

The Adopter Hub

www.theadopterhub.org/adopter-hub



The Adopter Hub (provided by PACT) is dedicated to providing online support, learning opportunities and information for families with children who have left local authority care with either a Special Guardianship or an Adoption Order. The annual subscription enables you to access the various support tools available. The universal suite of support tools includes:

- One-to-one live webchat – online peer support
- Specially developed introduction to Attachment 12 module eLearning course
- A programme of webinars
- Resources covering a wide range of subjects

The suite of tools also includes a safe and secure online adopter forum.

Covid ASF scheme

These memberships are funded from the Covid-19 ASF Scheme and as such, KCC will need to ensure that all families receiving them have met the criteria for the ASF:

The ASF is available for children up to and including the age of 21, or 25 with an education, health and care (EHC) plan, who:

- Were in care immediately before an SGO was made.
- Left care under a special guardianship order which subsequently was changed to an adoption order, or vice versa.
- Left care under a child arrangement order (CAO) to enable the assessment of a potential special guardianship, while the CAO is in force. They remain eligible if an SGO is subsequently made.
- Are living (placed with a family) while waiting for adoption.
- Were adopted from local authority care in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland and live in England.
- Were adopted from abroad and live in England with a recognized adoption status.

To access any of the memberships listed within this leaflet please email:

Permila.Clare@kent.gov.uk

For all other support please contact: **Kent County Council: 03000 411 111** (Monday to Friday 09:00-17:00)
Social.services@kent.gov.uk



Special Guardianship Orders

A guide on what help is available to Special Guardians with Previously Looked After Children during the Covid-19 Pandemic and beyond.

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Supporting families during the Covid-19 pandemic

The Government has introduced a Covid Adoption Support Fund enabling Local Authorities to further support families with children who have previously been looked after, including those who left care with a Special Guardianship Order. These children, many of whom have suffered Adverse Childhood Experiences in the past, maybe less resilient now in dealing with this current traumatic period. In order to support you, as a family, Kent County Council have used this additional funding to provide a suite of services that will support you and your child or young person to recover from this pandemic.

What support is available in kent?

Kent County Council has accessed the additional Covid-19 Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund (ASF) to purchase Annual Subscriptions and Memberships to three organisations who offer a range of services and support available to families with children who have left Local Authority Care under a Special Guardianship Order.

All subscriptions/memberships need to be registered by the 31st December 2020.

National Association of Therapeutic Parenting

www.naotp.com



Therapeutic Parenting is a highly nurturing parenting approach, with empathy at its core. One Year's Household Membership Subscription to the National Association of Therapeutic Parents is available for families with children who have left local authority care with a Special Guardianship Order:

- You will have access to all resources including the opportunity to attend a face to face Listening Circle (or virtual group), access to the NAOtP helpline, closed Members' Facebook Group, downloadable letters and information, and discounts on training.
- Members will be offered spaces on workshops before customers from outside of the NAOtP.
- Membership for two adults per household included.

National Special Guardianship Support Services

www.family-action.org.uk



**Special Guardianship
Support Service**

The Special Guardianship Support Service aims to improve outcomes for children with special guardianship orders by providing an accessible source of trusted support, information and guidance to special guardians including:

- A dedicated website containing comprehensive and up-to-date information and guidance, downloadable resources and signposting to other sources of support.
- A helpline, text, email and online web chat with trained operators available 5 days a week (offering support Mon to Fri 9am to 3pm and 6pm to 9pm; Crisis text service available at all other times).
- Discounted access to up-coming training and consultancy events.
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