



## Kingston children who have recently been placed for adoption

### Louie (5)

White British, Christian heritage

Louie was taken into care after suffering chronic neglect. His mother has learning difficulties and his father is unknown. Louie is doing well at his mainstream school but his potential is uncertain.

### Carrie (2)

White British-Asian/White British, Christian heritage

With a family history of neglect, Carrie was taken into care at birth. As a young baby, Carrie had problems making an emotional attachment to her carers but is now bonding well with her new family.

### Sarah (2 years)

White British/Christian heritage

Neglected by her mother and exposed to domestic violence and drug abuse as a baby, Sarah has flourished since her adoption and is reaching developmental milestones.

### Jamal (12 months)

White British/Moroccan, Christian/Muslim heritage

With a chronic alcoholic mother and violent, drug offending father, Jamal was born with brain damage due to foetal alcohol syndrome. Although he has developmental delay, Jamal is achieving some milestones and is a happy baby.

### George (7) and Lucas (5)

White British  
Christian heritage

The boys' birth mother has serious learning difficulties and they suffered chronic neglect. George and Lucas are now settled with their new family and have direct contact with siblings in other placements.

### Teresa (10)

White British,  
Christian heritage

Teresa was abused by her birth father and receives on-going therapeutic counselling to help her make sense of her past. A bright, active girl, she is flourishing in the care of her adoptive family.

### Alison (2)

White British/Black Jamaican  
Christian heritage

Alison's birth mother is a drug user and Alison was born drug-dependent, undergoing drug withdrawal in hospital following her birth. Alison's development is good so far but will need monitoring as she grows up.

### Mark (18 months)

White British,  
Christian heritage

Mark's mother is an alcoholic and has mental health issues. Mark was exposed to alcohol in the womb and domestic violence and neglect as a baby. In spite of initial concerns he is progressing well with his new family.

### The Children

All children have been placed with adopters who have been approved by this authority or by our consortium and are non-Kingston residents who live some distance away from the borough. This is in order to protect the security of the children as they grow up.

All names have been changed. The child/ren's age when matched with adopters is in brackets

