



Stronger communities

Support and friendship from other adoptive families can be vital for both parents and children, helping with the ups and downs of the adoption journey. But for adopters who are recently placed, or who are isolated or struggling, finding others who 'get it' can be difficult.

Two organisations recently formed a partnership to help. [Adoption UK](#) is the leading charity supporting adoptive families, and [Link Maker](#) is an adopter-led IT company which you may know from family-finding. We have brought our resources together, so that in one place you can:

- Search for other families or prospective families in your area to say hi using live chat, to help build your local support network.
- Find adoptive families near you with similar aged children using the 'playdate finder'.
- Browse and add to the latest posts on the Adoption UK public forum, a long-established source of support.
- Share knowledge and advice securely on the 'Q&A', with the option of inviting support from social workers as well as adopters.

You can register now, for free, to post on the public forum. If you would like to network with adopters, we do a quick check with an agency or local authority that has a record of you adopting, or being in the process. Some of the features require an [Adoption UK membership](#), but you can explore everything and use most features for free.

[Click here to join the Adoption UK community](#)

Or go to <http://bit.ly/2wa6ZwT>

If you have any questions, or need any help, do give us a call on **0800 368 8549**.
Or you can email support@linkmaker.co.uk and we will get back to you very soon.