

## Contact details

### • The Team manager

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### • Further information

The VOG Adoption Statement of Purpose can be downloaded from our website or is available in hard copy on request.

This leaflet can be accessed in other formats to meet specific needs.

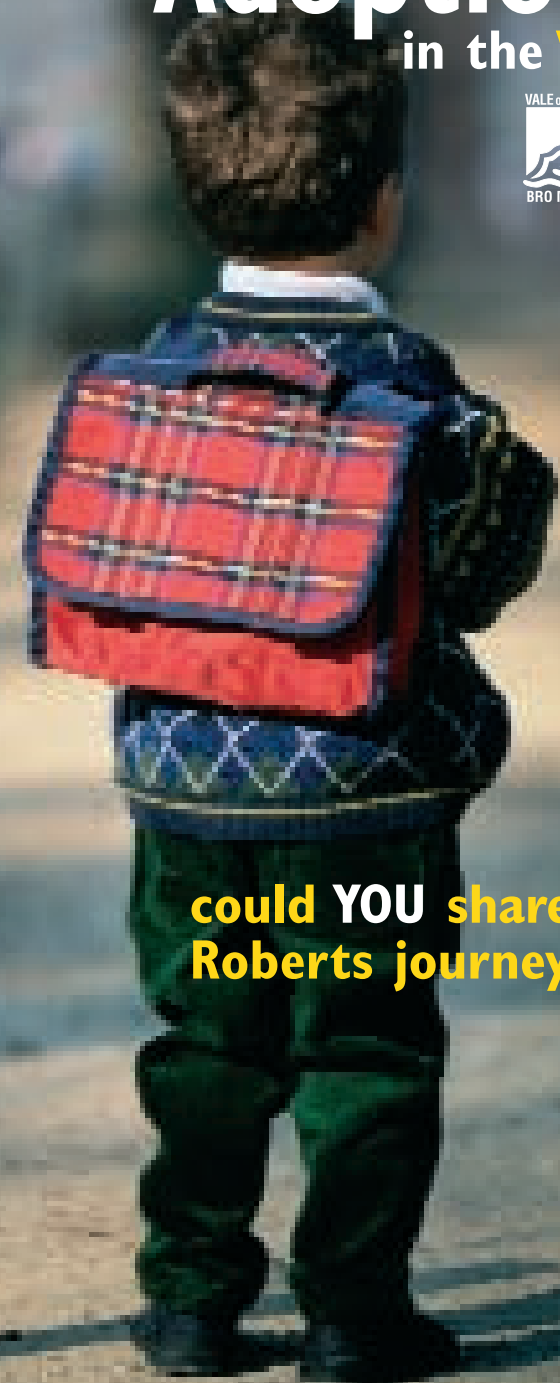
Fortunately we found a new family for Robert...

... living with my new mum and dad, there are still times when I am confused and afraid. I need help to make sense of my past - and I will when I'm older. I still think about my foster carers Helen and Mark and my mum and dad. My new family understands my journey so far and is ready to travel the rest of the way with me, sharing the good times and the bad.



# Adoption

in the Vale



**could YOU share  
Roberts journey?**

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Vale of Glamorgan Adoption Team

...my name is **ROBERT**...  
I have been told that I am  
going to be adopted...

## WHY?

Where are my mum and dad?  
I miss my dog and my friends.  
Why am I living with Mark and Helen?  
Do they **like** me?  
I don't understand what's happening?  
Will I **EVER** see my brother and  
sister again?

**I feel sad and lonely...**

All these questions, thoughts and feelings ....and more  
are normal for a child like Robert.

Do you think that you could offer an adoptive home to  
a child with so many questions and so much confusion?

**If so then Adoption could be for you.**

### What is adoption?

Adoption is a legal process by which children like  
Robert who cannot be brought up by his birth family  
can become a permanent member of a new family.

### What children are placed for adoption?

- Mostly children like Robert, who are in the care system as a result of their birth parents being unable to give them a safe or caring home.
- The majority are children over the age of two.
- Children for whom the impact of their early life may affect their development, health or education.
- Brothers and sisters in need of a home together.
- Children who may have complex needs.
- Children in need of families from varying ethnic backgrounds.

### Who can apply to adopt?

- People from all walks of life over the age of 21.
- Single people, married couples, unmarried couples or same sex couples.
- People from varying ethnic backgrounds or religions.
- People with different levels of income.
- People who do not have children or people who have their own children.

The most important and essential thing is that you have the sensitivity and empathy to

understand that children like Robert who are placed for adoption do not come on their own, they come with their history.

You will also need the commitment and good humour to take part and stay with the adoption assessment process and beyond.

### What happens next?

When you contact the adoption agency at the address below we will be able to answer any further questions, and offer you the opportunity to have a visit from an experienced social worker.

You can be assured of training and support throughout the process.

