

How to contact us:

Please write, telephone or email

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday - 8.30am to 5pm

Advice Line: first Thursday of each month 5pm to 8.30pm
Answerphone service out-of-hours

How you can help us:

- **By making sure we have your up-to-date address on our records.**

This is a great help if we need to contact you.

- **By giving us some of your time.**

We need volunteers to support others and to advise and assist us with the development of our Adoption and Support Services.

- **By commenting on our services.**

We always welcome ideas which may help to improve our services.

- **By giving financial support**

The Society is a registered charity and we do not receive grants from local authorities. Individuals are not charged for our services but to ensure our work continues we welcome:

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Catholic Children's Society
(RC Diocese of Nottingham)

Were we involved with:-

- **Your adoption?**
- **Your child's adoption?**
- **A close relative's adoption?**
- **Your care in one of our children's homes?**

We provide a range of services which may assist you and welcome your enquiry.



About us:

The **Catholic Children's Society, Nottingham**, was established in 1948 and since then we have provided a service for over 2000 children and families. We have always provided an adoption service and our present adoption work focuses on placing school age children, groups of brothers and sisters, children with disabilities and black children of all ages. We now use the name "Families Are Best" to promote our current adoption service.

Our past work includes residential care in Colston Bassett Nursery, near Nottingham, Carmel Children's Home, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester and Kinder Lodge Children's Home, Hadfield, Derbyshire. Accommodation for mothers and babies was provided at St Joseph's, Borrowash House, near Derby, from 1948 to 1975 when it transferred to premises at West Bridgford, Nottingham, prior to closing in 1997.

We operate across Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire and provide support services to people where the Catholic Children's Society was responsible for arranging the adoption or providing residential care.

Who the service is for:

We provide services for all those whose adoption or care experience is linked with this Agency e.g.

Birth family members - including brothers and sisters of adopted people.

Adoptive parents - whether you adopted recently or many years ago.

Adopted people - of all ages.

Those formerly in the care of this Agency - or who have lived in one of our residential homes.

Our service is:

Neutral:- we aim to liaise, negotiate and advise, but not to direct.

Confidential:- to all who approach us, unless a very exceptional circumstance was to arise.

Of a high professional standard:- the work of Voluntary Adoption Agencies is regularly independently inspected and must satisfy stringent requirements, including having a comprehensive representation and complaints procedure.

What we offer includes:

Counselling:- from an experienced adoption worker.

Links:- with others whose situation is similar to your own.

Information:- about resources and services available from organisations both nationally, regionally and locally.

Intermediary Services:- in certain circumstances we can assist people to connect with relatives from whom they have been separated. Our services recognise the long-term impact of reunion and the many possible outcomes.

Advice:- on a range of issues relevant to adoption and being in care or a mother and baby home.

Access to Information:- the Agency has an extensive archive and enables people to have details from their records in accordance with legal requirements.

