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CAFIS- Independent Birth Parent Support

Information, advice and support

- Has adoption been identified as the plan for your child?
- Would you like some help in understanding the process?
- Would you like to support your child in the best way you can even if they are not with you?

Then please contact us as we are here to support you with all of the above
CAFISkent@barnardos.org.uk or on 01795-562081

Your rights and what we at CAFIS Barnardo's believe:

- Every birth parent has the right to have independent support. Adoption Partnership South East is a regional adoption agency, delivering adoption services for the London Borough of Bexley, Kent County Council, and Medway Council. They have commissioned Barnardo's to provide this support, it is completely confidential. We support birth parents with understanding the adoption process, and what this means for them and their extended family members. Your child's Social Worker will speak to you about referring you to us, if you do not want your information shared with us, you can call or email us when you feel you want help and support at CAFISkent@barnardos.org.uk or on 01795-532081. We know that you may feel cautious so we also have birth parents who know what it is like to lose a child through adoption who will be happy to talk to you about us and what we can offer, before you fully decide. We can arrange this when we speak to you should you wish.
- Birth parents should have access to practical and emotional support from an independent worker who can offer a confidential and non-judgemental service.
- Birth families have the right to fully understand the adoption process and have a say in what kinds of adoptive parents they would like for their child.
- Birth parents are supported with meeting prospective adopters and asking questions;
- Adopted children have the right to know their birth identity, and to know about their birth parents and extended birth family.
- Although Adoption Order legally transfers parental responsibility to adopters and gives the child a new family, a birth relative is a birth relative for life, and your child will be happier knowing you are safe and well; and interested in his/her progress.
- Even though you cannot care for your child on a day to day basis you still play an important part in their development. Adopted children have the right to know their birth identity, and to know about their birth parents and extended birth family.

