

Some comments from parents about the EPAC

“The provision has a much better understanding of the major issues of the past and what we can all do to meet my son’s needs”

“The meeting was a relaxed and friendly way of sharing ideas and information about how to help my son achieve his potential”

“We felt so much happier sending our daughter to school knowing her past history is being taken into consideration”

“This was a really welcome time to sit down, reflect and think”

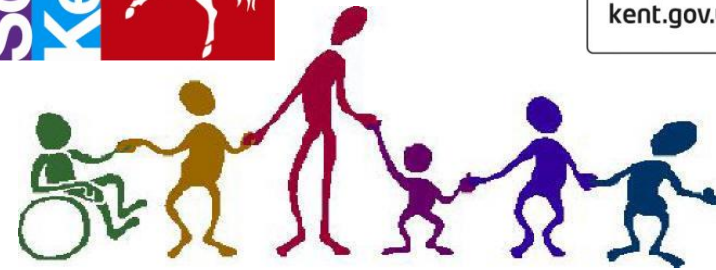
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EPAC

Education Plan for Adopted Children



Supporting positive collaboration between adoptive parents and Kent schools/Early Years Provisions.

“This is like a light bulb being switched on... we needed something like this in Primary School. There was nothing proactive in place like this. We had to repeat our story every year.”
Parent of an adopted pupil.

EPAC Explained

The EPAC was developed in collaboration with adoptive parents. The purpose of the EPAC is:

- For those working in schools/Early Years Provisions to be fully aware of the needs and issues faced by adopted children and their parents.
- To encourage further positive collaboration between home and school/Early Years Provisions.
- To provide a forum for information-sharing, problem-solving and target-setting.
- To ensure that the strengths and needs of adopted children are regularly reviewed by parents and school/Early Year Provision staff.



The following points are emphasized throughout the EPAC process:

- An Education Plan for Adopted Children (EPAC) will only be initiated when parents choose to identify their children as adopted.
- Maintaining confidentiality of information is essential.

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How do I ask for an EPAC?

There are two ways that parents can request an EPAC for their child.

1. Contact your child's school/Early Years Provision, e.g. class teacher, nursery, childminder
2. Contact your Adoption Support Worker

If you would like further information on arranging an EPAC please contact Virtual School Kent. (Contact details on reverse)



Who will attend the EPAC meeting?

After an EPAC has been requested, parents and school/Early Year Provision staff decide which member of staff is in the best position to chair the meeting. Parents then choose who else they would like to attend, for example an Adoption Support Worker or other professionals.

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