



We want you to know...

Adopted and permanently placed children and young people want their teachers and support staff to know that:

“We want to have someone in school who actually understands what adoption might mean to us”

“We want you to stop making snap judgements about our behaviour, and instead ask us what would help”

“We need support rather than punishment; someone to talk to and listen, who can help us deal with our emotions”

“We want you to have training from specialists to help you understand why we sometimes get anxious, sad, feel mixed up, empty, confused, angry and lonely”

“We want adoption to be out in the open so we feel we can talk about, rather than feeling ashamed or bottling it up”

“We need you to stop the bullying by improving how you tackle it”

“We want to learn about fostering and adoption in the same way that we learn about LGBT issues and other cultures and religions”

“We want help to meet other adopted teenagers; there are probably others like us in school but we don't know who they are”

These recommendations are due to be published by the DFE as part of a resource pack on the needs and views of adopted children within school.