



Andrew

Andrew is a happy, affectionate and easy-going boy who likes chat to anyone. He shows off now and then to get noticed, but he isn't an attention-seeker.

Andrew loves physical activities such as swimming, and his passion is football. He enjoys playing with other children at school and in the back garden, and also likes watching matches on the television. He recently gained a hard-earned certificate for swimming one length of the pool.

Andrew is in many ways a normal, lively 8 year old. He needs prompting to occupy himself, such as being told to go and get a board game, but will play quite happily by himself or with other children once he gets involved.

A lack of stimulation and consistent care in his earlier years has left Andrew slightly delayed, and his behaviour is what you would normally expect of a younger child. Carers will need to be able to take pleasure in small achievements and have realistic expectations of Andrew's progress.

Andrew gets on well with adults, and plays with other children being looked after by his foster carers.

Important People in Andrew's Life

Andrew's birth mother has been unable to care for him, but he likes to see her when he has contact with his grandparents. Contact will need to be maintained with his grandparents and older sister four times a year. Contact will be arranged by his social worker. This link is very positive for Andrew.

Andrew at school

Andrew is imaginative and creative and enjoys art and PE. He is currently being statemented so that he can receive the extra help he needs to stay in a mainstream school. He has remained in the same Roman Catholic primary school since he started his education, and schooling will play a vital role in his continuing development.

Andrew at home

Like any child, Andrew can misbehave at times though his behaviour is not overly challenging. Andrew responds to clear boundaries, and with consistent management by his foster parents, he is making real progress.

Andrew can occupy himself with games and likes watching the television. He does not wet the bed but occasionally soils himself. This is improving over time. He eats and sleeps well.

He is physically affectionate, and will approach his foster mother for a hug and to tell her that he loves her.

Can You Consider Andrew as a Permanent Member of Your Family?

Andrew needs someone who will see through his behaviour and help him, but still cuddle and reassure him. He would blossom within a really good family where he felt settled and loved.

Andrew needs a permanent placement in the north west he could be adopted or placed in a permanent foster family.

Ongoing support and financial assistance will be available to his new family.

Andrew has been renamed to protect his identity and our photograph has been posed by a model.