## THINKING ABOUT ADOPTION?







# Serving in the Armed Forces, or left in the last 3 years?

Yes

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### Why choose SSAFA Adoption?

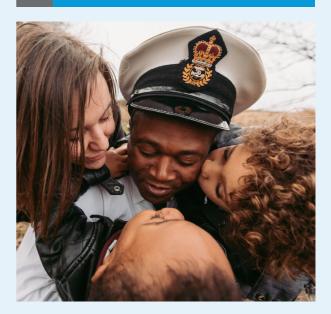
- We are a national service, supporting you through any postings, ensuring you do not have to start the process again in your new location.
- We are military specialists who understand your needs and advocate for you if necessary.
- We are a friendly, professional Registered Adoption Agency.
- We promote equality and welcome applications from all members of the serving community.

TO FIND OUT MORE

Call **020 7463 9326**or email **adoption@ssafa.org.uk**Visit **ssafa.org.uk/adoption** 

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### CATHERINE AND OLIVER



When Chief Petty Officer Oliver and his wife Catherine decided to adopt, they tried their local authority first. But nobody understood their situation until they came to us for help.

"My neighbour showed me a SSAFA advert. I called up and they were so nice. We lived in a two-bedroom flat and weren't going to be entitled to another bedroom until we were approved to adopt. The local authority just didn't appreciate the challenges of military life, but SSAFA understood, which made things a lot easier.

We didn't want to move out of the area and disrupt our birth son's schooling. Our SSAFA social worker wrote a letter explaining the situation and we got a bigger house in the same area. A couple of weeks later we were approved to adopt."

Catherine and Oliver successfully adopted their new son when he was just nine months old.

SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity provides lifelong support to our Armed Forces, veterans and their families. We began our work in 1885. This year our staff and teams of volunteers helped over 67,000 people - from World War Two veterans to those involved in more recent conflicts and their families.

#### **GENERAL ENQUIRIES**

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