Adopted and SGO Children in Education

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And they all lived happily ever after …
Adopted children: the stats

- Similar number of adopted children and fostered children in the school population
- Each year between 30% and 70% of children placed for adoption will have been in care, and therefore share the needs of LAC
- 2 – 5% adopted before 12 months: average age in 2015 was 3 years 3 months
Selwyn et al. (2006)

- 130 children identified as suitable for adoption – 96 placed
- 90% had experienced abuse or neglect
- 95% were identified as experiencing SEN, including:
  - Developmental delay
  - Emotional and behavioural difficulties
  - Sexualised behaviour
  - Poor concentration and hyperactivity
- <50% had 4 or more of these needs
- 7 years later 20 of these children were described as happy, settled and without significant difficulties
SGO Children
The Adoptables' Schools Toolkit

What would you like teachers to understand?

Click the button below to download the toolkit as a zip file.
Best Practice in schools

- Find out who your adopted children are!
- Include adopted and SGO children in your thinking, planning and resourcing for LAC – add the PPG for Adopted and SGO children into your budget and your strategic plan
- Use Education Plans for Adopted Children (EPACs)
- Checklist and other resources on the VS site
- Involve professional agencies of necessary
Useful Resources

- **A Good Practice Guide for Schools: Understanding and Meeting the Needs of Children After, Fostered, Adopted or otherwise permanently placed** - available from [http://www.pac-uk.org/education-resources/](http://www.pac-uk.org/education-resources/)

- **Becoming an Adoption Friendly School** – available from [http://www.pac-uk.org/education-resources/](http://www.pac-uk.org/education-resources/)
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Any questions?