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Dear Head Teacher

We initially sent information to schools in 2001 to advise of LINK's services and I would like to take this opportunity now to update you and your staff.

LINK is an adoption support service available to all people who have been affected by adoption living within Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk. We provide a **telephone helpdesk** that is staffed Monday and Thursday afternoons and Wednesday mornings, but messages can be left anytime either with our secretary or via the answerphone. We periodically run support groups throughout the region for **adoptive parents** and these often run along-side events we organise for **adopted children and young people**. In addition we also offer a service for **birth parents** whose children have been, or are being, adopted, and for **adopted adults**.


LINK has a small grant fund to enable us to meet all, or some, of the costs towards up to **8 therapeutic counselling sessions** with a qualified counsellor who has knowledge of adoption and the issues it raises. This service is available to **adults or children** who might benefit from an opportunity to talk through/explore issues that may affect them.

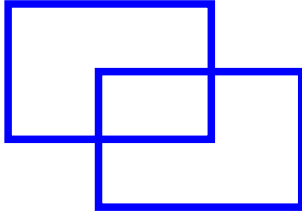
Information leaflets about various adoption issues are available upon request. Individuals are welcome to join our Mailing List to ensure that they are informed of events and services which may be of interest to them.

We would be grateful if you would display our Poster and this letter in your Staff Room. If possible, perhaps the Poster can also be displayed in an area where children and their parents are likely to see it. If you would like additional Posters or leaflets, please feel free to contact us. Or, if you prefer, the enclosed Poster can be photocopied.

If you would like more information about the work of LINK, or if you would like to discuss any issue around adoption which affects your school, please contact us.

Thank you

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# LINK

For everyone affected  
by adoption

- Are you adopted?
- Are you a parent whose child has been adopted?
- Are you an adoptive parent?
- Are you a professional involved with adoption?
- Do you have a link with adoption?

EVENTS FOR  
ADOPTED CHILDREN  
& YOUNG PEOPLE

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ANYONE AFFECTED  
BY ADOPTION

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ADOPTED  
ADULTS

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INFORMATION



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