and has brought so much joy and happiness. Our families have been so warm and affectionate to our daughter and are truly happy for us. I encourage other couples to go forward, there is nothing to worry about"

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A single adopter

Jennifer, a working parent and single mother to her three year old daughter Sabrina, made that final step and has now been an adoptive parent for just over a year.

"At 38 I felt that I was ready to have a family and felt that adoption was an equally worthy and valid way of being a parent, helping a child and offering them a loving permanent home..."

"The social worker who I met at the adoption information open day was the same social worker who took me through the whole process to when I was finally matched with my daughter Sabrina. I developed a good relationship with her. She prepared me for the assessment process detailing exactly what was involved".

"With adoption you must realise that each child has their own personality and the life that you build with them will be unique to your and their experience. I feel fortunate to have a delightful daughter. It's been an amazing heart rendering experience that I've had with her. Without her I would have a big void in my life. Adoption is truly a life changing experience".

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