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Could you be the family for baby J?

*I love playing with
musical toys and
things that make
lots of noise.*

*I like to rummage
through people's
handbags to see
what I can find!*

Here's what people say about me...

Baby J (Feb 2019) is described by his foster carer as "an absolute delight", he is such a happy little boy who is always smiling. Baby J loves being around adults and children and is very sociable and interactive and enjoys cuddles with people he knows. Baby J likes to explore; he's learning new things so fast and enjoys playing with a variety of toys. His foster carer says how clever he is, and he loves trying new things and going to new places!

Personality

Baby J is described as an absolute delight to care for by his foster carer, he is always a happy, sociable, interactive little boy with a big gorgeous smile. His smile is infectious to other people around him, who just can't help smiling back!

Baby J can be quite a patient little boy – he likes it when they eat out at restaurants and he will wait well for his food to arrive. He's also really patient when out shopping and likes trying to catch people's eye to make them smile.

Baby J is an affectionate little boy who likes to give and receive cuddles and kisses from his foster carers. He loves people and children and has been used to a busy household and enjoys the attention from everyone. Baby J has formed positive attachments to his carers and will seek them out for comfort and cuddles.

Hobbies and Interests

Baby J likes playing with lots of different toys, but also enjoys pulling at people's glasses! He is described as a "water baby" by his foster carer and loves to go swimming. He enjoys bathtime and has lots of bath toys that he likes to splash around with. Bubbly baths are his favourite! Baby J likes messy play, including at mealtimes! He's good at feeding himself finger foods and will try anything.

Baby J is a noisy little boy! He likes 'talking' to people and playing with musical toys. He likes to dance to music, especially if other people are dancing too. He enjoys singing nursery rhymes with his foster carer and she thinks he would enjoy going to music groups where he could enjoy music with other children.

Baby J loves playing with other children and would do well in a family where there are existing children or where the adopters are proactive in getting out to meet people and letting Baby J spend time with other children.

Education

Baby J is too young to attend any formal education and is reliant on his care givers to provide him with a stimulating and interesting environment. Baby J's developmental and educational progress is age appropriate, but he is too young to predict his long-term developmental outcome. Baby J's foster carers feel that he is achieving well in all areas of his development and he is a bright little boy.

Health & Development

Baby J's last Health Assessment was completed on 3rd October 2019. This describes how he is meeting all of his developmental milestones and the high level of care he is receiving in foster placement is meeting all of his needs. No concerns are noted around his general health.

Baby J has just begun to walk independently, and he is really pleased with himself for being able to do this!

Birth Family Life

Baby J was born on 6th February 2019 and went home from hospital to his parents' care. Derbyshire Social Care was involved during this time due to historical concerns for his eight older maternal and paternal half-siblings who suffered neglect and now all reside with their other parents. Baby J suffered non-accidental bruising whilst in his parents' care and as a result the Police enforced a Protection Order and he was placed in foster care on 5th May 2019. Baby J had witnessed domestic violence between his parents and his needs had not been prioritised, his birth family had a history of drug misuse and were unable or unwilling to prioritise Baby J's needs over their own. As a result he was at risk of neglect and being caught in the middle of parents' domestic abuse incidents. Baby J was made subject to an Interim Care Order on 8th May 2019 and remains in the same foster placement.

All family members have been contacted and either declined to be assessed or not assessed as being suitable long-term carers for Baby J. The view of the Local Authority is that permanence should be achieved for Baby J outside his birth family.

Foster Family Life

Baby J was placed into foster care on 5th May 2019 and remains in the same foster placement. He has settled very well in the care of his foster carers who are committed to keeping Baby J until an adoptive family is identified. Baby J lives with a male and a female foster carer and 3 other looked after children (a baby and 2 10 year old girls). Baby J loves to play with the older girls and to spend time with them.

Baby J is loved by his foster carers and they delight in his progress. He is a cuddly little boy and readily shows and receives affection from them. Baby J does not have any additional needs above other children his age.

Baby J's foster carers have a dog, which he likes to chase round after! There is no reason why he could not be placed in a household where there are animals.

Wishes and Feelings

Baby J is too young to be able to express his wishes and feelings verbally, however it would be reasonable to assume that he would like to receive consistent care from familiar adults. Also to grow up in an environment where his life story is shared in a positive way by adoptive parents who are empathetic to his and his parents' histories.

Contact plans

Since coming into foster care, Baby J has had contact with his birth parents and older sibling (who is in foster care). Since the Placement Order was granted, this contact is on a reduction timetable. The long-term plan for Baby J is to have indirect letterbox contact with parents and sibling once a year.

Baby J's foster carers have been significant people in his life since May 2019, and it is hoped that adopters will promote some level of on-going contact with them as this will be beneficial for Baby J's life story.

Support Plan

As with all adopted children, Baby J will have an adoption support plan, which addresses specific needs.

Adopters will receive support from the Adoption East Midlands letterbox scheme in relation to post adoption contact and will have access to the AEM Adoption Support team for advice and guidance and for on-going training and social activities offering opportunities for networking with other adoptive parents.

Family Sought

Baby J could be placed with a single adopter or with a couple. He gets on well with other children, so a family with existing children or other children within their support network would be preferred.

On-going Anticipated Needs

Baby J's mother used cocaine and cannabis during her pregnancy, and it is not known whether she also consumed alcohol. Baby J's adopters must be open to the risk that this history brings around him being at increased likelihood of behavioural difficulties and addictive behaviours as he grows up.

Expressions of Interest

If you want to express interest in being considered as adopter(s) for Baby J, please contact us via Linkmaker. Alternatively, please contact us by phone or email as below. Thank you.

Baby J is in the care of Derbyshire County Council.

Date of Birth: February 2019

Ethnicity & Cultural Heritage: White British

Religion: No request from parents regarding religion, however the birth family celebrates Christian festivals.

Locations to avoid: Chesterfield, Bolsover, North East Derbyshire, Sheffield

Placement order: January 2020

Details January 2020

Photos October 2019

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