Allabout



This is your book so you have a place to write, draw and collect pictures about you and what and who are important to you.

This is your book to keep so that as you grow older you can add to it and look back on how you have grown.

All about me

This is me

This was done when I was _____ years old.



signed _____

This page was completed on ______

About me My name is: My birthday is on:_ My eyes are: My hair is: _ This page was completed on

My favourite

Food is

Pudding is

Breakfast is

Fruit is

Drink is

Things you like

My favourite toy or game My favourite book My favourite cuddly toy My favourite tv programme/film My favourite animal My favourite music

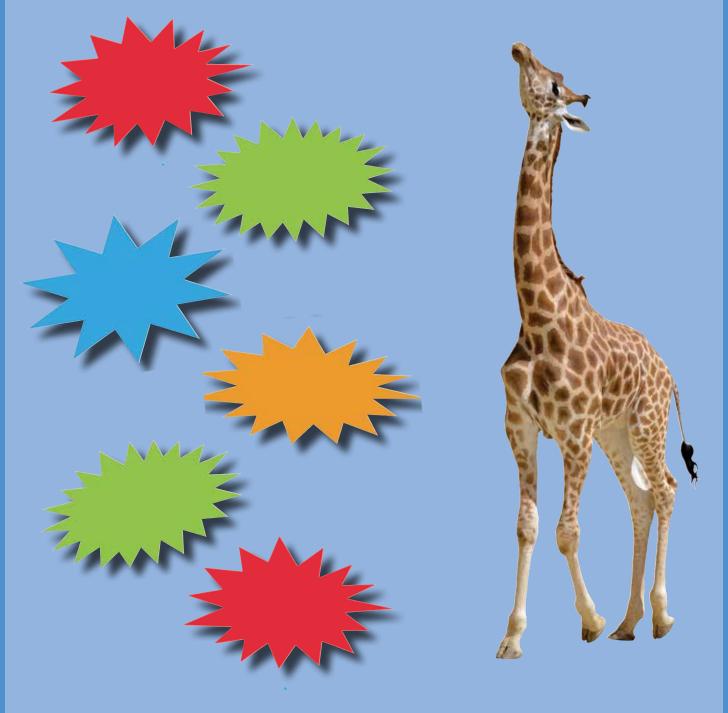
Things you don't like

DISLIKE

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How tall are you today?

Put your height and your age on this chart. Measure yourself again in a few months time and see if you are any bigger.



Your health matters

Have you had any illness, injections or been in hospital?

What size are your feet?

What sort of shoes do you like?

Put a circle around the ones you like best.

Write your shoe size in the box and every time your feet grow put your new size and date in one of the boxes.



Draw around your foot

You can draw your favourite shoes here

Draw your hand

Picture of yourself and your favourite clothes

Nursery or school

What is the name of your nursery or school?

What is your teachers name?

What do you like doing best at nursery or school?

What are your friends names?

When did you start at this nursery or school?

Families come in all shapes and sizes

Children join families in many different ways – some are born into them, some live with aunts or uncles or friends or grannies and granddads.

Some children live with foster carers or adoptive parents, while some children live with step parents or with special guardians.

Picture of your foster carers

How many people live with you here?

What are their names and ages?

When did you start living here?

Contact with your birth family

Sometimes children who are not living with their birth family will still see them from time to time, or they may speak to each other on the telephone or write cards and letters. This is called contact.

If you are not having any contact do you understand why? Has your social worker spoken to you about this and do they know how you feel about not having contact?

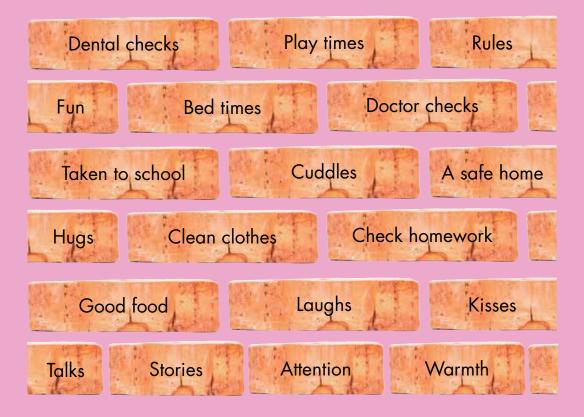
If you have contact, what type is it and if you see your birth family, when and where does this happen?

Has your social worker spoken to you about the contact you have, how you feel about it, what you want it to be like? Do you see everyone you would like to see, is it often enough or too often?

Bringing up children is a bit like building a wall

To make tall, strong walls you need a very good foundation and then, using just the right amount of cement, you carefully lay all the different bricks on top.

You can see from this wall of bricks that children need love, but they also need lots of different kinds of caring to help them grow properly, and they need to be cared for by grownups who know how to look after children.



Some birth mums and dads have lots of love to give, but they just don't know how to do all the other things that children need if they are to grow up safe and strong and healthy.

What other special things do you want to know about yourself?

What day of the week was I born?

What time was I born?

Where was I born?

Who chose my name and why?

What does my name mean?

What did I look like when I was born?

Did I have hair?

Where did I live when I left hospital

Who did I live with?

Was it a house or a flat?

When I was young

What age was I when I started to crawl? What age was I when I could sit? What age did I start to walk? Did I like bathtime?

What age did I start to talk and what was my first word?

Photographs

Your foster carer and social worker will be able to take more photographs of you.

You can put some photographs of yourself here and you can put the rest in your photograph album.

Remember to write your age or the date the photograph was taken under each one, and the names of anyone else in the photograph.



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When I grow up I want to be ...

Questions and thoughts

The things that make me feel happy and smiley are:

Special memories

What special memories would you like to write down?

Celebrations

What celebrations have I been to?

Memories other people have of me

What have people I know said about me?







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